

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q: Which communities can apply and how many will you be supporting?

A: We will be supporting communities in northern Ontario; East, West and North of Thunder Bay (including Thunder Bay), including both rural and urban communities. We expect that we will be accepting between 5-10 communities depending on the projects proposed.

## Q: What are the project options/what types of projects can we run?

A: The following are Project Options community teams can apply to lead alongside We Matter, including some examples. You do not have to choose one of the examples, but your project does have to fit within one of the four main Project Options:

- **Community Art Project (up to \$500)**

*Examples:*

- Community or school mural
- Youth art show
- Photography exhibit
- Create and share sessions

- **Awareness Event (up to \$1000)**

*Examples:*

- Mental health fair
- Awareness walk/rally
- Pride event
- Knowledge sharing sessions (sharing circles, education series)

- **Cultural Activity (up to \$1500)**

*Examples:*

- Youth/elder gathering
- Craft making
- Language
- Teaching and stories

- **On-the-Land Event (up to \$2000)**

*Examples:*

- Culture/land camp
- Hunting/fishing/trapping/gathering
- Shelter building
- Snowshoeing

## Q: Can multiple teams apply from the same community?

A: It depends how many applications we are getting! We want to try and support as many different communities as possible, so if multiple teams from the same community apply, we can't promise we can support both. Or, we might encourage teams from the same community to work together.

## Q: Can the same team apply more than once?

A: Yes, however, we want to try and support as many different communities and teams as possible, so we might prioritize different groups. If your team is super eager and ran a successful project, we'll definitely try our best to continue to support you!

## Q: What is expected from the Community Guides in terms of support?

A: It is expected that Community Guides will house project dollars; support youth with expense reporting and submission; oversee the project activities in the community; check in on youth throughout the process; support youth with any challenges that arise; support youth in the planning and implementation of the project; be on relationship building and debrief calls with We Matter; provide updates/be in regular communication with We Matter as per the participation agreement.

### **Q: What role will the Community Partner have for the project?**

A: The Community Partner is someone or an organization in the community who will support your project. It can be a cultural teacher, school, community center, health center, etc. The Community Partner can support your project in a number of ways - it's up to you how - maybe they have a space or venue you can use to host your project, maybe they have people who are willing to volunteer for you, or maybe they have equipment or supplies you can use.

### **Q: Can the Community Guide and the Community Partner be the same person, or can my Community Guide be a part of the Community Partner Organization?**

A: Yes! As long as the Community Guide/Community Partner are supporting you and your project, and they feel they have the capacity to fill both roles!!

### **Q: Will I get paid?**

A: The Ontario Support Network is a volunteer and mentorship opportunity, so no you will not be paid for your involvement. This means that designated dollars are to the project only and OSN Youth, Partners and Guides will not be receiving monetary gain. The focus is on skill, relationship, and capacity building for everyone involved!

### **Q: Are there restrictions for how the money should be spent?**

A: Your project should not be the continuation of an existing program offered by an organization or club. For example, you should not be applying to fund the purchasing of items for continuing a program already in place by your local community centre. Your project cannot be simply purchasing furniture, equipment or technology for your school or a local charity. There must be a service-related aspect or activity to these purchases. For example, purchasing new sports equipment in order to START and lead a series of youth wellness nights in your community. Projects cannot be fundraisers or activities that include making a donation to a charity or charitable cause. The grant funds also may not be used to make purchases benefitting a single individual.

### **Q: What do we do with supplies purchased for our project with the project funds?**

A: Equipment bought for use throughout the project using grant funds must be donated to a community organization or school upon completion. You must provide contact at the organization who can verify the donation.

### **Q: How can We Matter support our project process?**

A: We Matter is here to support you and your project from start to finish. This includes helping you with your application, building a project plan and budget, problem solving and supporting challenges, sharing successes, and having check-in and debrief calls throughout the project period and after your final project/event. You will also be connected with other Ontario Support Network participants through our Facebook Group to receive advice and share successes!

### **Q: How long will it take for We Matter to process my application/when will I hear back about my application?**

A: We will have an answer for whether your application has been approved within 2 to 3 weeks following submission. This will depend on how quickly we can set up a follow up call to get to know you and chat about your application.

### **Q: Do we have to submit a report?**

A: You are required to submit a report to We Matter about your project, which will include pictures, receipts, and a social media package within 2 weeks of completing your project.