

The Nova Scotia Dental Association Community Fund

Making it Happen Together

Goal of the Fund

- To positively impact the communities where NSDA members live and work.

How the Fund Works

- The fund provides financial assistance to community-focused groups, projects, events and initiatives.
- In so doing, the Fund will consider outcomes that embody the very characteristics of a community, namely:

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Social-mindedness | Learning |
| Growth | Positive outcomes |
| Caring | Heart |
| Togetherness | Common goals |
| Inclusion | Diversity |
| Well being | Advancement |

- The Community Fund welcomes and will seek out opportunities to partner with groups in the community to create synergies for community development.
- Community Fund activities will be communicated and promoted to members and the public.

How the Application Process Works

- The community-building focus means the Fund isn't about oral health. Nor will requests for funding be accepted by political parties, religious groups, for-profit organizations, or individuals. Existing registered charities will be considered only for specific community projects, rather than for capital campaigns or annual fundraising endeavours.
- Fund applications must be facilitated through an NSDA member (a practicing dentist) in the community/region where the request arises and will be used.
- Groups seeking funding should approach their local dentist to work with them through the application process. Dentists may also approach a local group to suggest the Community Fund for their project; and again work with the group to facilitate the application process.

The Nova Scotia Dental Association Community Fund Making it Happen Together

- Application forms must be fully completed by the group seeking funding and returned to the dentist facilitating the request. Failure to complete the form may result in the inability for the funding request to be processed for consideration.
- The Association's seven regional representatives form the Community Fund Committee. They will receive and respond to all requests for donations and work with NSDA staff as necessary. They will meet every eight weeks, or as required, to ensure funding requests are processed in a timely manner.
- Funding requests will come to a regional representative from a member dentist who is acting on behalf of the community organization seeking funds. The regional representative will bring the application forward to the Community Fund Committee.
- Minimum funding amounts are set at \$500.00 and maximum funding amounts are not set. Funding requests will be addressed in the order (date/time) they are received. Multiple year requests can not be accommodated by the Community Fund.
- The Committee will review the program annually and report regularly to Table Officers and Governing Council. The Committee will also report to the AGM.

**The Nova Scotia Dental Association Community Fund
Making it Happen Together**

APPLICATION FORM

Name of dentist facilitating this funding request _____

Name of the group requesting funding _____

Type of organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Name of primary contact for the group _____

Date funding needed _____

Requested funding amount _____

Is your group willing and able to participate in promotional activities with the NSDA as a result of a successful funding request? Yes _____ No _____

Reason for funding request *(please explain in 200 words or less)*

How would this funding support community development in your area? *(please explain in 200 words or less)*