

City of Kelowna Community Social Development Grant Program 2024



INTAKE:
3:30 pm Friday, February 23, 2024

Program Objective

To assist community organizations to improve the social well-being and resiliency of the community, with a particular focus on promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Community Priorities

Applications which respond to community priorities identified through community strategies and reports are encouraged.

Examples Include:

- Central Okanagan Poverty and Wellness Strategy
- Central Okanagan Journey Home Strategy Mid-Term Report
- Community for All: Kelowna's all Ages & Abilities Action Plan
- Kelowna's Healthy Housing Strategy

Community Social Development: 3 Grant Categories

Operational Grants

Assist with core operating activities and expenses

- Maximum of 25% of the organization's budget; up to \$25,000.

Project Grants

To cover costs of hosting and promoting special events (facility rental, guest speakers, food, advertising, promotional items, etc.); administrative and delivery costs for short term programs/projects (supplies and materials, facility rental, etc.); minor capital costs (e.g. office equipment) and non-permanent staffing

- Maximum of 50% of the costs of the project; up to \$25,000.

• Emergency Grants

Organization Profile

- Kelowna based, established non-profit social service organization which have a mission to generate, promote or accelerate socially beneficial services or programs in the City of Kelowna
- Incorporated and actively providing the majority of their public programs and services in Kelowna for at least two years prior to the application deadline
- Demonstrate an inclusive, diverse and welcoming approach in their operations and activities

Organization Eligibility

- Be a registered charity or non-profit society for at least 2 years at the time of submission
- Be physically located, have an active presence and have the majority of its programs and services delivered within the City of Kelowna for at least the last two years
- Have a social service mandate and profile which is consistent with the guidelines
- Have **fulfilled all reporting requirements** for any previous City of Kelowna grants or funding support
- Have a Board of Directors of volunteers and representatives of its mission and purpose

Intermediary Agency Agreements

- If *not* a registered charity, then secure an intermediary
- The applying organization and the intermediary organization must be **like-minded**
- A written agreement must be in place and included with the grant application
- Contact [Central Okanagan Foundation](#) for a copy of the agreement template

Ineligible Organizations:

- Organizations whose mandates, operations and activities are not consistent with the Community Social Development Grant program objectives, description and/ or eligibility requirements
- Organizations which have outstanding indebtedness to the City of Kelowna or which have not fulfilled reporting requirements for any previous grants from the City of Kelowna
- Unincorporated committees, groups, collectives or individuals

Geographical Requirements

Geographic limits:

Programs crossing city boundaries are eligible to apply for funding; however, grant funds can **ONLY** be used for the portion delivered within the City of Kelowna, for the benefit of City of Kelowna residents.

Assessment Criteria:

The criteria listed below and in Schedule 1 (of the guidelines) represent 'good' practices for program development and delivery.

1. Respond to one of the Resiliency Priority Areas
2. Demonstrate an evidence-based approach to improving social well being
3. Respond to dynamic community needs that are based on local research and/or community strategies
4. Demonstrate collaboration with other service providers and/or partners in the community.
5. Provide clearly defined timelines and measurable performance targets to evaluate impact
6. Demonstrate how the project/program will lead to sustained improvements with prevent or mitigate the impact of social inequities on vulnerable populations
7. Demonstrate need for funding and a clear plan for future funding from other sources

Resiliency Priority Area

Social Development Grants are investments that contribute to a healthy city for all. They support nonprofit community-based programs that facilitate the social, physical, spiritual, mental and emotional well-being of people. Applications which address one of the identified Resiliency Priority Areas will be given a higher priority for funding.

Resiliency Priority Area cont'd

Social & Community Connections: Increase opportunities for connection and support for people who are isolated or who are experiencing social, physical and/or economic disadvantage.

Housing & Homelessness: Increase organizational and/or community capacity to prevent homelessness and increase access to basic needs supports (e.g., housing, food, health and wellness) for those experiencing housing instability.

Resiliency Priority Area cont'd

Truth & Reconciliation: Implement actions to advance truth and reconciliation and to redress the ongoing effects of colonialism and the legacy of residential schools.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion: Promote equity, diversity and inclusion by responding to the needs of underrepresented communities, including Indigenous, visible minority, immigrant and refugee communities; members of the LGBTQ2S+ community; people with Diverse Abilities; and women.

Approaches to improve social well-being

1. Increase equity of access to opportunities by addressing barriers at the individual, organizational, and/or systems level(s).
2. Develop new partnerships to mobilize existing community assets, encourage shared learning and/or enable collective action.
3. Facilitate the meaningful engagement of people from underrepresented communities in decision making and leadership. This may include engaging people with lived or living experience in the design, development and/or delivery of projects or programs, or in organizational governance.
4. Support healthy youth development by co-creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, make connections, and contribute to their communities

Include

- Accountant prepared or official financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year
- Board of Directors list
- Maximum 3 support letters on letterhead, signed and dated
- Quotes (if required)
- Intermediary Agreement (if required)
- Completed checklist

Submit

One electronic copy of the entire grant package to

abbie@centralokanaganfoundation.org

Timelines

Deadline	Grant Review	Notification	Distribution	Final Report
3:30 pm, Friday Feb 23, 2024	April 5, 2024	Mid April 2024	Within 30 days of written notification from the foundation	A final report is submitted within 30 days of the end of grant term

No exceptions or extensions

Final Report

- A final report template is available on the Central Okanagan Foundation website

Emergency Grants

- Availability is dependent upon a reserve of money within the Social Development Grant Reserve
- For eligible organizations facing a financial crisis
- Not reviewed as part of the Community Social Development Grants; can apply year-round
- \$5,000 maximum
- Can receive funding once in a 3-year period

Contact Information

Should you have any questions or concerns,
please contact:

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Organizational Development Grant

- Provide assistance to non-profits, registered charities, or organizations to undertake activities or initiatives which develop the organization's capacity and sustainability
- Up to 50% of the total project cost, maximum of \$5,000 (Matching support required from other sources)
- The total amount available is \$30,000
- On-going deadlines. Guidelines from City of Kelowna website. Applications from City of Kelowna staff
- Examples: board governance, strategic planning, leadership training, fund development, certification or accreditation

Central Okanagan Foundation

- Grant up to \$15,000
- Multi-year operating (up to 3 years) May intake only or One - year project (not one year operating) October intake
- Within boundaries of School District #23
- Multi-year operating grants open to registered charities only, project grants charities and non-profits with an intermediary
- May 1 & October 1, 2024

Grant Information Session

Central Okanagan Foundation Grants

March 13, 2024

- Register via email: lisa@centralokanaganfoundation.org



April 6th 2024
Coast Capri Hotel

Conference 9:30am- 4:00pm
Networking event 4:00pm- 6:00pm
Registration opens in January at Kelowna.ca/culture

\$55 Registration fee Includes:

- *An inspiring keynote address*
- *15 unique breakout sessions of your choice on topics that matter to your organization*
- *coffee chats & networking lunch*
- *door prizes*
- *great conversations with others in the field.*

A non-profit capacity building event, to get tips, tricks and above all concrete solutions to advance your organization.

Explore a variety of topics through express sessions in subjects that matter the most to you. **Reflect** on your programs, services and impact to our community. **Connect** with other non-profit leaders, through small group community of practice sessions, coffee breaks, conversation starters and a social networking event.

Together let us Re-Imagine the possibilities!



Key-Note Speaker Beth Hanishewski

Re-imagining collaboration with real humans : Life is simple until you add other



Community Prosperity Fund

- The Community Prosperity Fund - a three-year, \$25 million program to invest in community organizations working on poverty reduction and social inclusion
- Applications will open at the end of February, 2024 and close at the end of March

Community Prosperity Fund



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