

Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What are the objectives of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund? (CFWWIRF)

The Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund was established to support projects that commemorate and recognize the experiences of all of the ethno-cultural communities affected by Canada's First National Internment Operations 1914-1920.

Why was it created?

In May 2008 representatives of the Ukrainian Canadian Community reached an agreement with the Government of Canada providing for the creation of an endowment fund to support commemorative, educational, scholarly and cultural projects intended to remind all Canadians of this episode in our nation's history.

What is the organizational profile of the CRWWIRF?

CFWWIRF received a one-time endowment of \$10 million from the Government of Canada. The CFWWIRF represent all the ethno-cultural communities affected by the First World War internment. These include the Croatian, Hungarian, Serbian, Czech Republic, Slovakian, Bulgarian, Turks and Ukrainian communities. The Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko is proud of its' commitment to become legal custodian for the Fund and assume managerial responsibility over its long term objectives. In addition, a full-time Program Manager oversees the day-to-day operations. The Endowment operates solely on the income derived from investments and donations.

I would like to know more about Canada's First World War Internment Operations, 1914-1920 and the Redress Agreement.

For more information on the Internment Operations and Inky Mark, MP Private Members Bill C-331 please visit our website, www.internmentcanada.ca or phone toll free at 1-866-288-7931.

FUNDING

How do I obtain funding for a First World War Internment project?

Please visit www.internmentcanada.ca to download the grant application form.

Do I qualify for a grant?

To be eligible for support, applicants must:

- *Meet the objectives of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund (otherwise known as CFWWIRF) and qualify within the following areas of funding:*
 - **Education**
Student Support, Program Development, Development of Educational Materials, etc.
 - **The Arts**
Theatre, Music, Dance, Fine Arts, Applied Arts, Films, etc.
 - **Literature**
Literary Publications, Documentary Publications, Research Results, etc.
Community Development, Program Development, Leadership Training, Communications

Eligible applicants may be any one of the following;

- *Canadian citizens or permanent residents*
- *Corporations*
- *Sole Proprietorships*
- *Partnerships, trusts*
- *Joint ventures*
- *Educational institutions*
- *Unincorporated associations established in Canada or owned and controlled by Canadians and carrying out their activities in Canada.*

What are the granting criteria?

Please visit our website, www.internmentcanada.ca to download the Grant Guidelines.

What are the First World War Internment project assessment criteria?

1. *To what extent will the project commemorate Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920 and educate or inform Canadians about what happened?*
2. *To what extent does the individual, organization or group receive support from any of the affected communities or from descendants of internees?*
3. *To what degree will the project present what happened in a novel or unique manner or make use of a medium that will help to promote awareness about Canada's first national internment operations?*
4. *To what extent will the project reflect the multicultural nature of the internment camps and what happened to Canadians representing several different European communities in Canada just before, during and after the First World War?*

Can you suggest information sources (books, readings, reports) about the First World War Internment Operations?

*The CFWWIRF's website has a list of **bibliographies, articles, leaflet (fact sheet)** and **links** as well as all the funded projects of the Endowment.*

Videos

Can you suggest videos and Teacher's guide that we can use for our class presentations?

*The CFWWIRF's website has a list of video's available at major libraries across Canada.
For Teacher's Guides, these can be downloaded off our website, www.internmentcanada.ca*

Speakers

Our organization is planning a conference (workshop) on the Canadian First World War Internment Operations. Can the CFWWIRF supply us with a speaker?

The CFWWIRF Endowment Council can be made available as a keynote speaker for major national or regional conferences.

Requests can be made either in writing to the CFWWIRF office.

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Or by contacting our Program Manager at toll free: 1-866-288-7931

How can I reach the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund?

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