

# Trusteeship Program Overview

The Federation of Black Canadians Trustee program is a service developed to support the capacity-building of grassroots and emerging NFP's in Canada. Once you read through this, and have signed up as a Premium Black Builder you can fill this form out to apply for the [Trusteeship Program](#).

## Objective:

1. To support grass root and emerging NFP's ability to serve their communities
2. To use FBC's brand, size, and experience to increase the success rate of program application to funding entities
3. To train, teach, and develop grassroots and emerging groups into entities that can support and trustee other groups in the future
4. To provide additional support and services to FBC members

## What is the Trusteeship Program:

Trusteeship also referred to as: an Organization mentor or Organization Sponsor, is a term used to define a group that provides a form co-sign on a grant application toward a funder. In cases where a group may have a great program idea, or already runs a qualified program, but does not have all the administrative or financial requirements needed to meet a funder's needs, in many cases a Trustee can be used to increase the odds of acceptance and or comfort from the funder.

**Please note:** Trusteeship does not guarantee a successful grant application, but in a lot of cases it can increase the odds of success especially if the applicant already has a good program idea/ or program history.

## How to be eligible for the FBC Trusteeship Model

To be eligible for the FBC Trusteeship program the applicant must first be a registered Black Builder member of FBC. This ensures that is group aware of who FBC is, and our values, and that they qualify for our membership services. FBC services, opportunities, and incentives are always prioritized to our formal members first, to thank them for their support and trust in us.

## How does the FBC trusteeship program work

1. Become a [FBC Black Builder member](#)
2. Fill out the online [Trusteeship Application form](#)
  - a. Be prepared to provide information on your organization, its current status, needs, and general information about the grant application you are working on (5-10 minute application)
3. Wait for your application to be reviewed and responded to
  - a. **Please note that filling out the application does not guarantee acceptance into the program**

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- b. **Apply early**, we recommend this because it may take time to review, go back and forth and confirm the terms before FBC signs off on using its name and information for an application submission
- c. **At minimum give your application at least 5-10 Business day opportunity** (this is for groups who have already completed a grant application and just need a trustee by the requirement of the funder). If you are looking for more of an involved partnership relationship on a grant, please provide more time and engage us as early as possible. (10-15 business days minimum)
- d. If approved you will be asked to sign an agreement with FBC called and MOU

## Requirements of an applicant:

1. Must be registered as a [Black Builder](#) (all groups are welcome to apply as well but must at least be registered as FBC General Member)
2. Must be willing to sign a FBC Code of Conduct Form and Confidentiality Agreement
3. Must be willing to share Organization information in a timely manner
4. Must be willing to meet with FBC to discuss their grant proposal, organizational capacity building needs and negotiate terms for a capacity building plan, administrative fee (comes from the grant if approved), Deliverables, timelines and goals for the FBC Trusteeship program

## FAQ:

- Can we apply to trustee more than one grant
  - *Yes - Once you are in the system under one grant plan you may request additional grant applications to be trusted (Please note this does not guarantee acceptance. It will still be reviewed, and assessed against current work and status, and the number of additional groups waiting to be trusted)*
- Do we have to be registered NFP or Charity to be successful
  - No - we support grassroots unregistered groups as well. However, the groups need to show professionalism, and present as reliable and trustworthy. FBC would be a liability for any funding approved to the group through the funder
- Are For-Profit Businesses eligible for this program
  - Case by Case - Generally grants are not offered or eligible to for-profit businesses. However, in the case where a funder is supporting social enterprises or a business aspect of a program and allow it FBC would review the application

Have questions about the Trustee Program please contact: [info@fbcfcn.ca](mailto:info@fbcfcn.ca)