

PILLAR COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM

One year of community recovery in action

Our pilot year of programming was a great success, as we were able to offer support to four organizations with core business function consulting services valued at over \$41,000. We also identified ways to support an additional 24 organizations through access to a Pillar membership, working space at Innovation Works, opportunities to participate in our Learning and Development programming, or connections to communications support through our inkind sponsors.



As data continues to emerge about the grave financial and human resource challenges facing nonprofit and social impact sector organizations, our work has validated the need of local sector organizations for support. We continue to believe this program provides much needed value and guidance during this ongoing phase of community recovery. Thank you for your support and shared belief in the importance of social recovery for London and the region.

Why our applicants need support

"Due to a lack of funding, and rigid constraints from current funders in terms of innovation, diversification, and collaboration, we experience difficulties accessing support in growing as a social enterprise. Nokee Kwe will be given the support to successfully make the transition as a social enterprise and fulfill our vision to be the leader in holistic, comprehensive education and employment services for Indigenous people."

– Nokee Kwe, recipient of business plan consulting



"The largest need within the organization is communications support regarding fund development as a major priority at this time is fundraising and diversification of revenue streams. Being able to communicate with others about the importance of the work that we are doing is important and we hope that it allows us to create relationships with donors and corporations that will allow us to continue to do the work that we are passionate about."

> Sakeenah Canada, recipient of communications consulting





Participant testimonial

"It was good to have people independent of our organization who can look in and not have ownership in the same way as volunteers, and who could provide critical feedback. To have someone else tell you in a way that gets you to think more about it is really helpful. It has pushed people to say 'we've got to do something.' Everyone is at the place where we agree we have to do something differently. We're in a better place now."

kind sponsors

- London Black History Coordinating Committee, recipient of strategic plan consulting