

## Community Initiatives Program

The Community Initiatives Program (CIP) provides funds to enhance and enrich community initiatives throughout Alberta. The program is intended to reinvest revenues generated from provincial lotteries in communities, to empower local citizens, and community organizations to work together and respond to local needs.

Within CIP there are four funding streams:

- **Project-Based Stream** - provides financial assistance for community organizations for such things as equipment purchases, facility construction or renovation projects, hosting/travel/special events, new programs or special funding (ie disaster) requests within Alberta.
- **Major Cultural and Sports Event (MCSE) Stream** - builds on Alberta's reputation as an attractive destination and proven capacity for hosting a range of national and international caliber cultural and sport events.

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- **Operating Stream** - provides financial assistance to registered non-profit organizations in Alberta to enhance the organization's ability to operate and deliver services to the community. Contacts: [Lori.Campbell@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Lori.Campbell@gov.ab.ca), 780-427-0387; [Winston.McConnell@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Winston.McConnell@gov.ab.ca), 780-422-2258
- **International Development Streams** - provides financial assistance to small and medium sized Alberta based non-government organizations to meet Alberta's commitment to give people in developing countries the tools to eventually meet their own needs. The purpose of the international development grants are to match or supplement the donations the citizens of Alberta make to humanitarian projects of their choosing. Contact: [Jackie.Switzer@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Jackie.Switzer@gov.ab.ca), 780-422-2315

**The general funding limits under these Streams are:**

- Project-Based stream - Maximum \$75,000
- Major Cultural and Sports Event stream - \$250,000
- Community Operating Grants - Maximum \$60,000 core, \$15,000 organizational development
- International Development Grants - Maximum \$25,000

Website: [www.culture.alberta.ca/community/community-grants/community-initiatives-program](http://www.culture.alberta.ca/community/community-grants/community-initiatives-program)

## **Community Facility Enhancement Program**

The Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) has been established to assist in fostering the unique characteristics of Alberta’s many communities. To accomplish this, the program has been designed to respond to local facility enhancement needs and to work in partnership with community groups and volunteers.

### **The general funding limits under the program are:**

- CFEP Small Funding Stream - Maximum \$125,000
- CFEP Large Funding Stream – Minimum \$125,001 to maximum \$1,000,000

### **Specific project limitations are:**

Only one CFEP application can be approved per organization per year. Each CFEP application must relate to only one facility. Capital funding will be limited to one grant per organization in each fiscal year from CFEP or CIP (i.e. April 1 to March 31). The applicant can request funding assistance for a planning study, a capital project or a combination of the two.

### **Eligible projects may include (but are not limited to) the following:**

- building construction
- capital equipment
- building purchase
- facility renovations/upgrades

### **Specific restrictions on projects that would not be funded by CFEP include (but are not limited to) the following:**

- retroactive expenses
- licensed vehicles
- private or commercial sector facilities
- costs related to any gaming activity
- core/essential municipal facilities
- debt reduction

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