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# 2019 Call for Applications

Social Venture Partners (SVP) is a global network, founded in 1997, with more than 3,500 partners in 40 affiliates around the world. In 2010, SVP Waterloo Region was founded as a network of people who care about our community and are committed to making it the best it can be. We are volunteers, parents, community leaders, and philanthropists pooling our time, talent, and financial resources to realize greater impact with our giving, strengthen non-profits, and enrich our social sector. We believe that by working in partnership with promising non-profits and their leaders, we will maximize our positive impact.

## **SVP TEENS**

SVP Teens is a youth-led philanthropic program that engages teens ages 13-19 in hands-on fundraising and grant making.

The goal of SVP Teens is to get young people involved in philanthropy at an early age and instill in them the desire to continue to give and get involved in their community throughout their lives. The program is modeled after similar programs across the SVP network. It gives teens the same opportunity for philanthropic education and grant making that our adult partners have. In meetings from September to June, teens raise funds for their grant and learn about community issues.

The participants learn how to fundraise, spend time volunteering, write grant guidelines, evaluate proposals, conduct site visits and read financials in a process that mirrors the main SVP investment process. Together, the teens decide what issues to focus on and what they want to award with grant money. SVP estimates the teens' total time commitment for the academic year ranging from 40-50 hours.

SVP Teens is chaired by teens with guidance from SVP partner advisors Lori Morin and Jane Rushby, and the SVP Executive Director Rose Greensides. The youth are encouraged as much as possible to conduct their own meetings, maintain minutes, and follow up with other committee members, with adults providing support and resources as needed.

## **THE SVP MODEL**

As with the main SVP grant making program, SVP Teens wish to invest their time as well as their grant dollars to further assist the organization(s) they select. However, unlike the main SVP grant making program, the SVP Teens' grant is open to projects and programs (the main SVP program focuses only on the organization as a whole.)

## 2019 GIVING FOCUS & CRITERIA

**SVP Teens is seeking applications from any registered charity whose programs support Waterloo Region.**

Organizations must be registered charities based in Waterloo Region with the majority of their services focused within the region. Organizations may serve a specific geographical area within the region, or the region as a whole.

### PROCESS

#### *Application*

**Applications will be accepted by email ([info@svpwr.org](mailto:info@svpwr.org)) until noon on March 29th, 2019.**

**Applications will be reviewed by the SVP Teens and a short list will be selected.**

**Organizations will be notified of the status of their application by the end of May 2019.**

One organization will be selected in May/June 2019. They will receive a grant that is anticipated to be \$3,000-4,000, to be used for the selected program.

#### *Follow-Up and Site Visits*

Applications are read, reviewed, scored, and discussed at length, using a rating tool to score each application objectively. Criteria are weighted by importance and may include: fit with giving focus, program execution, financial health, funding sources, mission/program match, outcomes, innovation, and measurability.

Short-listed organizations must organize a site visit and respond to any necessary follow-up information. This is an opportunity for the teens to get to know the organizations and their programs, and to learn more about the grant making process.

#### *Selection*

Based on applications, site visits, references, and other due diligence steps as determined by SVP, SVP Teens will select the grant recipient in May/June. Their decision will then be ratified by the SVP Board of Directors and presented at an All Partner meeting in June.

#### ***Application Dates:***

February 11 <sup>th</sup>	–	Application Opens
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	–	Application Closes
April – May	–	Site Visits
May – June	–	Selection of Teens' Grant Investee



## **APPLICATION**

Applications must be received by email (info@svpwr.org) **by noon on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Please provide the following information in **one PDF document** with main headings as shown below (maximum 4 pages in total).

### **Contact Information**

- Organization's Legal Name
- Charitable Registration Number
- Contact Name and Title
- Email and Telephone
- Mailing Address
- Website and any social media links

### **Organization Information**

- Annual organizational budget and full-time staff equivalent
- Geographic service area
- Number of total clients served last year
- Total number of volunteers involved with your organization

### **Mission, Vision and Programs – (250 characters)**

- Please provide your mission and vision and list your programs.

### **Program Overview**

Please describe the program you are submitting an application for:

- Program name
- Total program budget amount (current and previous two years)
- Brief background of the program being applied for, including history and goals
- How will the youth benefit from this program?
- The target population, number of individuals, and geographic area of the youth served by this program. How will these numbers or reach grow as a result of this grant?
- List of current major funders and amount of support (current and previous two years) **for this program only**. Do you anticipate any changes to these funders or supporters in the next year or two?

**Program Results & Opportunities**

- Please tell us about the impact of this program to date. How has your impact grown over time and how do you know that it is having a positive impact?
- What are the expected long-term impacts of the program, if applicable?
- Please tell us what is special about this program and your approach.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Please provide details of the types of volunteer opportunities you would make available for SVP Teens members.

**Attachments**

In your PDF file, please also include the following required information:

- current year program budget
- the two most recent audited financial statements for your organization

*Please feel free to email Rose Greensides, Executive Director, SVPWR at [rose@svpwr.org](mailto:rose@svpwr.org) with any additional questions.*