



Anti-Racism Impact Grant FAQs

Q. Is the Racist Incident Helpline a free line? Is there support available in languages other than English and French?

A. Yes, the [Racist Incident Helpline](#) is a free line with support available in over 240 languages.

Q. If the victim has reported to the police, can they still call this helpline for additional support?

A. Yes, they can still call the helpline for additional support from community organizations, including but not limited to mental health support and counselling, peer support groups, and resiliency and empowerment events.

Q. Do the focus areas of the program grant have to receive referrals from the Racist Incident Helpline? Or can the services be voluntary and an open call to the public?

A: Priority will be for spots/services held for referrals from the helpline. If there's a low number of referrals, then community partners will be asked to open these services up directly to their communities and the public.

Q. If our organization were approved for a program, but we didn't receive many referrals, can funds be used to serve our local communities with the programs?

A. Yes.

Q. Would funding for a counselor to respond to racism/hate/trauma be considered?

A: Yes, and preference would be given to those that have reserved spots for referrals from helpline callers.



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Q. Can workshops and curriculum development be focused on the professionals, paraprofessionals and volunteers offering support programs for these populations?

A. The focus should be on those directly impacted by racism but building collateral, holding educational workshops, and disseminating training materials is an eligible focus area.

Q. Is the idea to be place-based and focus on the populations in proximity to the organization, such as Neighbourhood Houses?

A. Exactly—those embedded in these communities know their communities best and are well-positioned to provide the most meaningful localised responses. The helpline would make referrals that are appropriate to your focus area and region.

Q. Does there need to be a research component of the project led by or in collaboration with formal research groups?

A. No--local knowledge is more than acceptable here. If you do have research to accompany that, it would strengthen your application.

Q. Are there any potential on extension of grant to end of school year or do you expect there to be another new funding year, April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026?

A. Unfortunately our agreement with our partners is for March 31st but we hope to have an opportunity to continue this grant—we will have more information once this has been confirmed.

Q. For a community celebration with open dialogue/education -- which is a one-time event-- would our organization provide the referred individual with an invitation?

A. Yes--if that is the service, the connection to the individual and reaching out to the individual with this invitation would be considered a completed referral.



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Q. Is there a limit on the number of applications per agency?

A. Yes, we are limiting this grant to one submission per agency.

Q. Can a project already be receiving funding from other granters and still apply to the Anti-Racism Impact Grant?

A. Yes.

Q. What if our organization has applied before but we don't know the username the account was applied under?

A. Please reach out to JennyL@uwbc.ca with your organization name and Jenny can let you know the usernames linked to your organization.



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