

# neighbouring fund

Parkdale Planning Table



NEIGHBOURHOOD  
HOUSE

Formerly St. Christopher House



Thanks to the  
generous support  
of our partners:



# Agenda



**Imagine you are inside a time machine that transports you into the future. When you exit the time machine, you feel better. What would you notice is different?**



**APPLICATION FORM**

**APPLY HERE (PAPER APPLICATION AVAILABLE)**

## What's Happening Here

What's Happening at 150 Dunn

Why Apply: Neighbouring Fund Goals

How to Apply: Application Guide

Next Steps: Supports To Apply

Question & Answer

# Growing together

Parkdale's vision of building housing justice reflects our skills and experiences organizing together for diverse types of housing here.

We want to create a more connected, safe, and just community to belong to.







# creating new homes in Parkdale

- 51 new homes for unhoused neighbours in Toronto with chronic/ complex health conditions (referred by UHN) is being built on Dunn Avenue: [www.westnh.org/150dunn](http://www.westnh.org/150dunn)
- The first Social Medicine housing being built in Canada (UHN-City of Toronto-United Way partnership): a new kind of supportive housing model that combines direct onsite supports through Fred Victor with healthcare access to help tenants stabilize, recover, and heal
- Reflects Parkdale traditions welcoming new neighbours



# Protecting housing diversity

- Welcoming new supportive housing as part of our local affordable housing stock protects Parkdale's character as a diverse, inclusive neighbourhood
- "Housing First" is a model that aims to provide adequate shelter for every resident of Toronto, regardless of income. It prioritizes creating homes with supportive services to end experiences of being unhoused, and has been used as a public health intervention globally.
- Housing is a right! Stable housing is a pre-condition to achieving recovery and eventual participation in society.
- With local services that work and many caring, connected partners, Parkdale can support UHN's Social Medicine Housing Initiative as a housing solution
- We need not just homes, but a neighbourhood!



# Goals: Investing in community solutions in Parkdale



## Welcoming

Project celebrates creating new affordable housing as part of championing housing justice and being a diverse community here



## Belonging

Test new/ existing ways to create belonging that helps future tenants at Dunn make connections to our neighbourhood



## Neighbouring

Invest in local groups and networks already actively building mutual aid, solidarity, and inclusion in South Parkdale

# Values



## LOCAL

Sharing local knowledge, experiences, and stories.



## SOLIDARITY

Strengthening horizontal social connections.



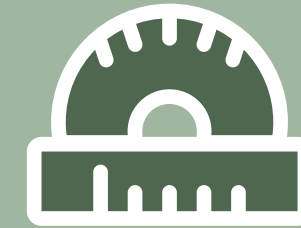
## INTERACTION

Encouraging creative ways for neighbors to meet



## INCLUSION

Reflecting and celebrating diversity.



## ACCESSIBLE

Building communication with low barriers to participation



## EXPERIMENTAL

Offering innovative solutions and ways of seeing things.



why  
apply?

The Neighbouring Fund is an opportunity for Parkdale residents to design and collaborate on projects that help welcome new neighbours and connect them to meaningful local resources, supports, and networks.

Share your ideas to enhance access in new or existing community spaces and activities that integrate supportive housing tenants.

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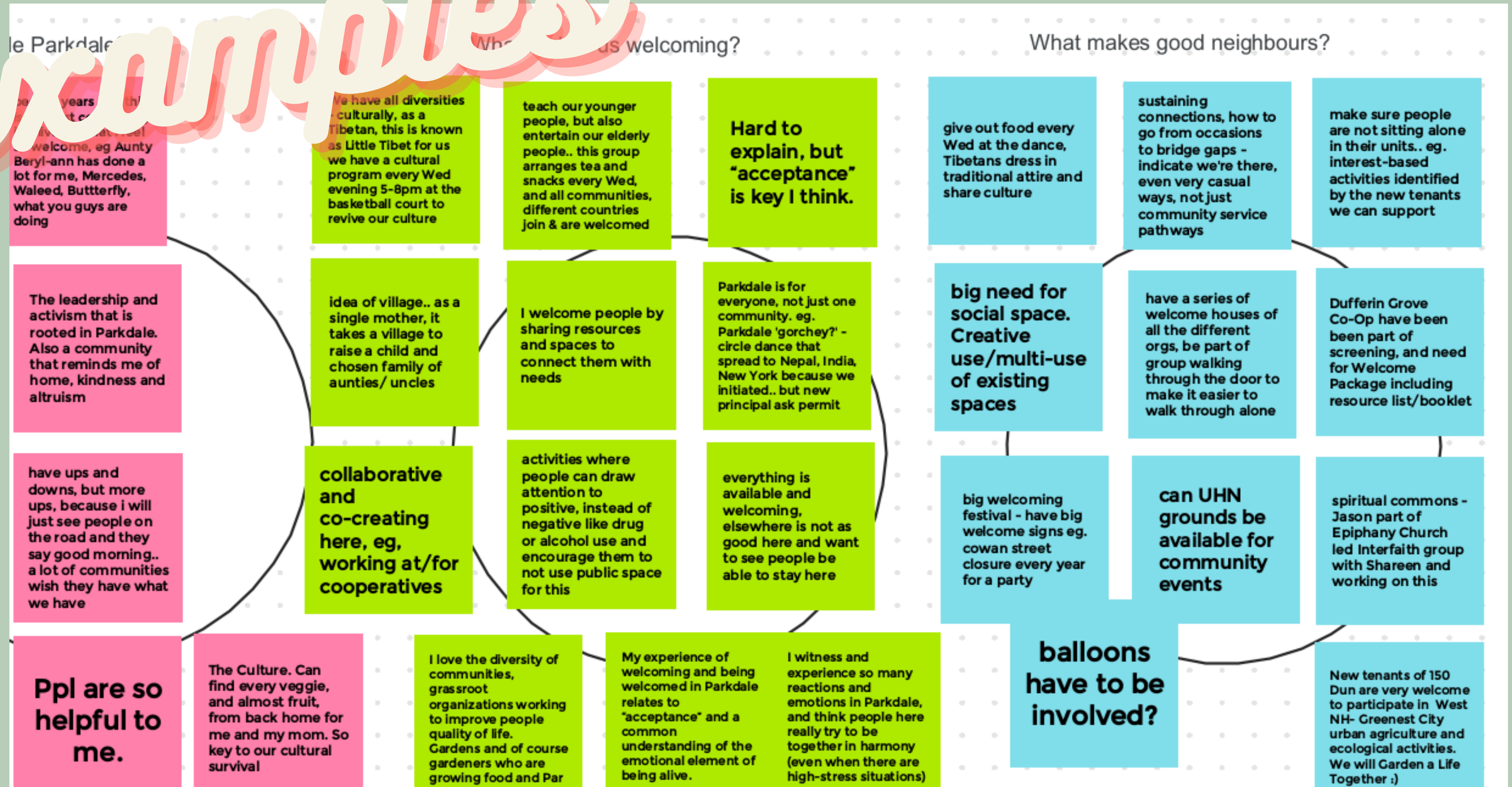


# How to apply

Tell us how your project activities can use some **seed funding** to test an idea that brings together residents in South Parkdale in order to support stronger neighbourhood integration for new affordable housing tenants moving in this summer/fall 2024



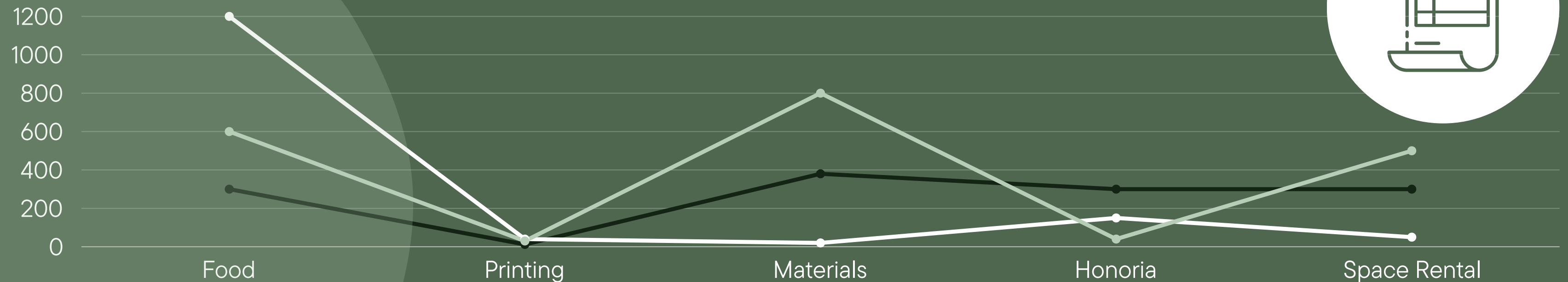
# examples



# What is Seed Funding?

How much can we apply for?  
How many projects will be funded?  
How will funding be allocated/ distributed?  
How do we keep track of funding?  
What if we need more funding?

\$500-\$2000



# Sample Proposal:

## **What is the project? What will it look like? How can neighbours participate?**

We will build a friendship bench with some simple signage that invites someone who is feeling isolated to sit down. Our group will recruit local volunteers to 'animate' the bench, keep an eye and sit there for 30min-hour throughout the week. Local children will be invited to help decorate the bench. We will create a schedule people can sign up for an aim to have someone there three to four times a week. We will plan a picnic...

## **When will the project happen?**

We will begin building the bench and signage, and have it ready for the end of August. We will also work with our project partners to identify a suitable location for the bench.

## **What are your plans for community outreach and promotion to let neighbours know about your project?**

We will put up flyers at local cafes and grocery stores. We will collaborate with Greenest City's Good Food Market to host the picnic ...

## **Do you plan on focusing outreach to/with specific group(s)?**

Help support new and existing neighbours who struggle with mental health or are isolated.



# Sample Proposal: Friendship Bench & Picnic

## **What is the goal of your activities? What do you think would be the result(s) of the project?**

We want this friendship bench to be an example of how we create community that actively invite others to share spaces with us, in ways that are safe and respectful of boundaries. Everyone needs a friendly face in a place to feel like you belong here. Often, it's a challenge to let others know you are having hard feelings, this way you don't have to ask, just sit and know the person next to you is a friendly neighbour

## **Are there spaces you plan to use?**

As a tenants group, we have asked the church some of us volunteer with and they will let me install the bench so it's seen from the street. Greenest City will let us store the bench. The picnic will be at ..

## **Are there groups or organizations you will collaborate with as project partners?**

Harm reduction workers at the health centre to help train volunteers. We will ask for donations of paint. Picnic event partners will be ...

# Who can apply?



## Existing Resident Group

Grassroots/ community groups and networks connected to South Parkdale who are interested in supporting new/existing supportive housing tenants



## Emerging/ New Group

Residents connected to South Parkdale organising together around a new idea that aims to integrate new tenants on Dunn through activating new/existing spaces



# What to include in your application:



## Community Involvement

Tell us how your project invites community members to participate: can it be widely shared and experienced by neighbours across backgrounds



## Group Identity & Structure

Tell us who is part of your project, and roles. Share your experiences and plan to communicate and make decisions together



## Project Plan & Budgeting

What steps will you need to take as a group? Share your plan to use materials/ equipment/ services needed for your project.

# Does your Neighbouring idea reflect:

## Parkdale-based Collaboration

Project can list up to 5 residents on application that will be actively involved in designing and delivering project activities.

Project plans to use existing spaces and resources well, instead of duplicating existing activities; lists up to 2 community partners.

Project design engages both existing and new residents meaningfully.

## Local Priorities

Proposals from Black and Indigenous-led groups will be prioritised, as well as those with lived experience of housing precarity

## Feasibility/ Group Capacity

Group demonstrates experiences working together to improve neighbourhood.

Group can provide a detailed workplan that reflects key steps that are realistic to achieve between summer/fall 2024.

Group has decision-making, communication, conflict resolution and problem-solving practices in place to handle challenges.

## Sustainability

Project should be sustainable and will be able to continue to have a community impact in some form



# Sample Budget

<b>Item Description*</b> <i>*Please provide a breakdown per unit cost as much as possible</i>	<b>In kind*</b> <i>*Describe goods and services that you will use that will be not be part of the costs you're requesting, ie. free, discounted, or donated</i>	<b>Item Amount Requested*</b> <i>*Provide amount in Canadian dollars (\$)</i>

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Creative Writing Workshop facilitation fee (3 hours)		\$180.00
Workshop space	Program space for 3 hours at local cafe	\$0.00
Refreshments x 10 people @\$6/pp		\$60
Postcards Graphic Design @\$25 x 6h	\$100	\$50
Printing @ \$3.50 x 100		\$350
Postcards Launch Event	Good Food Market	
Launch snacks x 30 people x \$7/pp	\$50 donated fruit/veggies	\$160
<b>TOTAL REQUEST (\$ amount)</b>		<b>\$800</b>

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## Funding Restrictions:

- Activities that promote hate speech, derogatory, or/of discriminatory nature
- Purchase of alcohol, drugs, potentially harmful or restricted items
- Past work and/or activities; must be for new initiatives
- Activities that don't take place in Parkdale
- Accommodation, travel out of Toronto, and personal childcare
- West NH staff or family are not eligible
- If group wishes to allocate honoraria to members or volunteers, amount is capped at 10-25% of total budget.
- Group should provide three quotes for larger purchases of items over \$150 eg. catering, facilitation fee, equipment rental, etc.

# Timeline: Key Dates



March 15th

Application packages  
available



now – April 12th

Supports for applying  
groups available



April 15th

**APPLICATIONS DUE!**



May 1st

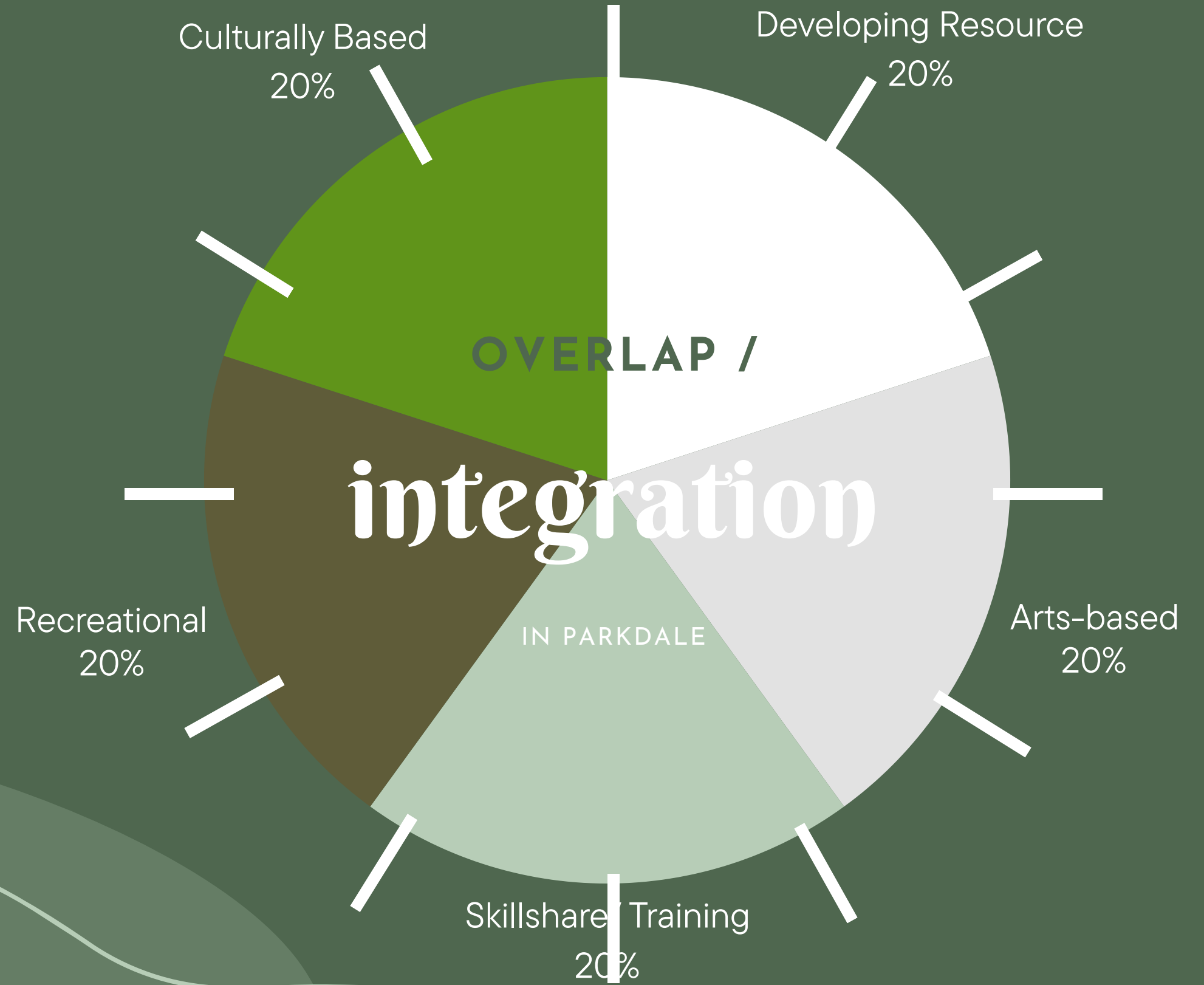
Neighbouring projects  
launch!

Q: What kinds of projects do we want? A: All kinds!

Think about existing resources, assets, and practices in the community your group is connected to.  
We are interested in supporting different lenses used to create meaningful and inclusive spaces.

Whose also interested in supporting project goal(s)?  
In-kind supports may align with existing work potential partners already do encouraging groups to “overlap”.

Are there opportunities to collaborate?





# Next Steps

We are offering following supports for all interested groups:

## **NEIGHBOURING SKILLSHARE**

**Drop-in workshops: Budgeting / Project Planning**  
**March 27th & April 3rd with**

Laurie

Director of Partnerships/ Owner

Dashmaawaan Bemaadzinjin “They Feed the People”

Angela

Manager, Families, Newcomers

& Climate Action

West Neighbourhood House

## **1-ON-1 APPOINTMENTS:**

**Sign up for our Application Help "clinic"**  
**to review draft proposal submissions on**  
**April 10/11** with our project team  
and local writer/artist Kanna Anigbogu







# Other supports

## **Book meeting space/ use of computer and printer @ 1497 Queen**

Need some workspace to work on your application? Join us during our office hours Wednesdays and Fridays

## **Submit your application in your preferred format.**

Groups can handwrite applications or submit applications by email.  
If you prefer to record a video submission  
for parts of the application form, please let us know.  
(Technical assistance provided by PPE)

# Questions?

Connect with us further:

To get an application package

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