



# **Social Impact Fund Overview**

**Purpose** 

To provide a high-level overview of OCS's Social Impact Fund.

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2021-2024 - Social Responsibility Strategy

Our Commitment as a Crown Agency of the Government of Ontario is to operate our business in a way that promotes responsible consumption of cannabis while protecting youth and vulnerable populations.

#### **Our Pillars**



Establishing a Foundation for Environmental Sustainability

As a social responsibility-driven company, we will begin measuring our own footprint and educating consumers on sustainability in connection with cannabis, with the goal of establishing a foundation for a future sustainable industry.



## Supporting a Diverse & Inclusive Industry

Canada's legal cannabis industry was born out of grassroot movements, which successfully lobbied for legalization over a period of decades. This history also included the harmful treatment of equity deserving communities. It is our responsibility to strengthen diversity and inclusion within the Ontario cannabis industry.



# Advancing Cannabis Knowledge & Promoting Responsible Consumption

We believe it is our duty to strengthen and disseminate evidence-informed cannabis education among the people of Ontario – particularly on responsible consumption.

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- OCS is launching a Social Impact Fund on April 25, 2023 that will support establishing Social Impact Partnerships.
- These partnerships are designed to (1) benefit the broader community, (2) clearly demonstrate social impact, and (3) support our Social Responsibility Strategy and Mandate found online www.ocs.ca/social-responsibility
- A full application guide will be released on the launch for the call for applications follow us on LinkedIn for the announcement! Applications are due by May 25, 2023 at 5PM EST.

#### Who can apply?





Not-for-profit organizations (inc.) & registered charities

Research & academic institutions

#### **Initiative Alignment**

Selected projects will directly align with our SR Mandate and our three SR Pillars:



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#### **Pilot Overview Amount Earmarked Funding Range Project Length** 8 - 12 months \$25,000 - \$100,000 \$500,000 **APR MAY** Launch **Application** JUN Committee **Application Call** Deadline JUL Evaluation Contracts Mid-Year Report Release Funds **MAY SEP** Drafted and Due: Release OCT (60%); Projects 2024 Signed Funds (30%) Commence Final Report Due; NOV Release Funds 2024 (10%)

#### **KEY DATES**

#### **Call for Applications Opens**

April 25, 2023, at 9 a.m. EST

#### **Application Deadline**

May 25, 2023, at 5 p.m. EST

#### **OCS Response**

August 2023

#### **Project Start**

No later than October 16, 2023



# Thank you Questions?

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