



## SVP Calgary Grant Application Eligibility Criteria

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.

SVP Calgary's funding is unrestricted and our 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 more than \$2.3 million in funding to 24 local, non-profit organizations. Investees include: Connections Counselling, Calgary Youth Justice Society, Autism Aspergers Friendship Society (AAFS), Two Wheel View, Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, Cornerstone Youth Centre, Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary 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. Minimum annual budget of \$300,000 ;
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. Audited financial statements;
7. Currently providing programming or services working with youth, ages 12 – 15 specifically outside of operating school hours;

NOTE:

Our formal granting cycle begins in the spring of each year. Hopeful non-profits must meet the above requirements and complete the investment application which is released in the spring.

Applicants who reach the second stage, **MUST attend a “Meet SVP Calgary” night** in the spring. 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.

We are always open to discussions with potential non-profit partners. If you are interested in learning more about the process, please contact [info@svpcalgary.org](mailto:info@svpcalgary.org).