



RBC Foundation



**CALGARY
FOUNDATION**
Neighbour Grants

PITCH NIGHT: A Neighbour Grants LIVE event

What is Neighbour Grants?

People of a place or community have great ideas for how to make things better. Since 2000, Neighbour Grants has helped people implement their own *small acts of community* right in the neighbourhoods and communities where they live by offering small grants for project expenses.

The small acts of community we support tend to be projects where people:

- **Build** gathering spaces, such as community gardens and naturalized areas
- Engage people in **creative ways to address shared concerns**, such as community-created street murals, anti-racism arts festivals, and non-partisan workshops on the importance of voting
- Foster a sense of **pride and presence**, such as cultural sharing events and community achievement celebrations
- Give people a chance to **get involved in community life**, such as book- or tool-sharing libraries, new kinds of neighbourhood festivals, and skills-sharing events
- **Plan and guide** neighbourhood and community development, such as resident-driven design or sustainability projects and Reconciliation-themed learning initiatives

To qualify, the small acts of community must:

- Help people be **leaders** within the everyday life of their own communities
- Form new or stronger **connections** between local people, groups, and organizations
- Create or strengthen people’s sense of **belonging** and **inclusion**

What is PITCH NIGHT: A Neighbour Grants LIVE event?

Once each year, Calgary Foundation partners with RBC Foundation to turn regular Neighbour Grants into a LIVE event where up to ten projects are invited to ‘pitch’ their idea to a live studio audience. The live studio audience’s vote helps us award up to \$50,000 of grants that night.

Essentially ...

Neighbour Grants	PITCH NIGHT: A Neighbour Grants LIVE Event
Same kinds of projects	Same kinds of projects
Grants up to \$5,000	Grants between \$3,000 to \$10,000
Paper application only	Paper application and (if selected) a presentation to a live studio audience
Four application deadlines a year	One application deadline a year
	Great way to bring more attention to your project and to build your community

How to apply for *PITCH NIGHT: A Neighbour Grants LIVE event*

Contact Calgary Foundation to discuss your initiative, eligibility, and upcoming deadlines before working on an application. We're here to help.

Get the application form from the Calgary Foundation website, fill it out, and submit it:

- By mail or in person – 1180 105 12 Avenue SE, Calgary AB T2G 1A1
OR
- By email – NGP@CalgaryFoundation.org

Note: If you contact us early enough, we can review a draft.

Who can apply?

Registered charities and other qualified doneesⁱ can apply for projects that take place in Calgary and areaⁱⁱ. If your group is not a registered charity, please call us to discuss options.

What can the grant be used for?

The grant is for costs of volunteer and community involvement. *Examples* include: Event space rental, refreshments, supplies that people will use to build or offer something for the community, or fees for artists who help people participate and create something great.

The grant CANNOT be used for: Debt retirement, expenses already spent, facility improvements, fundraising projects, ongoing operating, or for projects with costly ticket prices

Timeline:

January 3, 2019	Application opens . Starting today, you will find the Pitch Night application on the Calgary Foundation website.
February 26, 2019	Application closes at 11:59 PM. <i>Only applications received by Calgary Foundation no later than 11:59 PM will be considered.</i>
Mid-March 2019	Finalists are selected, notified, and offered coaching session(s) on how to present their project.
April 6, 2019 (4 to 7 PM)	Finalists present their project in front of a live audience at the <i>PITCH event</i> . Audience votes help award up to \$50,000 in grants.
May to December 2019	Grant recipients carry out their projects.

What else do you need to know?

If you are awarded a grant, you will be expected to:

- Acknowledge the support of the grant and its two partners - Calgary Foundation and RBC Foundation - in project materials and at events.
- Invite us to key project events. We like to attend and see your project in action.
- Participate in storytelling opportunities we might provide. Help us inspire other people to apply to our regular *Neighbour Grants* or to next year's *PITCH event*
- Consult us **first** if you think of changing aspects of the project or how you spend the grant. We will do our best to help you respond to changing circumstances.
- Tell us your project story through the *Neighbour Grants Final Project Report Form*. (Look at the form as you start your project so you know what data to collect.)

Need Inspiration?

Visit the Calgary Foundation [YouTube Channel](#) for stories of projects that have received Neighbour Grants to see the kinds of things we have in mind.

Questions?

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ⁱ Go to Canada Revenue Agency's Charities Listings website to see if your organization is a qualified donee:
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/charitylists/>

ⁱⁱ Calgary and area includes: Calgary, Banff National Park, Canmore, Rocky View County, and the Municipal Districts of Big Horn, Foothills, Kananaskis and Wheatland, and the surrounding First Nations.