

Social and Community Investment Fund

2024 Frequently Asked Questions

1. The application has changed to an online form this year. How do I submit my application?
 - All applications are to be submitted through the online form for 2024. The two supplemental documents (the excel budget spreadsheet and community support letter) are to be submitted to the email Communityservicesdepartment@simcoe.ca. Applications, budget spreadsheets and community support letters must be submitted by the due date of **August 24, 2023**.
2. Can I download a copy of the application form to submit as a PDF?
 - The application is an online form this year. There is no option to download a PDF document. However, the application form can be edited online and reviewed multiple times by the applicant before submission.
3. Is there a limit on how much I can write in the online form?
 - The online form allows 1000 characters per response. A concise written application is recommended.
4. Is there a maximum amount of funding that an organization can request through the Social and Community Investment Fund?
 - There is no minimum or maximum amount of funding that an organization can request for their project. However, please note that SCIF is a limited funding envelope which reviews applications from throughout Simcoe County.
5. Can an organization submit more than one application?
 - If an organization has more than one project idea, they may apply for each separate project.
6. How many community support letters need to be submitted with the online application?
 - Only one community support letter needs to be submitted as a supplementary document to the online application. The community support letter is required to be from a community partner who is supporting the organization's project. This letter is to be submitted by email to Communityservicesdepartment@simcoe.ca by **August 24, 2023**.

7. How many characters are in the response field?

- The response field was initially limited to 1,000 characters and was expanded to 4,000 characters last week. Please use up to 4,000 characters for your responses when needed.

8. I am a current SCIF agreement holder, and would like to be considered for two years of funding. How do I prepare and submit my budget?

- If your agency would like to receive two years of funding, please submit two excel spread sheets, one labelled for 2024, and one for 2025.

9. Are there other poverty and social inclusion funding opportunities?

- The United Way of Simcoe Muskoka also has a funding application open to support individuals and families living in poverty. Their application process closes on August 31st. You can find more information about their funding applications on their website. <https://uwsimcoemuskoka.ca/collaboratives-2024-2027/>