Yellowknife Small Grants

What is the Yellowknife Small Grants Program?

Yellowknife Small Grants is a program that provides up to $1,000 to individuals to do local projects that focus on building community and making their community better places to live. The program is based on a simple but powerful idea: that everyone is a valuable member of the community and that we all have something to share.

How do you apply?

You can apply online at https://www.ykcf.ca/ If you need help with your application, please contact us at information@ykcf.ca or 867-446-4527.

Who can apply?

Any current resident of Yellowknife (6 months or more) is eligible to apply for a grant up to $1,000 for a project in Yellowknife.

- We encourage people of all ages to get involved.
- Projects can be carried out by an individual. The applicant can partner with family members, a neighbour, friend, group, or organization.
- Charities, businesses, and service clubs are not eligible to apply.

What kinds of ideas get funded?

Lots of different ideas are funded, with a focus on those that build connections. Examples include:

- block parties
- emergency preparedness workshops
- art-making projects and art shows
- community garden projects
- book exchange boxes or little community libraries
- music, harvest and lantern festivals
- cultural celebrations
- sports days
- and much more!

What is the timeline?

- Applications will be open twice annually for approximately 1 month in the Fall and Spring.
- Retroactive funding is not available, so projects can start once the applicants have been notified that their application has been approved.
- After applications close, top applications will be shortlisted by the Yellowknife Community Foundation staff and asked to answer a few more questions. Shortlisted applications will be reviewed and scored by the Grants Committee.
- Applicants can expect to be notified of the grant within a month of the applications closing.

What are the other guidelines for projects?

- Applicants must track their expenses and provide receipts to the Yellowknife Community Foundation once their project is completed, along with a final report.
- Projects must be free to attend, accessible, and welcoming to community members.
- Grant recipients may request small, voluntary donations from participants.
- Grant recipients may not fundraise for other projects and/or organizations during your event. However, grant recipients are welcome to seek donations or gifts in kind from local businesses to help support the project.
- Projects should have a clear and achievable plan for implementation.
- Projects taking place on streets or public spaces and/or parks must follow municipal by-laws and have proper permits if required.
- Most projects will not require liability insurance, but bigger projects or events may need them. If you do, we may provide a conditional acceptance to you, and you will have to secure the insurance before you receive the grant.

Eligible Costs

- Materials and supplies directly related to the project.
- Venue rental for community events.
- Marketing and promotional costs for the project.
- Equipment rentals needed for the project's execution.
- Honorarium up to a max. of $500 per project for skills or knowledge contribution, excluding the grant recipient (must be reasonable, and must be approved by the Yellowknife Community Foundation prior to spending).
  - The grant recipient may receive a max. of $200 themselves for skills or knowledge contribution

What happens after your project is completed?

- Share your story with a few photos or video, and a short story on how it went. Your story will inspire other ideas!
- Return the expense form and any unused money.
- Participate in the survey after your project is complete.
- Join the Grants Committee the following year if you are interested.

Have a question?

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