

At the 2025 MTS Provincial Council, a resolution was passed to make available a grant to local associations to a **maximum of \$1,000** to support initiatives led by and resources to support Affinity Spaces Chairs.

Applications will be reviewed and approved as they are received.

Each local association may submit one application up to **May 29, 2026** with the intent to use funds within the school year and submit receipts by **June 30, 2026**.

1. Funding Guidelines

- Applications must be submitted by the **local association**, not individuals.
- Projects must take place **after approval** and be completed **within the school year**.
- Initiatives must align with the **mission, vision, and values** of MTS and the **principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion**.
- Initiatives already supported by other MTS grants (e.g., Indigenous Action or Equity and Social Justice, for example) are ineligible for this project.
- Fundraising events, individual teacher professional development or conference attendance are NOT eligible under this grant.
- Initiatives cannot be used to support for-profit events.
- Requests for the purchases of material resources (books, supplies, etc.) must include next steps/learning goals.
- Funding may support:
 - Joint projects or events with affinity or community groups.
 - Development of shared resources or learning materials by groups of members.
 - Guest speakers, facilitators, or learning circles.
 - Release time or related expenses for organizing affinity space initiatives.
- Financial guidelines reflect current MTS financial policies and procedures. Where financial requests do not clearly fit within established MTS guidelines, consultation with the Staff Officer shall occur.
- **Receipts and an itemized budget** must be submitted for reimbursement.
- All reimbursements will be made **to the local association**, not individuals.

2. Application Procedure

- Grant applications will only be accepted from Locals that intend to initiate the project.
- Fillable application forms are available on the website and through MyProfile and must be submitted to **bouldbaba@mbteach.org** by the deadline. Confirmation of receipt will be sent to you when your application is received.
- Once approved, the applicants will be notified and receive the claim form to be completed. Keep all receipts and an itemized list of expenses.

3. Communication with Recipients and Expense Claim Procedures

- At the conclusion of the project, the Local is responsible for submitting report/evaluation to **bouldbaba@mbteach.org**.
- At the conclusion of the project, the Local is responsible for submitting the claim form and supporting receipts to **bouldbaba@mbteach.org** for payment processing.



Questions can be directed to Brahim Ould Baba, Department Head,
PFLS Department, **bouldbaba@mbteach.org** or **204-831-3066**.

AFFINITY SPACES GRANT APPLICATION

Name of Local:

Name of Applicant:

Name of President:

Role of Applicant in Local:

Date or Timeline of Initiative:

Proposed Initiative: *(include goals, themes and/or impact in local or community)*

Any details not included above:

Budget: *(itemized description of anticipated expenses)*

Signature:

Date:

Signature of Local President:

Date:



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