

Community Initiatives Program (CIP)

Overview

The Community Initiatives Program (CIP) aims to foster healthy, vibrant communities across Alberta. CIP is designed to support the efforts of eligible organizations that contribute to their communities and create opportunities for Albertans to engage with their communities.

CIP is a match-funding program. The applicant must contribute an amount equal to or exceeding the CIP grant request towards the expenses of the project.

CIP has three distinct funding streams to address the specific or unique needs of community organizations.

CIP Project-Based

CIP Project-Based stream provides funding support for community projects such as new or one-time initiatives, programs, equipment and projects or community events in Alberta. Projects must address a community identified need and demonstrate community involvement.

CIP Operating

CIP Operating provides funding support to eligible non-profit organizations in Alberta addressing social issues, enhancing the organization's ability to operate and deliver services to the community.

The CIP Operating stream supports core operations and capacity building for non-profit organizations whose mission outcomes and services make an impact in one of the following areas:

Funding Maximums

CIP Project-Based: \$75,000

CIP Operating: \$75,000

CIP MCSE: \$250,000

Matching Requirement:

Program funding is approved on a matching basis. The applicant must contribute an amount equal to or exceeding the grant request amount for project costs.

Each funding stream has specific matching requirements and are outlined in the program guidelines.

- Enhancing the quality of life of Albertans by providing direct programs and services that address social issues.
- Creating equitable access to human, social, and economic resources and services for all Albertans.
- Supporting community collaborations, involving multiple organizations, to address broader human or social issues.

CIP Major Cultural and Sport Events (MCSE)

CIP Major Cultural and Sport Events (MCSE) builds on Alberta's reputation as an attractive destination and proven capacity for hosting a range of national and international-calibre cultural and sport events.

CIP MCSE will consider the following type of events:

- **Cultural:** The focus is on national or international cultural events that are recognized by the respective governing body.
- **Sport:** The focus is on national or international amateur sports events recognized by national sport organizations or international federations. This could include national, world championships and world cup events.

Eligibility

Please refer to specific funding stream program guidelines for details on eligible organizations and projects.

Prior to Submission

Our programs fund projects that are planned and ready for implementation. Consider the following before you apply:

- Your organization and project aligns with program guidelines for eligibility.
- You are applying at minimum nine months before implementation of the project, one year would be best.
- Your matching funds are confirmed and/or fully in place for the project.

Priority will be given to:

- Projects that are planned with clearly defined project costs, timelines and outcomes.
- Projects/organizations that address a community identified need and demonstrate community involvement.
- Organizations that have demonstrated capacity and expertise to implement the project or mandate.

Application Submission

Applications can be submitted online or by mail. Please see the application package for more details.

Contact Information

Toll-free: 1.800.642.3855

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Important Dates 2021/20

CIP Project-Based and Operating

Intake Dates:

- Intake 1 January 15
- Intake 2 May 15
- Intake 3 September 15

Notification Dates

- Intake 1 June
- Intake 2 October
- Intake 3 March

MCSE

Intake Dates:

- Intake 1 April 1
- Intake 2 October 1

Notification Dates:

- Intake 1 June
- Intake 2 December

CIP Website

For more information, guidelines, applications, budget forms and detailed information on the funding streams visit alberta.ca/community-initiatives-program.aspx