

Ontario Community Changers

2024 Application Form

Do you have a bold idea to improve public space, enhance civic engagement, and foster social inclusion in your community? Are you looking for some funding or guidance on how to implement your project idea? This is your chance to take action, inspire others, and create change in your city!

Directions:

In order to make this application process as accessible as possible, Ontario Community Changers has made multiple options available to you to complete the application form. This 'hard copy' option will require you to download the PDF, print it or fill it out digitally, and then have it sent back to us via email or postage. Please see the end of this form for further directions.

There are **three (3)** sections to this application form that you will need to complete. When going through this application, please remember to fill out all areas to the best of your knowledge. Questions with a **red asterisk (*)** are **required** for submission.

If you have any questions, please visit our website at www.ontariocommunitychangers.org or reach out to us at OCCSupport@880cities.org

Section 1: Personal Information

This section is for the basic information that will allow us to understand who you are.

1) Legal Name *

First Name

Last Name

2) Preferred Name (if any):

3) Preferred Pronoun: *

A gender pronoun is a word that substitutes for a noun; in this case, it is a word that substitutes for your name. (For example, “Skye ate her pasta. She likes pasta with tomatoes.” is a female pronoun. “River ate their pasta. They like pasta with tomatoes.” is a gender-neutral pronoun). Check one or more options for the set(s) of pronouns you want people to use to refer to you.

She/Her/Hers

He/Him/His

They/Them/Theirs

Other, please specify:

4) Date of Birth *

MM/DD/YYYY

5) Home Address *

Street Address

Street Address 2

Location (City/Indigenous Community/Town)

Province

Postal Code (with space)

6) Phone Number

7) Email Address *

E.g. example@example.com

Section 2: Project Information

This section helps us understand your lived experiences and what your project is all about! Lived experience is personal knowledge about the world gained through direct, first-hand experiences and involvement in events.

1) Where will your project be based? *

Projects can be based in your own community or another area in Ontario. Projects must take place in the Province of Ontario or in a First Nations Territory within the provincial boundary of Ontario.

2) What do you want us to know about you? (250 words or less) *

Tell us about yourself and why you want to become an Ontario Community Changemaker? Did something happen in your life that sparked an idea for change? Do you see a barrier in your community that no one else has acknowledged? Tell us the reason you are applying to this program!

3) What is the name of your project? (8 words or less) *

Your project name may change through the course of this program, don't worry if it's not perfect. This is just to get an idea of your vision!

4) Summarize your idea in 25 words or less. *

Give a brief description of your project idea. You'll have time to expand on your idea later.

5) Which of the following program areas will your project address? Check all that apply: *

Activate Public Space

Foster Social Inclusion

Enhance Civic Engagement

6) Tell us a bit more about your project idea. What activities will take place and what impact do you hope it will have on activating public space, enhancing civic engagement, and/or fostering social inclusion in your community? (200 words or less) *

7) Describe the neighborhood or community you want to help change. What is your relationship to this community? How does your idea build on existing work or leverage assets in the community? *

8) List key organizations and/or people you will collaborate with to implement your project, and briefly describe their role(s). (200 words or less) *

9) How would you benefit from the Ontario Community Changemakers program? What skills or knowledge are you hoping to gain? (200 words or less) *

10) What is the estimated total budget for your project? *

Don't worry if your estimate is not exact. This is only the starting point for crafting your idea.

11) What will the \$5,000 microgrant be used for? Please provide general budget categories. A detailed budget is not required now. (200 words or less) *

Eligible expenses include:

- Project materials such as building materials, technology, etc.
- Capacity building such as case studies, site visits, etc.
- Project fees
- Honorariums

Ineligible expenses include:

- Materials/equipment for personal business not related directly to the project

12) Are you implementing this project independently or as part of an organization? This does not affect eligibility. Regardless of your answer, you should be the project lead and major decision maker. *

Independently

As part of an organization

If you checked 'as part of an organization', please indicate the name of the organization you will be working with: *

13) Submit links to any websites, Twitter accounts, and/or Instagram accounts you'd like to share. (Optional. This will only be used to gauge your online presence - not as a personal background check.)

14) Are you available to participate in the Virtual Studio session taking place on October 17, 2024? *

IMPORTANT: The intergenerational Studio is a three-day program that will equip participants with the tools they need to begin implementing their community projects and connect them with other Changemakers from across the province. Preference will be given to participants who can participate in the full program on all three days i.e. October 17, 26 and 27, 2024. Travel, meals, and accommodations will be provided to successful applicants for the 2024 program.

Yes

No

15) Are you available to participate in the In-Person Studio sessions in Toronto on October 26 and October 27, 2024? *

IMPORTANT: Travel, meals, and accommodation will be provided at no expense to the successful applicants that are chosen for the 2024 program.

Yes

No

16) Do you have any barriers that may prevent you from being able to participate in either the Virtual or In-Person studio sessions? *

We will try our best to accommodate any barriers that may prevent you from fully participating in the Studio. Barriers could include but are not limited to communication barriers, physical barriers etc.

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

If you answered 'yes' to the previous question, please describe your barriers so that we can find ways to accommodate them. **(Optional)** (200 words or less)

17) How did you hear about Knight Emerging City Champions?

Social Media

Community Groups

Word of Mouth

News Story/TV

Search Engine

Website

Poster/Flyer

Other, please specify:

E-mail Newsletter

If you chose "Social Media". Check the platforms where you heard about the Emerging City Champions program.

Facebook

Instagram

LinkedIn

Twitter (X)

TikTok

Other, please specify:

Section 3: A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT YOU!

We want to ensure there is diversity and representation within our Changemakers and the proper support is available in case you need help. These questions allow us to get to know you better and accommodate any needs you might have!

1) What gender do you identify as? *

Gender identity is the gender that people identify with or how they perceive themselves, which may be different from their birth-assigned sex (i.e. female/male).

Woman

Man

Trans woman

Trans man

Non-binary, Gender fluid, or Gender non-conforming

Two-Spirit

Intersex

Prefer not to say

Other, I identify as:

2) Please indicate if you identify with any of the following ethnic backgrounds. Check all that apply: *

Black (e.g. African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)

East Asian (e.g. Chinese, Korean, Japanese)

Indigenous (e.g. First Nations, Inuit or Métis)

Latino (e.g. Latin American, Hispanic descent)

Middle Eastern (e.g. Arab, Persian, Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, etc.)

South Asian or Indo-Caribbean (e.g. Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Guyanese, etc.)

Southeast Asian (e.g. Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, etc.)

White (e.g. European descent)

Prefer not to say

Other, I identify as:

3) Please indicate what generational background you identify with: *

NOTE: This information is being collected for research purposes only and will not impact your application.

Definitions:

- 'First Generation' includes persons who were born outside Canada. Eg: people who are now, or once were, immigrants to Canada.
- 'Second Generation' includes persons who were born in Canada and had at least one parent born outside Canada. Eg: children of immigrants.
- 'Third Generation or More' includes persons who were born in Canada with both parents born in Canada.

First Generation

Not Applicable

Second Generation

Prefer not to say

Third Generation or more

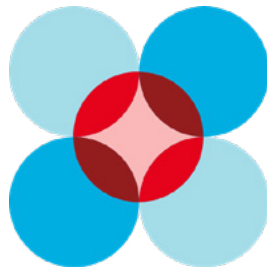
4) Do you identify yourself as a person with a disability? *

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

Describe any disabilities (physical, cognitive, etc.) that may impact your learning capabilities or project over the course of this program: (Optional) (200 words or less)



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Congratulations!

You have made it to the end of the application!

Before submitting, please read the **Terms and Conditions** attached to the end of this application form

By checking this box, you have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions attached to this application form. The information you provide will be used for the sole purpose of application assessment, research, and reporting purposes. **Only applications with a checked box will be processed.**

Submission Details

You have two options for submitting this 'hard copy' version of the application form:

1. Submit your application by email to OCCSupport@880cities.org with the email heading:

ATTN: OCCSubmission_FirstName_LastName

OR

2. Submit your application by post to:

**Ontario Community Changers
8 80 Cities
401 Richmond St W., Studio 364
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 3A8**

Important!

All applications must be received by **July 26th, 2024 at 5:00 pm ET**.
If submitting by post, please ensure enough time for delivery and transit.
Submissions received later than this time will be disqualified.