

SOCIAL VENTURE PARTNERS CALGARY

SVP CALGARY ANNOUNCES CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

APRIL 1 – 18, 2019

Over the past year, SVP Calgary has been heavily engaged in determining how we can increase our community impact. Through extensive research and conversations with experts in our city, SVP Calgary is making a five year commitment to invest in non profit organizations that support youth ages 12-15. **Specifically, we are looking to partner with an organization that focuses in the areas of prevention and out of school hours (i.e. before school, after school, evenings, weekends and days off school).** Prevention includes focusing on vulnerable populations and offering strength-based programming, building skills and resiliency, forming natural supports, mentorship and more.

Does this sound like an organization you work for or know of?

SVP Calgary's funding is unrestricted and our members (who we refer to as Partners) provide their time, talent and treasure to assist our Investee organizations to have greater impact. We are social sector investors. Annual grants have generally ranged in the size of \$10,000 to \$25,000/year for a period of 3-5 years. SVP Calgary invests in organizations NOT programs. SVP Calgary is looking for organizations to partner with, not simply to fund. Examples of the areas that SVP Partners provide their time and talent include: strategy and planning, board governance and development, human resources, legal affairs, information technology, marketing and communications, financial management and leadership development – ***aka we work with you to build the strength of all of those behind the scenes systems that help deliver the best programming for your clients.***

Since 2000 we have provided over \$2.3 million in funding to over 20 local, non-profit organizations. Investees include: Connections Counselling, Calgary Youth Justice Society, Autism Aspergers Friendship Society (AAFS), Calgary Reads, One World Child Development Centre, Two Wheel View, Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, CanLearn Society, Dare to Care Bully Prevention, Cornerstone Youth Centre and more.

Below are the minimum guidelines that an organization must meet in order to complete round one of the investment application for an SVP Calgary grant:

1. Registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) charitable status;
2. Majority of programming (greater than 90%) serves the local Calgary area;
3. Annual budget of \$100,000 to \$1,000,000;
4. Minimum of one full time employee (including an Executive Director).
NOTE: This can also include the equivalent in part time employees (i.e 0.5 FTE Executive Director and 0.5 Program Manager);
5. Executive Director has time to build a relationship with SVP Calgary and has a willingness to be open about what is working and what is not in their organization. From this, the SVP Calgary Partnership can help with two-three capacity building projects/year and help our Investee reach their next level of impact.
6. Provide audited financial statements;
7. Currently providing programming or services working with youth, ages 12 – 15 specifically outside of operating school hours;

NOTE: Organizations whose round one applications are selected to move on to full application stage, **MUST attend the “Meet SVP Calgary” night on April 29th, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The interested organization’s Executive Director and one Board member (preferably Board Chair) must be in attendance. At this meeting, SVP will describe our unique funding model in more detail, discuss our successful investments and answer questions from potential Investees.

Please click on the link below to complete round one of the investment application. **Deadline for submission of round one is Thursday, April 18th at 5:00pm MDT.**

APPLY VIA THIS LINK:

<https://form.jotform.com/svpyyc/svp-calgary-round-one-application>