

COMMUNITY GRANTING OPPORTUNITIES

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The City of Grande Prairie is proud to offer a multitude of funding and granting opportunities to support local individuals and organizations who are making a positive impact in our community.

Whether you're an athlete, artist, a community organizer or a business owner there are financial supports available to help meet your goals!



COMMUNITY FUNDING



Community Group Funding

WHO IT'S FOR

Community groups or agencies to provide stability to services which make significant contributions to the community that align with Council's Strategic Plan.

WHAT IT OFFERS

Community Grants are available in the following categories:

- **Small grants:** Up to \$10,000 per applicant to support local programs that enhance quality of life.
- **Medium grants:** Up to \$25,000 per year to support projects that address unmet, or emerging community needs. These grants will not be utilized for ongoing operational costs of the organization.
- **Large grants:** Funding of more than \$25,000 per year for Council approved community partners and organization operating City-owned facilities or provide services to the community on behalf of the City. Typically approved on a 2-year funding cycle.
- **Capital grants:** Available funding up to a maximum of 50% of total project costs, with 50% required as a matching component from the applicant. Priority will be given to applicants operating City-owned facilities or those with long-term agreements with the City.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 30 of each year for funding in the following calendar year.

cityofgfp.com/communitygroupfunding



Community Improvement Grant

WHO IT'S FOR

Community groups or individuals seeking to make enhancements within the City of Grande Prairie with initiatives that foster civic pride, build connections, and promote active transportation. Grants will support residents in working together to provide an overall benefit to the community.

WHAT IT OFFERS

- Matching Grant of up to \$5,000.
- Non-matching Grant of up to \$2,500.
- Active Transportation Grant of up to \$2,500 per project.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 1 of each year for funding in the following calendar year.

cityofgp.com/communityimprovementgrant



Community Microgrant

WHO IT'S FOR

Individuals and community groups who seek to foster connections and pride in the community through the funding of gatherings, activities, and celebrations of arts and culture.

WHAT IT OFFERS

Up to \$1,500.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications will be accepted up until the funds available have been exhausted.

cityofgp.com/communitymicrogrant



Large-Scale Tourism Fund

WHO IT'S FOR

Festivals and sporting events that have a tourism draw of 100 kilometres or greater, resulting in at least 35% of attendance by visitors to our community. A Large-Scale Tourism Event would provide a unique audience and/or participant experience and can result in a significant economic and/or tourism benefit to Grande Prairie. Large-Scale Tourism Events are generally a ticketed, multi-day event with an attendance of greater than 2000 people per day.

WHAT IT OFFERS

Up to \$50,000.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 1 of each year for funding in the same calendar year.

cityofgp.com/tourismfunding



ARTS & CULTURE FUNDING



Arts and Culture Festival Funding

WHO IT'S FOR

Community groups hosting festivals within the city.

WHAT IT OFFERS

Up to 50% of the total event budget to a max of \$14,000.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Two deadlines of January 1 and August 1 of each year to fund events in the same calendar year.

cityofgp.com/festivalfunding



Arts and Culture Operational and Performance Group Funding

WHO IT'S FOR

Community groups who provide support to the arts community and performance groups in reaching the next level of development, expression, or performance. This funding will assist those groups in providing arts and culture activities, programs, and events in Grande Prairie.

WHAT IT OFFERS

Up to \$5,000.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 1 of each year for funding in the same calendar year.

cityofgp.com/artsfunding



ATHLETIC FUNDING



Sport Hosting Grant

WHO IT'S FOR

Community groups and organizations who host events that bring more visitors to Grande Prairie, and better support the significant positive economic, social and health benefits on the community from sport tourism.

WHAT IT OFFERS

- Large-Scale Events (Provincial, Western Canadian, National, or International) are eligible for up to \$5,000.
- Small-Scale Events (local or regional) are eligible for up to \$1,000.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Two deadlines of January 1 and July 1 of each year for funding in the same calendar year.

cityofgp.com/sporthostinggrant



Pursuit of Excellence Funding

The City of Grande Prairie's Pursuit of Excellence Fund is designed to provide assistance to athletes, coaches, and sport organizations in the region to achieve "excellence" in their chosen sport. The fund is a legacy of the 1995 Canada Winter Games that were hosted in Grande Prairie, and also includes a partnership with the Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta.

THE FOLLOWING STREAMS OF FUNDING ARE AVAILABLE:



Athlete Development Funding

WHO IT'S FOR

Athletes pursuing training and development including attending clinics and conferences, high performance or specialized training and membership fees.

WHAT IT OFFERS

Up to \$500 per athlete per year.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Two deadlines of February 1 and August 1 of each year for funding in the same calendar year.

cityofgp.com/athletedevelopment



Athlete Travel Funding

WHO IT'S FOR

Community groups or individuals seeking to make enhancements within the City of Grande Prairie with initiatives that foster civic pride, build connections, and promote active transportation. Grants will support residents in working together to provide an overall benefit to the community. Active Transportation

WHAT IT OFFERS

Up to \$1,000 per athlete per year as follows:

- \$250 in-province
- \$500 out-of-province
- \$1,000 international

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Two deadlines of February 1 and August 1 of each year for funding in the same calendar year.

cityofgp.com/athletetravel



Coach and Official Development

WHO IT'S FOR

Coaches, referees, officials and other volunteers to attend training opportunities to further their expertise in their chosen sport. This funding prioritizes coaching education, particularly locally through clinics, conferences, and symposiums.

WHAT IT OFFERS

Up to \$1,000 per individual per year.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Two deadlines of February 1 and August 1 of each year for funding in the same calendar year.

cityofgfp.com/coachdevelopment



Clinic Hosting

WHO IT'S FOR

Sports organizations hosting local training, specialized courses and coach development.

WHAT IT OFFERS

Up to \$1,000 per training opportunity

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Two deadlines of February 1 and August 1 of each year for funding in the same calendar year.

cityofgfp.com/clinichosting



Bob Neufeld Scholarship

WHO IT'S FOR

Individual athletes, volunteer coaches or officials who have a desire to further their expertise in their chosen sport.

WHAT IT OFFERS

\$1,200.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 1 of each year for funding in the same calendar year.

cityofgfp.com/bobneufeld



Perky McCullough Scholarship

WHO IT'S FOR

Athletes seeking to represent Canada in international sporting competitions and events.

WHAT IT OFFERS

\$2,500.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 1 of each year for funding in the same calendar year.

cityofgp.com/perkymccullough



Come Fly With Me Fund

WHO IT'S FOR

Local athletes who require assistance to enhance their training and development. Recipients should demonstrate and value contributing to their community and strive towards the building of mutually beneficial relationships.

WHAT IT OFFERS

This annual award is determined based on the value of the endowment fund each year.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 1 of each year for funding in the same calendar year.

cityofgp.com/comeflywithme



APPLYING FOR GRANTS

Each grant has its own application criteria and submission requirements.



Visit cityofgp.com/funding for full details on each funding stream and its application process.

Questions? Email grants@cityofgp.com and the team can help guide your through grant applications today.

GRANT DEADLINE QUICK GUIDE

Grant	Deadline
Community Group Funding:	April 30 for funding in the following calendar year.
Community Improvement Grant:	October 1 for funding in the following calendar year.
Community Microgrant:	Open year-round while funds allow.
Large-Scale Tourism Grant:	February 1 for funding in the same calendar year.
Arts & Culture Funding:	January 1 and August 1 for funding in the same calendar year.
Sport Hosting Grant:	January 1 and July 1 for funding in the same calendar year.
Pursuit of Excellence Funds:	February 1 and August 1; October 1 for scholarships for funding in the same calendar year.

Applicants should track deadlines carefully and plan for next-year funding unless otherwise stated.

For applications that are submitted related to the hosting of, or attendance at, specific events, these applications must be submitted prior to the event taking place in order to be considered eligible.

Applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year, but are not reviewed by the appropriate Committee, or approved by Council, until the intake deadline has passed.

GRANTING FAQs

Q: What funding opportunities are available for individuals versus registered community groups or non-profit organizations?

A: Individual Eligibility:

- Pursuit of Excellence, Community Microgrant, and Scholarships (e.g., Bob Neufeld, Perky McCullough, Come Fly With Me).
- Often limited to athletes, coaches, artists or volunteers pursuing individual development or training opportunities in their area of expertise.

Organization/Group Eligibility:

- Community Group Funding, Sport Hosting, Arts & Culture Funding, Community Improvement Grant, Large-Scale Tourism Grants, and Community Microgrant.
- Registered society or non-profit status required to be considered for most and in some cases, groups must have formal agreements with the City (especially for large operational or capital grants)

Q: My project meets some of the criteria for more than one grant funding stream, which one should I apply for?

A: Guide your choice based on the event type and your audience:

- Large-Scale Tourism Grant: Events with >35% of attendees from 100+ km away that are ticketed, takes place over 2+ days and focus on driving tourism within the region.
- Sport Hosting Grant: Recognized Provincial, National or International sporting events, or smaller sporting events that still bring in competitors from 100+km away.
- Arts & Culture Festival Funding: Local, culturally focused events that are open to the public and contribute to an increased quality of life in Grande Prairie. Can be ticketed but cannot be exclusive.

- Community Microgrant: Gatherings, activities, and celebrations of arts and culture that celebrate community connections and build civic pride.

Q: Which grants can be used for day-to-day operations, staffing, or overhead expenses?

A: Most grants are project-based and are used to cover costs associated with hosting events, participation costs or capital purchases. Applicants should clearly identify the purpose and ensure alignment with fund criteria before applying. Operational costs are only eligible in specific streams including the Small and Large Community Group Funding streams, and Operational & Performance Group Funding.

Q: How do I know whether I need to contribute matching funds, and how much am I required to contribute?

A: Capital Grant requests under Community Group Funding require 50% matching funds based on the total budget for the project.

Community Improvement Grant offers both:

- A matching stream (up to \$5,000 maximum), which can include cash contributions, volunteer hours, or Gift-in-Kind support.
- A non-matching stream (up to \$2,500 maximum).

Other funds (e.g., Arts and Culture, Pursuit of Excellence, Community Microgrant, Large-Scale Tourism) do not require matching contributions, but budgets and other sources of funding must be disclosed.

Q: How does geographic location impact my eligibility to receive funding from the City of Grande Prairie?

A: Applicants do not necessarily need to live within City limits, but funding is for projects, events, or development happening within the City or that enhance its reputation, economy, or wellbeing.

FACILITY VENUES & RENTALS

Hosting a major sport or cultural event



SPORT FACILITIES GUIDE AND HOTEL & EVENT FACILITIES GUIDE

Download our Sport Facilities Guide and Hotel & Event Facilities Guide at cityofgp.com/sporthosting or contact connections@cityofgp.com.



RENTAL SPACES

View our rental spaces at cityofgp.com/eventspace or contact bookings@cityofgp.com.



GIFT-IN-KIND SPACE ALLOCATIONS

Gift-in-kind space allocations can be requested through the operating request in the Community Group Funding opportunity. Visit cityofgp.com/funding or contact connections@cityofgp.com.

Booking gym or field space

Please contact bookings@cityofgp.com for any gym, ice or sports field booking inquiries.

Requesting new or upgraded facilities

Facility upgrades and developments can be requested through the capital request in the Community Group Funding opportunity. Visit cityofgp.com/funding or contact connections@cityofgp.com.

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