

Grants Summary Overview



Calgary Foundation application-based grant programs are available to registered charities and other qualified donees as defined by the [Canada Revenue Agency](#), in Calgary and the surrounding area, and Treaty 7 Nations.

Organizations can apply to more than one grant program at a time for different pieces of work. In general, an organization can hold a maximum of one active grant in each program. An exception may apply to organizations supporting a non-profit or collaborative group of charities. Please check the grant program guidelines for details.

Grant Program	Description	Deadline	Funding Level
Major Grants	Supports large-scale initiatives with transformational impact that broadly enrich the community.	November (<i>check website for precise deadlines</i>)	Grants sizes vary, maximum is roughly \$1M
Community Grants	Strengthening all parts of the charitable sector and engaging citizens in building their communities. Supports Existing Programs or New/Expanded Projects that represent significant strategic enhancements to programs and services.	Mid-February	Grant sizes vary, the average is \$75,000
		Mid-September (<i>check website for precise deadlines</i>)	
Daryl K. Seaman Canadian Hockey Fund	Supports all aspects of amateur sports in Canada. Includes new initiatives that encourage young people to learn about, enjoy and play amateur sport of all kinds as well as those that increase equal access and promote participation in community-based amateur sport. (Open to charities across Canada).	Mid-November	Grants sizes vary, the average is \$45,000
Strategic Opportunity Grants	Strategic Opportunity Grants provide support to small charities, with emerging needs, for the exploration and development of solution-based initiatives.	End of each month	Grants sizes vary, the maximum is \$15,000
Neighbour Grants	Support small projects led by people in their own neighbourhoods and communities to build their sense of belonging. A charity must be a partner on the project for the project to be eligible for this grant.	Multiple deadlines throughout the year	Grants sizes vary, the maximum is \$10,000
Stepping Stones (<i>open to charities and non-profits</i>)	Support very small projects led by people in their own neighbourhoods and communities to build their sense of belonging. Registered non-profit societies led by people from that community are eligible for this grant. So too are projects where a charity is a project partner.	Apply anytime, allowing at least 8 weeks before your project date(s).	Ranging from \$100 – \$1000
Impact Investing (<i>open to charities and non-profits</i>)	Debt financing (loans) to charities and non-profit organizations. Augments investments from traditional financial institutions or provides investments to organizations with credit capacity, but who are unable to secure financing from a bank or other financial institution.	Ongoing	Size of investments vary. Expected range is \$500K – \$1M
Donor Advised Grants	Donors are actively involved in recommending support for organizations and causes that matter to them.	No applications	Varies widely

Catchment Area

- Calgary
- Banff National Park
- Canmore
- Municipal Districts (*including cities, towns and hamlets within*)
 - Big Horn
 - Foothills
 - Kananaskis
 - Rockyview
 - Wheatland
- Stoney Nakoda Nations (Chiniki, Bearspaw, Goodstoney)
- Kainai Nation
- Piikani Nation
- Siksika Nation
- Tsuut'ina Nation



What we don't support through application-based grants:

- Activities that do not align with Calgary Foundation's stated values
- Research other than Participatory Action Research
- Fundraising activities or fundraisers' salaries
- Debt retirement and endowment building
- Direct financial supports to individuals
- Exclusively religious activities (defined as religious worship or instruction), those that include proselytizing (defined as converting or recruiting people to a specific set of religious beliefs), or programs/services that require participation in religious activities.
- Requests from private schools except Designated Special Education Private Schools (DSEPS) that serve students who are identified with a mild, moderate or severe disability
- Travel outside of Calgary and area or the surrounding First Nations of Treaty 7 territory

Application-based grants must demonstrate impact within our catchment area (orange areas, including Airdrie, Banff, Canmore and Cochrane.)

Who assesses grant requests:

Volunteer committees assess the majority of application-based grant program requests. The committees are composed of Calgary Foundation board members and other community leaders and staff with diverse backgrounds in philanthropy, community-building, and life experience.

Get in touch:

Calgary Foundation is striving to make all our grant processes equitable. Grants Associates provide input, support and guidance to applicants and we are open to learning how we might make our processes more accessible to equity-seeking communities.

Whenever possible, we are happy to chat about your initiative or idea before you apply. Please review the program guidelines and contact us to discuss any questions. If you are not sure which type of grant is the best fit, please contact us at:

grants@calgaryfoundation.org