



The *Screening Development Micro-Grant* is made possible by the generous support of the Government of Alberta as part of a partnership with Volunteer Alberta through the Volunteer Screening Program. Funding is meant to be flexible to aid organizations in developing their volunteer screening policies, practices, and resources. Due to the unique nature of every nonprofit organizations programming and needs, this can include a variety of expenses. If you're ever unsure, please feel free to contact [screening@volunteeralberta.ab.ca](mailto:screening@volunteeralberta.ab.ca) to discuss what you hope to use funding for.

## Funds can be used for:

- Staff time related to:
  - Development or updating of volunteer screening policies, procedure documents, and role descriptions
  - Development of surveys to collect feedback from current volunteers and program participants on current volunteer screening and engagement practices
  - Development or updating of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Social Justice (IDEAS) policies as it pertains to volunteering
  - Development or updating of volunteer training and support resources such as guides, webinars, or virtual courses
- Small contracts with third parties for research, consultation, training, development, etc.
- Professional development costs for Volunteer Managers (virtual or in-person classes, webinars, physical or digital reading material, subscriptions, gated content, etc.)
- Other costs seen to aid in the organization's development of equitable volunteer screening policies and procedures in consultation with Volunteer Alberta.

## Funds cannot be used for:

- Fees associated with background checks including Police Information Checks or Vulnerable Sector Checks
- General operational costs that are not directly related to volunteer screening development (including rent, utilities, insurance, etc.)
- Day-to-day volunteer program expenses (including food and parking for volunteers, venue rental costs, etc.)
- Volunteer Alberta Membership Fees (successful grant recipients will be provided with optional access to an Individual Membership for the duration of the grant period until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027)
- Paying for Volunteer Alberta workshops, consulting services, or educational resources