

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Community Change grant?

- Grants of **up to \$2,000** are available to support innovative projects and ideas that bring people together for positive social change and enhance community safety and well-being.

Am I guaranteed to receive a \$2,000 grant?

No.

- All eligible applications are reviewed by a review team and will be funded in a fair and equitable manner.
- The grant is intended to supplement projects and projects may be granted partial funding.

Can Strathcona County employees apply for Community Change Grant funding?

Yes.

- Strathcona County employees who meet all other application requirements are encouraged to apply. Family and Community Services staff are not eligible.

Can youth apply for a Community Change Grant?

Yes.

- A youth can be the leader of the initiative, however, an individual over eighteen years of age is responsible for signing the application, receiving the funds, keeping all receipts and reporting on the project.

Can businesses apply for a Community Change grant?

No.

- Individual citizens, formal or informal groups (examples include: faith-based groups, schools, community leagues and senior centres) who wish to collaborate on a creative project for positive change in their community are eligible.

Can an applicant apply in 2022 if they have an outstanding final grant report from a previous Community grant?

- If you have an outstanding grant report from a previous Community grant, contact Strathcona County Family and Community Services to discuss before applying.

Can these grants be used to host or organize a fundraising project or initiative?

No.

- Community Change grants cannot be used for fundraising events or to host charity walks or runs.

Can residents apply for a Community Connection Grant AND a Community Change Grant?

Yes.

- Both Grants contribute to the Social Framework outcome of connectedness and inclusion and further community safety and well-being.
- **Community Connection** grants are smaller, typically event based and **Community Change** grants are project based. Find out more information on both grants at www.strathcona.ca/communitygrants.
- If your application is better suited to a Community Connection grant, the FCS Grants team will contact you about shifting your application to the other granting stream.
- Both granting streams run concurrently.

Are matching dollars required?

No.

- Community Change Grants are intended to ease the financial barrier for residents addressing a social issue for positive change.
- Although matching dollars are not required, applicants may identify Goods in Kind through volunteer hours or independent donations on the application form.

Can applicants receive funds from other County sources (i.e. Councillor Priority Funds, SCIP funding, etc.) to fund the same activity?

Yes.

- However, the various funding sources must be allocated towards the purchase of different items.
- All sources of funding should be identified in the revenue portion of the application.

Can an applicant make money (and keep it) during the project or activity?

No.

- You cannot make money through the grant. Grant dollars will not support private gain or be used as a fundraiser for other projects.

Once an application has been approved, when do the grant dollars need to be spent?

- Unused dollars from Community Change grants must be returned within 30 days of project completion.
- If you have grant dollars remaining by December 31, 2022, contact the FCS Grants Team at 780-464-4044 to discuss options.

Can an applicant apply for funding if the project has already taken place?

No.

- Approved expenses will only cover items purchased after June 1, 2022.

Can the Strathcona County logo be used on promotional material?**No.**

- As Strathcona County is not the organizer of the activity, it is not appropriate to feature Strathcona County's logo on promotional material.
- Recipients are asked to mention the grant when promoting or discussing the event or project, and use the phrase "funded in part by a Strathcona County Community Change Grant."

What is the deadline to apply for the Community Change grant?

- Applications are available between April 1 – 30, 2022.

How do I submit my application?

- Complete the application online, print the application and sign on page 11.
- Scan and email back to familyandcommunity@strathcona.ca or by mail to
Strathcona County Family and Community Services
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Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3W7