



# Have a Great Idea?

Our Neighbourhood Grants turn local ideas into tangible actions





The City of Calgary, Community Social Work program offers grants of up to **\$1000** to residents in select neighbourhoods. Check out the complete list of eligible neighbourhoods on page 4. If you have questions please email [NeighbourhoodGrants@calgary.ca](mailto:NeighbourhoodGrants@calgary.ca)

## Grants are awarded to projects that



### Increase economic participation

Do you have an idea that will help keep money in people's pockets? Will your idea remove financial barriers for those in your neighbourhood?

#### Project Examples

- Sports Equipment Lending Library
- DIY Bicycle & Wheelchair Repair Workshop
- Resume & Interview Peer Support Group



### Build inclusive neighbourhoods

Do you have an idea that will help everyone feel welcome and involved? Will your idea build connections between neighbours from different backgrounds?

#### Project Examples

- Black History Month Event
- Documentary and Conversation about local issues
- Hosting a book club to get to know your neighbours



### Foster truth & reconciliation

Do you have an idea that will build relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous neighbours? Will your idea connect people to Indigenous history or culture, acknowledge what happened in the past or address the impact of colonial practices?

#### Project examples

- Traditional Storytelling
- Aboriginal Awareness Week Event (i.e KAIROS Blanket exercise)
- Healing Circle (i.e. Sixties Scoop peer support group)

## Grant Process Flow Chart (for successful applicants)



Grant application submitted



Application reviewed by Advisory Committee



Advisory Committee provides approval and recommendations



Successful applicant is notified



Funds are distributed to the grant recipient



Grant recipients carry out their community project



When project has been completed, the grant recipient submits receipts, unspent monies and project survey



Project survey and final project budget are shared with the Advisory Committee



## Here's what we are looking for in project applications

- Projects that promote volunteerism and involve citizens working together in planning and delivery.
- Projects that encourage cooperation between people and groups within neighbourhoods.
- Projects that are accessible, inclusive and make a difference in the lives of vulnerable populations.
- Projects that help develop and strengthen leadership skills within the neighbourhood.
- Projects that are led by community members.

### Who is eligible?

#### **Grants are available for residents that live in the following neighbourhoods:**

Acadia | Bankview | Beltline | Bridgeland | Crossroads | Downtown Core  
East Village | Greenview | Highland Park | Kingsland | Manchester | Rosscarrock  
Rutland Park | Spruce Cliff | Thorncliffe

#### **Grants are also available for residents in the following neighbourhoods that are part of the [Community Hub Initiative](#):**

**North of McKnight Community Hub at Genesis Centre:** Castleridge | Coral Springs | Falconridge | Martindale | Saddleridge | Taradale

**Village Square Community Hub:** Pineridge | Rundle | Temple | Whitehorn

**Bob Bahan Recreation Centre:** Albert Park-Radisson Heights | Dover Erin Woods | Forest Lawn | Penbrooke Meadows

**Sunalta Community Association:** Sunalta

**Bowness Community Association:** Bowness

#### **Live in another neighbourhood?**

There are several other programs that provide grants for community projects. Contact [NeighbourhoodGrants@Calgary.ca](mailto:NeighbourhoodGrants@Calgary.ca) for a list of alternatives.



## The fine print

Projects must benefit the neighbourhood as a whole. That means we can't provide grants for things like: emergency basic needs, personal education or a sandy beach holiday.

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Applicants must live in the neighbourhood where they plan to host their project. We do not fund organizations other than neighbourhood Community Associations comprised of local residents.

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Capital items can't be purchased with Neighbourhood Grants. Capital items include: computers, sewing machines, cameras, printers, BBQs, land, buildings, vehicles and renovations. If this is a barrier to your project please contact us to discuss alternatives.

We will still consider capital items related to community gardens and lending library materials, excluding stocking food pantries or food lending libraries. If you are thinking of applying for community garden or lending library support, please consult with us beforehand.

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We can't provide funds to projects where liquor or cannabis is served or consumed. We can cover the cost of tobacco if it is to be used as an Elder offering.

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Your project has to be **in the future**. We aren't able to cover expenses that have occurred before Neighbourhood Advisory Committees have approved applications.

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Unfortunately we can't fund purely social events or political advocacy (ie: influencing political, economic and social decisions). Make sure your project is linked back to one of our three priority areas if you'd like our support.

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We know good ideas sometimes take time to mature. We will fund re-occurring projects at the discretion of Neighbourhood Advisory Committees.

We ask that you complete your first project before applying for another grant. A completed project means you have handed in expense receipts and any unused dollars as well as completed the post-project survey.

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Do you have other funding sources? That's great! Please let us know about them on your budget.

## Still interested? We hope so! Here's how to apply:

- 1** Download and print the [application form](#). You can request a paper copy to be sent to you by contacting [NeighbourhoodGrants@calgary.ca](mailto:NeighbourhoodGrants@calgary.ca)
- 2** Bring together a small group of residents interested in your idea and fill out the application.
- 3** Forward the application to [NeighbourhoodGrants@calgary.ca](mailto:NeighbourhoodGrants@calgary.ca) with as much lead time as possible. We suggest two months.
- 4** Your application will be forwarded to a Neighbourhood Advisory Committee. The committee is made up of residents from your neighbourhood.
- 5** The Neighbourhood Advisory Committee (with support from one of our Community Social Workers/CSWs reviews and makes recommendations on grant applications according to a decision-making tool.
- 6** If your application is approved, a member of the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee will walk you through the next steps. If your application is declined, the CSW will contact you for follow up. It is possible to make changes to your application based on feedback and re-submit.
- 7** At the end of your project you will be asked to complete a questionnaire about your experiences. You will also need to provide an explanation of how the money was spent and receipts for purchases. Please Note: Any outstanding monies not spent will need to be returned to the CSW with your questionnaire.
- 8** Questions? Feel free to contact [NeighbourhoodGrants@calgary.ca](mailto:NeighbourhoodGrants@calgary.ca) or your neighbourhood CSW.

# Neighbourhood Grant Application

Neighbourhood or Hub you are applying for:	
Contact information of Project Leader(s)	
Name:	Telephone number:
Mailing Address:	
Email Address:	
Group name (if applicable):	

Do you have other residents willing to volunteer on this project?

Yes      No

\* We highly recommend finding other community members to volunteer as projects often require more effort than is anticipated.

Additional Comments

## Section 1: Project Category

**Does your project increase economic participation in the neighbourhood? If yes, please fill in this page. If no, continue to next pages.**

### **Increasing Economic Participation in the Neighbourhood**

We want all citizens to be economically self-sufficient. Does your idea help keep money in people's pockets? Will your idea remove financial barriers and can it be implemented at the neighbourhood level? Tell us about it:

Project Name:

Brief Description:

### **How will your project increase the economic participation of vulnerable citizens?**

It builds financial literacy (ie: A workshop on RESPs or understanding credit).

It increases employability (ie: Interview skills, resume help or ESL practice).

It fosters cost-effective options within the neighbourhood (ie: Community gardens, sharing or lending libraries)



## Section 1: Project Category (continued)

**Does your project build inclusive neighbourhoods? If yes, please fill in this page. If no, continue to next page.**

### **Building Inclusive Neighbourhoods**

We want all citizens, and especially those facing various forms of discrimination, to feel included and involved in their neighbourhood.

Do you have an idea that would help people feel welcome and involved? Will your idea build connections between neighbours from different backgrounds? Tell us about it:

Project Name:

Brief Description:

### **How will you reduce barriers so that everyone is welcome? Please consider social, physical and financial barriers.**

(Need some ideas? Here are some to consider: Is the event free? Can those with mobility aids access the venue? Will you assign a volunteer to greet people? Will you actively promote the project to isolated groups in your neighbourhood? Will you use diverse representation in your marketing material?

## Section 1: Project Category (continued)

Does your project foster Truth & Reconciliation? If yes, please fill in this page.

### **Fostering Truth & Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples**

We want to build relationships and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples and believe this is a shared and active process.

Do you have an idea that will build relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous neighbours? Will your idea connect people to Indigenous history or culture, acknowledge what happened in the past or address the impact of colonial practices? Tell us about it:

If you'd like to do a project under this category but aren't sure where to start, check out some great ideas [here](#).

Project Name:

Brief Description:

Do you identify as:      Indigenous                      An ally

Does your idea support any of the Calls to Action found in the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#)?

Yes. This one \_\_\_\_\_

No / I'm not sure.

If you'd like to do a project under this category but aren't sure where to start, email us at [neighbourhoodgrants@calgary.ca](mailto:neighbourhoodgrants@calgary.ca) for a list of ideas.

## Section 2: General Project Information

Here are some questions we would like you to consider.

Project Start date/time:

Project Finish date/time:

**Change:** What difference do you hope to make in your neighbourhood?

**Project planning:** Tell us what steps you will take leading up to your project.

**Marketing:** Tell us how you will promote your project.

**Safety:** Tell us about any safety concerns you foresee and how you will address them. Please make sure to include your Covid 19 Risk Mitigation Assessment to your application. We suggest checking out the latest AHS guidelines for indoor and outdoor gatherings while planning your event .

## Land Acknowledgment

We encourage successful grant applicants to include a Treaty 7 Land Acknowledgment within their project. This can be done orally (ie: at the beginning of your event) or on poster board depending on the type of project you are organizing.

### Why?

A Land Acknowledgment is a statement recognizing the traditional territory of the Indigenous people who called the land home before the arrival of settlers, and in many cases still do call it home. It is an act of reconciliation.

Calgary exists within the Treaty 7 Region of Southern Alberta. It includes the traditional territories of Blackfoot First Nation tribes of Siksika, the Piikuni, the Kainai, the Stoney Nakoda First Nations tribes of Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley and the Tsuut'ina First Nation. The City of Calgary is also homeland to the historic Northwest Métis and to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3.

## Section 3: Budget Details

Please tell us the cost of the project you want to do. Remember that the maximum amount we can award is \$1000.

Expenses: List the items you need to purchase	Amount
Total Expenses:	

Revenue Sources: Are you applying for other grants or sources of income? Include all financial support here.	Amount
Total Revenue:	

In Kind Donations: May include volunteer labour (\$15/hr), donated space, refreshments or supplies.		
Item	Donor	Estimated Value