

Small grants provide support for one-time, stand-alone needs, rather than contributing a small part towards a larger project. Request typically range from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Applying for a Small Grant

Applications are open all year and will be **reviewed monthly**. For example, applications submitted in February will be reviewed in March.

The total funds available each year are \$500,000 and will be distributed among successful applicants throughout the year. With that in mind, please ask for what your organization needs.

If your request significantly exceeds the typical range of a Small Grant request, your request may be transferred to the [Community Grant Program](#) instead.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for a Small Grant your organization must:

- Be registered with [Canada Revenue Agency](#) as a charity or [qualified donee](#)
- Serve the greater Edmonton area, which includes the four surrounding counties

What requests are not eligible?

- Any expenses incurred prior to the Foundation's decision date
- Deficit funding
- Funding to replace government cuts
- Fundraising drives
- Contributions to endowments
- Capital campaigns and purchase of land and/or buildings
- Support for operations, fundraising initiatives, or granting programs of other funders and/or entities whose primary purpose is to raise money for a third party
- Grants primarily benefitting individuals (such as scholarships or bursaries)
- Private or charter schools
- Post-secondary institutions
- Faith-based programs (religious worship, instruction, or proselytization)
- Conferences and/or annual events
- Travel outside the Greater Edmonton Area
- Research
- Medical equipment
- National or provincial initiatives without specific benefit to Edmonton; national or provincial initiatives that have specific benefit to Edmonton will be considered for a proportional cost

Can I apply for more than one small grant?

In general, organizations can receive one small grant per twelve-month period. Exceptions may be made when the charity is working in partnership with a non-profit representing a marginalized community. This is in recognition that there are systemic barriers to funding for some communities.

Where can I submit an application?

Applications can be submitted through our [online portal](#).

What is the application deadline?

Applications are open all year and will be **reviewed monthly**. For example, applications submitted in February will be reviewed in March. ECF cannot provide funding for retroactive requests.

What grant reporting is required?

Small Grant reports are an online form found on our [online portal](#).

The report form will be added to the same user account that submitted the grant application approximately three months after the application has been approved.

The form is comprised of a number of short answer, drop-down menu, and multiple select questions. These questions address general information about your grant, staff resources allocated to your grant, grant impact, financial information, and any follow-up activities which your organization may be undertaking. You will also need to upload financials for the grant which clearly indicate where the grant money was spent. Receipts for expenses are not required.