



2025 Operating Grant for Indigenous-led Organizations Program Guide

Edmonton

Grant Overview

The City of Edmonton's [Indigenous Framework](#) outlines the City's role as a listener, connector, advocate, and partner with the Indigenous community in advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice.

This Operating Grant provides funding for Edmonton's Indigenous-Led, not-for-profit organizations. The total operating grant budget is \$1,000,000 and grant awards may be up to a maximum of 25% of eligible operating expenses or \$50,000 and is based on the number of eligible applications.

If you have questions about any of this information please contact the Grants Office at grants@edmonton.ca or 780-496-4933.

Grant Priorities

The Operating Grant for Indigenous-led Organizations will help support Indigenous groups in their efforts to achieve the following:

- Promote the resurgence of Indigenous Peoples' culture, language, identity and ceremony.
- Ensure safe, inclusive, and healing spaces.
- Increase awareness and/or address responses to historical colonialism, trauma, and violence.
- Provide education, training, employment, and economic security for Indigenous Peoples.
- Support learning and advancing research.

Eligibility

Applicant:

To be eligible for the Grant, the applicant must:

- Be a not-for-profit organization registered for at least one year and be in good standing with the City of Edmonton. This means that the organization does not have any outstanding final reports and is not in arrears of payments to their City of Edmonton accounts.
- Be Indigenous-Led, which means they **must** have:
 - Majority of the board, management, and staff/volunteers identifying as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit)
 - Indigenous cultures central to history and development of the organization, its governance and daily operations
 - Programs/services developed by and for Indigenous people
- Have a minimum of 75% of its participants living in Edmonton.
- Have a mandate that aligns with one or more of the grant priorities.

- Not receive operating funds allocated by any other City of Edmonton source including City Council, Committees of City Council or grants administered by the Edmonton Arts Council or Edmonton Heritage Council.
- Organizations that have 2 years or more of unrestricted cash reserves or restricted but available for operating expenses, may not be considered for an operating grant.

Ineligible Expenses

- Capital projects (including: significant maintenance or repairs to buildings such as an addition or a new roof.)
- Fundraising expenses (e.g. Bingos and casinos).
- Expenses associated with income generating operations not directly associated with programs and services of the Organization (e.g. public food sales/catering/banquet services, facility rental)
- Depreciation/Amortization (Decreases the value of capital assets over time).
- Debt Repayment or Debt/Credit Interest - Expenses related to a line of credit, mortgage, credit card, overdraft or other debt, or the principle and interest on any credit or debt.

Grant Assessment

Applications are assessed based on the following:

- Organizational eligibility
- Alignment to grant priorities
- Eligible operating expenses
- Most recent year-end financial statements

Grant awards are determined by a formula based on the above criteria and the number of eligible applications. The maximum award amount per organization is \$50,000.

Operating funding will be provided for 2025.

Grant Timelines

(The timelines below are subject to change)

December 29, 2024 - Application deadline

December 29 - January 15, 2025 - Review applications

January 24, 2025 - Applicants will be notified of funding decisions

Final Reporting

Successful applicants will be responsible for reporting on how operating dollars supported them in advancing their mandate, and:

- How the organization addressed one or more of the grant priorities
- Examples of the programs offered that supported each of the priorities selected
- Number of people who attended or participated in the programs identified
- The priority areas in which the organization had the largest impact

Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted by **Wednesday, December 29, 2024 by 8:00 pm**. Late applications will not be accepted.

The following required documents must be included in the online Application:

- Most recent audited year-end financial statements (see Financial Statement Example), signed by 2 Board members **OR**
- Most recent internally generated financial statements (those that are not presented either as a notice to reader, a review or an audit) signed by 2 Board members and must include a bank reconciliation and bank statement as at the fiscal year-end
- Grant Financial Information Form

For more information about the Grant contact: Grants@edmonton.ca