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2025 Community Grant Application

Please complete the below 2025 Community Grant application. Any questions that have a red *asterisk are considered mandatory fields. Completed hard copy applications can be mailed, hand delivered or placed in our drop-box at Town Hall, 56 Queen Street, Port Hope, L1A 3Z9.

Organization Information

Non-profit Organization/Registered Charity Name: *

La Jeunesse Choirs

Address (Including Postal Code): *

P.O. Box 925, Cobourg ON K9A 4W4

Contact Information

First and Last Name of Contact Person: *

Colin McMahon

Title of Contact Person: *

Administrator

Phone Number: *

519-671-9631

Alt. Phone:

999-999-9999

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admin@lajeunesschoirs.com

Applicant Eligibility

1. Are you a non-profit organization or a registered charity? Please select ONE: *

- ☒ Registered Charity
- ☐ Non-Profit Organization

If you are a registered charity as per CRA please indicate your registered number:

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2. Which of the following describes your non-profit organization or registered charity? (Select all that apply) *

- ☒ Initiate or deliver programs and services to the citizens of Port Hope.
- ☐ Provide events of a Municipal, Provincial or National significance, which could be expected to bring economic, and/or public relations benefit to the Municipality.
- ☐ Provide programs and services to address any urgent and pressing events and natural disasters (i.e. fire, flood, earthquake).
- ☐ Initiate programs or services for individuals, groups or teams who require assistance to participate in recognized regional, provincial, national or international championships.

Application Information

1a. Name of Event or Program: *

La Jeunesse Choirs

1b. Date range of the Organization's Event: *

Not Applicable (N/A)

If requesting general program funding then enter N/A for the date range.

2. Are you applying for up to \$5,000 or up to \$10,000? *

- ☒ Up to \$5,000
- ☐ Up to \$10,000

3a. Prior Year's Grant Request:

3b. Prior Year's Awarded Grant: \$

4. Please briefly describe the organization's programs and services: *

Our choirs – comprised of 3 distinct groups – are directed by outstanding Artistic Staff. They challenge young people, through their music-making, to develop ever-increasing expectations of their potential as individuals and as choir members. The choirs provide youth with the opportunity for meaningful community service that enriches the cultural life of Northumberland County. Whether preparing to perform original pieces commissioned for the choir or learning to sing in another language, the work demands discipline, respect and responsibility from every choir member. They, in turn, gain an unequaled sense of accomplishment and experience the thrill of performing. A very special bond is formed through this demanding form of physical, intellectual and emotional teamwork. We believe the life experience these young musicians gain through the choirs shape our youth as future community leaders. In addition to the choirs, we offer a Musical Theatre Intensive group. This program offers the consummate training and performance experience encompassing the three disciplines of music, drama, and dance to train strong musical theatre performers. This season, our program will be mounting a production of Matilda Jr.

5. Please provide a statement of the organization's goals/objectives: *

La Jeunesse Choirs is committed to fostering, cultivating and preserving a culture of equity, diversity and inclusion. We are actively involved in addressing differences in challenges seen and unseen. We believe that we all have valuable life experiences and knowledge. Our programming and modes of operation follow these principles. Our programming will continue to be inventive, innovative, self expressive and based on everyone's unique capabilities and talent. La Jeunesse Choirs is a dedicated and respected charitable organization, run by our Board of Directors, whose mission is to support, share and celebrate the diverse musical talents of Northumberland's youth. Since its inception in 1988, La Jeunesse Choir has provided its members with the highest possible caliber of musical experience and training. The La Jeunesse Choirs include three choirs and a Musical Theatre Intensive group, with youth ranging in age from four to 19. The choirs draw membership from across Northumberland County, including Port Hope.

6. Please provide a description of how the organization's program or service advances Council's strategic plan: *

La Jeunesse Choirs' programs contribute to a healthy, sustainable community through our programming for residents of all ages and stages - while only youth ages four - 19 can participate in the choir, the concerts and musicals we produce are enjoyed by residents of all ages and contribute to the quality of life, health and happiness of any residents who attend.

Further, we are the only secular community youth choir, and musical theatre intensive program in Northumberrland County, approximately half of our choristers are residents of Port Hope. Our concerts and shows are open to anyone in the community, and are a wonderful opportunity to experience family-friendly entertainment at a reasonable price.

For a copy of the Port Hope Strategic Plan, go to porthope.ca/strategic-plan

7. If Council approves the organization's Community Grant request, what will the funding be used for? *

La Jeunesse Choirs is requesting a grant of \$3000 to help cover some of our operational expenses, including:

- the purchase of music, and licensing fees
- instructional costs of the programs
- administrative costs of running the programs
- rental of facilities for rehearsal and performances

8. Please provide a description of how the organization intends to measure the success of the program or service: *

As an organization, we measure success in a number of ways. Our greatest measure of success is the retention of choristers, we want to continue to expand our choirs and retention is key. When we are able to provide quality musical education for local youth, they will want to continue in the program from year to year. Our numbers dropped drastically during the height of the pandemic, and we are now back to pre-pandemic numbers. We had exceptional retention from last year's choir. This is the ongoing goal and measure of success. Another key measure of our success will be an increase in community support for youth in arts. We hope to expand our community supports, allowing us to provide exceptional musical education for more local youth. We currently offer a bursary program for individuals who want to join but may need additional financial supports - an increase in community supports would allow us to offer more bursaries and opportunities for these youth.

9. What is the approximate geographic audience demographic that you plan to target? (i.e. 300 Adults and 50 Kids: 75% Port Hope Residents) *

Our goal for membership in the choir is 40 kids, with approximately 50% being residents of Port Hope. We hope to reach audiences of 300 adults and 300 kids with our musical, with approximately 50% being residents of Port Hope. We also hope that each of our two concerts attract audiences of 100 adults and 50 kids, again with approximately 50% Port Hope residents.

10. What new initiatives will the organization be doing in the upcoming year? *

We are very excited to have our Senior Choir back this year, we haven't had enough older youth to do this in about 4 years - it will be wonderful to see what they accomplish and watch them grow and learn as musicians and performers. We are also excited to be embarking on a musical undertaking, we will be presenting Matilda The Musical, Jr. in May of 2025. Our musical theatre intensive program kids are thrilled to get started! They just completed auditions for specific roles and are anxiously awaiting a cast list.

11. Does the organization work jointly with any other community or organization? If yes, please provide details: *

La Jeunesse Choirs is proud of our excellent relationships with other community groups and organizations. We are continuing our history of working with the Municipality of Cobourg, as well as Port Hope; the Trinity United Church in Cobourg has been our home for rehearsals for many years, we are very grateful they have provided us with discounted rent. This year we are thrilled to have a partnership with VOS Theatre, as we are borrowing their theatre projector for our production of Matilda, and we have reciprocal advertisement arrangements with both VOS Theatre and Westben. We are always looking to make connections with other local organizations.

12. Does the Municipality provide your organization other financial support? (i.e. fee waiver, etc.) If yes, please indicate the amount and provide description: *

No

13. How is the organization decreasing reliance on Municipal funding? *

We are working hard to improve our community profile in order to access more corporate sponsorships, and we are seeking other grant opportunities where we can.

14. Please indicate how the Municipality's financial support will be acknowledged. If possible, please provide an example: *

The Municipality of Port Hope's financial support will be acknowledged in each of our programs as a generous supporter of La Jeunesse Choirs, including: two concert programs, our Coffee House program, and our Matilda programs. We will include your logo in each of these programs and a special thank you for your support.

Financial metrics

15. Please provide the following financial metrics for your organization

a. Previous Year Total Revenues: *

\$45,989.42

b. Previous Year Total Expenses: *

\$58,571.55

c. Total Assets *

\$10,645.76

d. Total Liabilities: *

\$9,217.97

e. Planned Revenues for upcoming year: *

\$82,050

f. Planned Expenses for upcoming year: *

\$83,400

16. Any additional information you find necessary:

We greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

2025 Community Grant Application Attestation

Having requested financial assistance from the Municipality, the Organization agrees to the following conditions if a grant in any amount is awarded:

- a. The Organization confirms that the representations contained in the application for financial assistance are true and correct in every respect and that in the event that the funds are not used for the project or programs as described in the application, or if there are misrepresentations in the application, the full amount of the financial assistance will be payable to the Municipality.
- b. If there are any changes in the funding of the project from that contemplated in the application, the Municipality will be notified of such changes through the Director, Finance.
- c. That the Organization will make or continue to make attempts to secure funding from other sources as indicated in its application.
- d. That the Organization will keep proper books of accounts of all receipts and expenditures, relating to the program, services or project.
- e. That the Organization will retain and make available for inspection by the Municipality or its auditors, all records and books of accounts of the Organization upon request from the Municipality which may be made within 2 years of the grant award.
- f. That if the programs or services proposed in the Organization's application are not commenced, or are not completed and there remain Municipality's funds on hand, or are completed without requiring the full use of the Municipality funds, such Municipality funds will be returned to the Municipality.
- g. That the program or services not be represented as a Municipal program or service, and that the Organization does not have authority to represent itself as an agency of the Municipality in any way, the only relationship being that the Municipality has approved the granted financial assistance to the Organization.
- h. All payments will be issued by electronic fund transfer. Payments will only be issued to bank accounts registered in the non-profit organization/ registered charity name as specified on the application.

Signing Authority

We certify that to our knowledge, the information provided in this application for a Municipal Community Grant is accurate and completed and endorsed by the organization which we represent.

Authorized Signing Officer - Name *

Debbie Fingas

Authorized Signing Officer

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) *



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