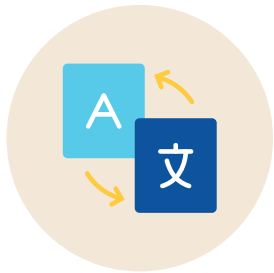


Starting with Yes

A reminder for when you're reviewing grant applications.

For Grant Committee Members



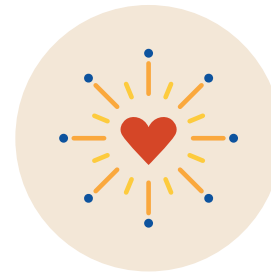
Remember the Priorities

Due to language barriers or low literacy, some applicants may have a harder time filling out grant applications than others. If you see an application is missing important information or is not clear, follow up with the project leader and offer additional support (translated applications, etc.) to gather necessary information.



Everyone Has Gifts

Starting with yes challenges us to think of the merits of an application that may seem different or out of the box. Each grant applicant is bringing their own creativity and knowledge about what works well in their community. By starting with yes, we are trying to move away from rejecting applications that do things differently than we would have done.



Give Support

Starting with yes means we begin by considering the project's strengths with a focus on approving it if we can. NSG is not about who has the most well written or detailed application, but rather what is at the heart of the application and project.



Be Generous

Since NSG provides small grants, we can be more flexible with how we distribute them. NSG provides a learning opportunity for community members to see the effects of grassroots grant making in their neighbourhoods. Starting with yes allows us to be more generous with who and how many grants we approve, instead of searching for a "perfect" application.

