

Multiculturalism, Indigenous and Inclusion Grant Program

Overview

The Multiculturalism, Indigenous and Inclusion Grant Program (the Program) supports initiatives and projects that promote multiculturalism and inclusion by building intercultural awareness and understanding. The Program fosters cultural awareness in communities across the province, and appreciation and celebration of Alberta's Indigenous and multicultural society. The Program strives to create a province, where people feel included, and that their culture and heritage is valued.

There are two distinct funding streams:

- Multiculturalism and Inclusion
- Indigenous

** Note: both funding streams will follow the Multiculturalism and Inclusion Grant Program guidelines, application, and reporting requirements. Applicants are asked to identify the funding stream they are applying to on the application form.*

Funding

Maximum funding amount is \$25,000

Matching Requirement:

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

Matching funding may be in the form of cash, donated labour (\$20/hr unskilled, \$35/hr skilled), and/or donated materials/services (verified at fair market value), or a combination thereof, all directly related to the project.

Eligible Organizations

- Community organizations registered and in good standing under one of the following acts:

Provincial Legislation (Alberta)

- *Agriculture Societies Act*
- Part 21 of the *Business Corporations Act* – Extra-Provincial Corporations*
- *Companies Act*, Part 9 (Nonprofit Companies)
- *Libraries Act*
- *Societies Act of Alberta*
- Special Act of the Alberta Legislature

Federal Legislation

- Special Act of the Parliament of Canada
- *Income Tax Act* (of Canada and operating in the Province of Alberta (Charities))
- A First Nation or Métis Settlement in Alberta
- A University, college, or institute as defined under Alberta's *Post-Secondary Learning Act*

** Must have an Alberta-based address which is regularly monitored by an active member of the organization.*

Program outcomes

Projects must meet one or more of the Program outcomes:

- Albertans have cross-cultural and/or intercultural understanding
- Albertans are aware of the impacts of discrimination and work collectively to reduce barriers
- Diverse backgrounds are celebrated by Albertans, creating welcoming and inclusive communities
- Albertans feel their culture and heritage is valued

Project Types

- **Training and education**, including initiatives to increase cultural awareness, and/or help Albertans understand the impact of discrimination as a barrier to full participation of individuals in society:
 - through activities such as workshops, roundtables, conferences, community conversations, social media initiatives, resources or tools for community use.
- **Capacity-building** in community through various activities:
 - sharing promising practices, research, and information
 - developing strategies to support multiculturalism, cultural exchange, and inclusion
 - evaluating existing initiative and programs to eliminate barriers to accessing these initiatives or programs
 - engaging community supporters, experts/elders, and partners in the project.
- **Enhancing Cultural Awareness** through community events that actively encourage participation of diverse people and celebrate the Indigenous and multicultural fabric of Alberta.

Community events that demonstrate the following, will be considered:

- involvement of more than one cultural group in the development and delivery of the event, fostering and demonstrating inclusion
- events that build greater awareness and understanding of the diversity of people in community
- active promotion to other cultures to participate in the event
- attendance open to the general public.

Higher Priority will be given to projects that:

- best meet the guideline criteria
- have an annual operating budget under \$500,000
- have not received prior Government of Alberta funding
- demonstrate the involvement of partner organizations from other diverse communities in its development, delivery, and follow up.

Important Dates

Intake Submission Deadlines:

- Intake 1 - March 1
- Intake 2 - September 1

Notification Dates:

- Intake 1 – August
- Intake 2 – February

Prior to Submission

Please review the Multiculturalism, Indigenous and Inclusion Program Guidelines and the Application Assistance Tool at alberta.ca/anti-racism-community-grant-program.aspx. The Application Assistance Tool provides information on tips for writing an application, checklist details, definitions, and examples of projects.

Application Submission

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