Organization Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Organizations must meet the following criteria:

- Is self-governing and exists to serve the public benefit;
- Does not distribute profits to owners, members, directors, shareholders, or managers.
- Is voluntary (benefits to some degree from voluntary contributions of time and money);
- Is currently operating in the Province of Alberta and has been at least for one year; and
- Is incorporated, established and or registered in Alberta under the laws of Alberta or Canada, including the following Acts:
  - Agricultural Societies Act
  - Canada Corporations Act (nonprofit sector)
  - Cemeteries Act or Cemetery Companies Act
  - Regional Health Authorities Act (Foundations)
  - Libraries Act
  - Part 9 of the Companies Act (nonprofit)
  - Part 21 of the Business Corporations Act – Extra-Provincial Corporations
  - Societies Act
  - Special Act of the Parliament of Canada
  - Special Act of the Alberta Legislature.

Notwithstanding the above, a NPVS organization will not qualify for the VPS program if it is:

- A hospital, health centre or continuing care centre receiving operational health funding through Alberta Health Services.
- A university, college, or other publicly funded post-secondary educational institution
- A faith-based organization that does not provide philanthropic programs/services to the broader community;
- An organization that has a sole mandate to provide programs and services outside of Alberta;
- An organization that has a primary mandate to provide national or international services and does not provide philanthropic community programs/services to Albertans; or
- An organization that is affiliated, either directly or indirectly; with a political party or entity having a political mandate
Grant Funding Criteria

In addition to the above criteria, eligible organizations must meet the following funding requirements to apply for the Screening Development Grant:

- Annual operating budget is less than $750,000
- Have fewer than 3 permanent staff (full or part-time)
- Have more than 10 volunteers a year requiring screening to work in roles that require VSCs
- Screening practices (including procedures) are incomplete or have not been updated in the past 2 years
- Screening policies incomplete or have not been updated in the past 2 years
- Volunteer position descriptions incomplete or have not been updated in the past 2 years
- Must serve/work with vulnerable populations
- Must engage volunteers in positions of trust or authority with vulnerable populations