

Cultural Org Fund Guidelines

The Cultural Org Fund provides funding to student organizations that promote, create community for, and celebrate culture. Under this fund some CSA Financial Guidelines are bypassed, though all applicants must apply for funding and seek the approval of the CSA Budget Committee.

A. Requirements to gain access to funds:

- a. To gain access to funds an organization must be chartered through the Carleton Student Association or be associated with a chartered organization.
- b. To gain access to funds an organization's charter must include a mission or description noting their dedication to fostering a culturally safe space or community, sharing and exposing the richness of a culture, or engaging with or advocating for students of color, international students, and their allies.

B. Funding Guidelines

- a. With this fund, the Budget Committee can bypass the CSA Financial Guideline regarding purchasing food so long as it promotes community among their organization.
- b. With this fund, the Budget Committee can bypass the CSA Financial Guideline regarding private or personal property so long as it benefits the entire organization and any money spent remains within the Carleton Community, meaning it is only spent on members of the CSA, as defined by Article I, Section 2 of the CSA Constitution.
 - i. The Budget Committee cannot approve a request for medical services
 - ii. The Budget Committee cannot approve a request for an item or items that will only benefit one member of the CSA or Carleton community
 - iii. The Budget Committee cannot approve requests for items deemed unnecessary for: building community, facilitating wellness among the CSA community, engaging in activism on behalf of the CSA community, or producing opportunities for the CSA community.
- c. All other CSA Financial Guidelines apply.

C. Sustaining the Fund

- a. The Budget Committee shall spend *no more than* \$30,000 per year and no more than \$10,000 per term. However, to maintain the fund, it is *recommended* that the Budget Committee aim to spend *less* than \$30,000 per year.
- b. When planning for the next year, the CSA Budget Committee should refill this fund to at least \$30,000 during Spring Allocations.
- c. At mid-term and end of term the CSA Vice President and Treasurer should send an email to all cultural organizations as defined under Section II, part A to inform them of how much money is left to spend for the year.
- d. These funds should only be allocated during Special Allocations. Should an organization make a request in their Spring Allocations that fits the criteria of the Cultural Org Fund, then they may recommend that the organization make their request during Special Allocations.