



Shape Your Community Grant

Overview

Do you have a great idea that'll make your community a better place to live?

The Shape Your Community Grant supports projects that provide opportunity for community connection. This can take many forms, such as working together, learning from one another, connecting across differences, and sharing common experiences. It can also look like small-scale neighbourhood improvement projects like planting gardens, installing public art, or improving accessibility.

The Shape Your Community Grant will award a maximum of \$1500 by reimbursement to approved applicants. Current recipients of our Grants to Organizations program are ineligible. Projects are expected to encourage widespread participation and to be guided by the following criteria:

Social Wellness- building new and meaningful connections through knowledge or skill sharing, intergenerational learning, or recreational opportunities.

Celebrate Diversity- providing opportunity to deepen understanding of one another, build inclusion, or create safer spaces for gathering.

Community Pride- bringing people together to beautify community spaces or learn more about our community.

Please Note: Any project or initiatives funded under the Shape Your Community grant must be free or low cost (cost recovery only) and open to the public.

Creativity and innovation are encouraged! If you aren't sure if your project meets these criteria, please email us at communitygrants@fortsask.ca to discuss your ideas or application.

All completed application packages can be returned to Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) via:

E-Mail: communitygrants@fortsask.ca

In Person: Deliver in sealed envelope
FCSS, City Hall Front Desk
10005 102 St., Fort Saskatchewan

Mail: Family and Community Support Services
City of Fort Saskatchewan
10005 102 St.
Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 2C5



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Eligibility Criteria

Who can apply:

- 1) Any Fort Saskatchewan resident.
- 2) Any civil society organization that is run primarily by volunteers.
- 3) School groups, classrooms and/or clubs.
- 4) Registered Charities and Non-Profit Organizations may be eligible for funding if they can demonstrate benefit to community members outside of an existing client base. Funds cannot be used to support existing programming, staff salaries or support capital projects.

Please note: The Shape Your Community Grant is only available to people and organizations local to Fort Saskatchewan. Current recipients of our Grants to Organizations are ineligible.

What kinds of expenses will the Shape Your Community grant cover?

- Honorariums for people or groups where fees are not traditionally required
- Cost of food and drink for volunteers and attendees
- Expenses directly tied to planning and implementation of project or event
- Fees for performers, speakers or other service providers

	Shape your community provides funding support for:	
Can you give me some examples of projects I can apply for?	• Hosting a round dance, cultural days, cooking classes etc. • Hosting workshops, public speakers, cultural events, skill sharing or leisure activities that are open to all • Hosting events that bring people together and allow opportunity for connection	• Installing artwork or murals in underutilized community spaces • Intergenerational learning opportunities • Planting flowers or edible gardens for the community to use/enjoy • Hosting neighbourhood cleanups • Starting tool or seed libraries



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Application Form

Applicant Name:

Applicant Organization:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Project Description: Tell us about your project! What will you do? Where? When? Who are you hoping to reach?

Project Outcomes: What are you hoping to achieve? What difference do you hope your project will make in your community?



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Community Involvement: Who will you involve? How will you let people know about your project? How will you reach and welcome those that may be new to our community or that you haven't connected with before?

Project Timeline: Start date, completion date & any related activities

The personal information requested on this form is being collected under the authority of Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Act) and will be used for the purpose of administering the City's Shape Your Community Grant Program. The information will be protected in accordance with the Act. If you have questions about the collection of information, please contact the: FOIP Coordinator for the City of Fort Saskatchewan at 780-992-6200

Applicants may apply for funding throughout the calendar year. It is recommended that you apply for funding, at minimum, six weeks prior to the expected completion date of your event or project. Larger projects and events may require additional permits or permissions increasing the time between funding approval and the completion date. Family and Community Support Services can help you navigate these processes or make recommendations to enhance project sustainability. Successful applicants will be given notice of their application status 10 business days after submission. Grant intake will close for the year when the total funding is allocated.



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