

Small grants support small, one-time, time-sensitive requests.

Applying for a Small Grant

Applications are reviewed monthly. For example, applications submitted in February will be reviewed mid-March and should be for funding after April 1, 2024 (ECF cannot support retroactive costs).

Grant sizes vary, the maximum is \$20,000. Requests typically range from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Total funds available are \$500,000. With that in mind, please ask for what your organization needs. The application will be available until the budget is allocated.

If your request exceeds the maximum amount of a Small Grant, look to our [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?

- Deficit funding
- Contributions to endowments
- Funding drives
- Conferences and/or annual events
- Travel outside the Greater Edmonton Area
- Faith-based programs (religious worship, instruction, or proselytization)
- Private or charter schools
- Post-secondary institutions
- Medical equipment
- Research
- Capital campaigns and purchase of land and/or buildings
- Grants primarily benefitting individuals (such as scholarships or bursaries)
- Funding to replace government cuts
- 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
- 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
- Any expenses incurred prior to the Foundation's decision date

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 an equity deserving community. This is in recognition that there are systemic barriers to funding for some communities.

Things considered when small grant applications are reviewed:

- Is the request emergent, time-sensitive, or unexpected?
- Is there a clear need on how this grant will help the organization and/or community?
- Number of small grants received over the last number of years

Where can I submit an application?

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

What is the application deadline?

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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.