

2027 Kindred Charitable Fund Application Guide

Please review this document carefully in advance of your application to the Kindred Charitable Fund. This document will help you gather the relevant information to prepare for the online application of the 2027 Kindred Charitable Fund October 15 - November 1, 2026.

Please do not send any additional documents.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **The Kindred Charitable Fund** is an initiative of Kindred Credit Union (Kindred) that inspires peaceful, just and prosperous communities. All applicants must be Kindred Credit Union members at time of application. Funded projects must be community-based and should contribute to one of the following themes: **Food Security** or **Housing Stability**

2. ***NEW – Two Grant Streams Available**

Kindred is pleased to offer two grant streams for the 2027 grant year:

- ▶▶ One-Time Funding: Single-year grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000.
- ▶▶ Multi-Year Funding: Grants ranging from \$10,001 to \$25,000 per year, for a term of up to three years.

3. **Application Limits**

Organizations are limited to one grant application per year. Applications for multi-year funding must include the completed Multi-Year Project section, along with any supporting information needed to describe the project in full.

4. ***NEW – Consecutive Funding Limit**

Organizations may receive funding for a maximum of three consecutive years. Following three consecutive years of funding, an organization will be ineligible to apply the next year, but may apply again the year after that.

If you have questions about your organization's eligibility, please reach out to us at charitable.giving@kindredcu.com – we're happy to help.

Grant Application Preparation

Following are the questions you will be asked to submit. *Please note: If your form is interrupted once you've begun, you will need to start over. Set aside enough time to complete it in one sitting.*

Organizational Information

- ▶▶ Is your organization a Kindred member?* (please note all applicants must be Kindred members at time of application)
- ▶▶ Is your organization a registered charity, qualified donee (as defined by the CRA) or do you have a fiscal sponsor?* Kindred is only able to donate to these qualified parties.

- ▶▶ Name of your organization
- ▶▶ Street address* ▶▶ City / Town* ▶▶ Province* ▶▶ Postal code
- ▶▶ Primary Contact First Name* ▶▶ Primary Contact Last Name*
- ▶▶ Email for Primary Contact*
- ▶▶ Phone number for Primary Contact*
- ▶▶ Preferred contact method: *(email/phone)*
- ▶▶ Name of Executive Director and email, if different from Primary contact
- ▶▶ What year was the organization was founded or established?*
- ▶▶ Organization Purpose or Mission statement*
- ▶▶ Where is your home branch?*
- (select from: Aylmer, Elmira, Kitchener, Leamington, Milverton, Mount Forest, New Hamburg, Waterloo)*
- ▶▶ Is your organization governed by an active, ethical, and responsible board which conducts regular meetings?* *(Yes/No)*
- ▶▶ Is there a member of your board or staff who is an employee, family member, delegate, or board member of Kindred Credit Union? *(Yes/No – if yes, who)*
- ▶▶ Does your organization receive an independent audit or financial review annually? *
- ▶▶ Please include a link where we can access your public, annual financial statements.
 (often available on the CRA website)
- ▶▶ What type (category) of charity is your organization? * *(drop down)*
- ▶▶ Organization Website URL
- ▶▶ If your organization uses social media, please include all links.
- ▶▶ Have you received funding from the Kindred Charitable Fund in previous years? * *(Yes/No – if yes, in what year)*

Application Details

- ▶▶ Project Name*
- ▶▶ Project Description: please provide a description of your project in 200 words or less. *
- ▶▶ Project Theme - please select one theme to which your project has the strongest alignment*
 (Food Security or Housing Stability)
- ▶▶ How will your project address this theme, or how is it connected to it?* *(200 word max)*
- ▶▶ Does your project serve an identified underbanked audience? *Kindred Credit Union is committed to supporting underbanked groups, in particular: Indigenous peoples, racialized newcomers, single mothers, and persons with disabilities. (Yes/No)*
- ▶▶ How does your project advance our purpose of inspiring peaceful, just, and prosperous communities?* *(Comment Box 100 word limit)*
- ▶▶ How will you recognize Kindred for the contribution?*

- ▶▶ Please indicate the type of funding you are requesting:
(select from: ongoing/existing program or project, operational expenses, new project or program)
- ▶▶ What other sources of funding have you applied for?
- ▶▶ What other sources of funding have you obtained? (please list the amount of funding that has been confirmed). If not, please write N/A.
- ▶▶ How will continued funding be obtained (if applicable)? If none, please write N/A.
- ▶▶ Name of Authorized Representative
- ▶▶ Job title/position
- ▶▶ Email or contact for Authorized Representative (if different from Primary Contact)

- ▶▶ Are you applying for Single-Year or Multiyear Funding?
(select single year funding (up to \$10,000) or Multi-year (up to \$25,000 per year))

Single Year Funding

- ▶▶ Please share your proposed budget for this project.
Up to \$10,000 – what is your budget for this project and how much are you requesting from the Kindred Charitable Fund. (i.e. Project budget is \$9,500, requesting \$5,000 from Charitable Fund).

- ▶▶ Please explain how you would use the funds if successful.
(i.e. equipment \$1,000, staff wages \$2,500, program supplies \$1,500, administration \$500).

Multiyear Funding

- ▶▶ Proposed budget for year one - Up to \$25,000 per year - what is your TOTAL budget for this project in year one AND how much are you requesting from the Kindred Charitable Fund in year one? i.e. Total Budget \$32,000, requesting \$22,000 from the Kindred Charitable Fund in year one.

- ▶▶ Please explain how you would use the funds in year one
(i.e. year one total: \$22,000 breakdown: \$11,500 staff wages, \$5,500 administration, \$5,000 program supplies)

- ▶▶ Proposed budget for year two - Up to \$25,000 per year - what is your TOTAL budget for this project in year two AND how much are you requesting from the Kindred Charitable Fund in year two? i.e. Total Budget \$32,000, requesting \$22,000 from the Kindred Charitable Fund in year two.

- ▶▶ Please explain how you would use the funds in year two
(i.e. year two total: \$22,000 breakdown: \$11,500 staff wages, \$5,500 administration, \$5,000 program supplies)

- ▶▶ Proposed budget for year three - Up to \$25,000 per year - what is your TOTAL budget for this project in year three AND how much are you requesting from the Kindred Charitable Fund in year three? i.e. Total Budget \$32,000, requesting \$22,000 from the Kindred Charitable Fund in year three.

- ▶▶ Please explain how you would use the funds in year three
(i.e. year three total: 22,000 breakdown: \$11,500 staff wages, \$5,500 administration, \$5,000 program supplies)

- ▶▶ If you are unsuccessful for this grant, would you like to be considered for our single year grants? (Yes/No)
 - ▶▶ Please share the changes that would need to be made to your budget and project to operate with single year funding. (Limit of \$10,000).
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The final questions on the application apply to all applicants.

- ▶▶ **Please share the kinds of impact measurement tools you use** *i.e. surveys, interviews, participant data.*
- ▶▶ What would success look like in this project or program?
- ▶▶ We're interested in understanding the anticipated impact of the programs these funds will support. For each applicable measure listed below, please indicate the impact you expect your project to have.

Note: The online application will provide one comment box for your response. Please include all applicable measures from the bulleted lists below, along with the anticipated result for each.

i.e. 342 unique individuals supported; 2 staff engaged in the project; 42 volunteers engaged; 620 volunteer hours contributed; 4 collaborations with other partners; 560 lbs. of food provided; 1,200 meals provided; and 50% of participants engaged in additional programs offered by your organization.

- ▶▶ # of unique individuals supported by this project
- ▶▶ # of staff engaged in the project
- ▶▶ # of volunteers engaged in the project
- ▶▶ # of volunteer hours used to support this project
- ▶▶ # of Collaborations (on this project) with other community partners

Food Security Specific Applications

- ▶▶ # lbs of food made available for individuals
- ▶▶ # of meals provided
- ▶▶ % of participants that have engaged other programs/projects you provide

Housing Stability Specific Applications

- ▶▶ # of Individuals Housed
- ▶▶ # of beds made available
- ▶▶ # of units created/developed
- ▶▶ % of individuals served moving into improved housing situations.

- ▶▶ If there are additional or existing measurements your organization collects that would be relevant, or if you can provide context/explanation of the above estimates, please list them here (comment box)
- ▶▶ Was AI utilized in the creation of your application?* (Yes/No)
- ▶▶ Was the application prepared by a grant writer?* (Yes/No)
- ▶▶ You will be asked to acknowledge that Kindred Credit Union reserves the right to publicize and promote grant recipients and projects. This includes names, amounts, and other project details. Grant recipients are expected to acknowledge Kindred's contribution in all marketing materials where appropriate.

Thank-you for your application.