

Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund Community Celebrations Program

Application Deadline: Quarterly, on September 15, December 15, March 15 and June 15

How to Apply: Submit a completed application form and supporting documents to ACSC@gov.mb.ca. Maximum one Community Celebrations grant per year per applicant.

Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund

The Manitoba government's Arts, Culture and Sport in Community (ACSC) fund provides grants to support the arts, culture (heritage, public libraries, and ethnocultural organizations) and amateur sport sectors, enhancing Manitobans' opportunities to access quality programming and facilities in their own community.

Purpose of the Community Celebrations Program

The Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Celebrations Program will support community events and celebrations that bring Manitobans together to celebrate their unique culture, heritage, and/or community.

Eligible Applicants

Non-profit organizations in operation for at least one year prior to application, school parent council groups, municipalities (including local authorities such as planning districts), First Nations, Métis locals and Northern Affairs Community Councils are eligible to apply.

A non-profit organization is defined as one whose activities are carried out with no financial gain to any of its members. To be eligible, non-profit organizations must be able to provide evidence, on request, that the organization is active and in good standing.

Ineligible Applicants

- Individuals
- For-profit entities
- Public institutions such as universities, colleges, school boards and hospitals

Eligible Projects

- The event may be a one-time or recurring event, festival or celebration that creates opportunities for Manitobans to celebrate their unique heritage, culture or community.
- The event must be located in Manitoba and targeted to Manitobans.
- The event must be not-for-profit.
- The event should promote cultural exchange and be rooted in inclusion and belonging.

Ineligible Projects

- Projects with limited or restricted public access
- Projects related to religious activities or programs
- Projects receiving funding through the Building Sustainable Communities program in the same fiscal year

Eligible Project Costs

All costs associated with planning and carrying out the event incurred on or after the date of application, with the exception of any ineligible costs outlined below.

NOTE: The applicant must demonstrate that it has (or how it will acquire) the resources to complete the project. Applicant budgets may include the following funding types:

- self-generated revenues/funds on hand, federal or local government contributions, grants, donations, fundraising and sponsorships
- in-kind contributions: volunteer labour, donated materials, loaned equipment
 - In-kind contributions are eligible project costs/revenues and can be used toward the applicant's contribution, but are not eligible for provincial ACSC funding.

Ineligible Project Costs

- Event prizes
- Alcohol or gambling permits
- Creation, production or distribution of souvenirs or items for resale
- Capital-related expenses

Note: Expenses incurred before the application is received are ineligible. If you incur expenses for your project after applying but before receiving written confirmation of your funding approval, you will be doing so at your own risk.

Assessment Criteria

- Impact on Community / Manitobans
- Accessibility of event for all Manitobans
- Partnerships and other collaborations

Completed applications will be reviewed and assessed by department officials. Recommendations will be made based on merit, ability to complete the project, alignment with program objectives, government priorities and availability of funds. Incomplete applications cannot be assessed.

Provincial Contribution

ACSC will provide a provincial contribution of up to 100% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$5,000.

Payment Terms and Conditions

- Following project approval, a project contribution agreement will be signed between the applicant and the Manitoba government.
- Project contribution agreements will outline the terms, the acceptable use of funds, project milestones and end date, payment process, deliverables and reporting requirements.
- Funding will be provided upon signing the project contribution agreement.
- Applicants with any outstanding reporting requirements will be considered ineligible for future intakes until fulfilling the obligations within the contribution agreement.
- All payments are subject to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba duly appropriating the funds payable by the Manitoba government in each year they are to be paid.

- Project funds may only be used for the purposes identified in the agreement. All surplus, ineligible, or unexpended grant funds are subject to recoupment by the Manitoba government.
- All projects are subject to audit by the Manitoba government.

I have a question not covered here. Can someone assist me?

If further assistance is required, please email ACSC@gov.mb.ca or phone Manitoba Government Inquiry, 1-866-MANITOBA