

Faith-based and Cultural Facility Relaunch Grant

A One-time Alberta Recovery Grant Fact Sheet

Overview

The Government of Alberta will support organizations with the relaunch of facilities used for cultural and/or religious gatherings by providing one-time funding to help offset the additional costs incurred, to ensure these public spaces are available to the community, and meet the appropriate public health directives for Albertans during the COVID-19 crisis. The organizations covered under this grant include faith-based and cultural organizations that have a religious, spiritual or ceremonial component.

Important Dates:

Open for Applications November 1, 2020

Intake Deadlines:

- December 15, 2020
- March 1, 2021

Faith-based and cultural organizations that provide spaces for communities, groups and individuals to meet, gather, and celebrate will be able to access this funding to help cover a portion of their restart costs to a maximum of \$5,000. This would include facility space changes to create no-contact areas, better ventilation, procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE), contracted cleaning services, technology upgrades for online delivery of services and language translation of health-related signage.

This one-time reimbursement is intended to support faith-based and cultural organizations in bringing their facilities and events into compliance with current public health directives and ensure the safety of participants in the organization's activities.

Program Outcomes

- Faith-based and cultural organizations that temporarily closed due to the emergency health directives are able to re-open and bring their indoor facilities in alignment with COVID-related public health directives.
- Faith-based and cultural organizations are able to continue religious and cultural activities in light of new public health restrictions.

Eligibility Criteria

- Faith-based and cultural organizations that operate indoor facilities supporting frequent (i.e. once a week or more) community gatherings.
 - Places of worship and cultural organizations whose mandate includes a religious, spiritual, or ceremonial component.
 - Organizations must be incorporated and operate within the Province of Alberta.
 - To be eligible, organizations must be registered (and in good standing) under one of these Acts:
 - **Provincial Legislation:**
 - Organizations incorporated under the *Religious Societies' Land Act*, Part 2*
 - Part 21 of the *Business Corporations Act* - Extra-Provincial Corporations
 - *Companies Act*, Part 9 (Non-profit Companies)
 - *Societies Act of Alberta*
 - Special Act of the Alberta Legislature
 - **Federal Legislation**
 - Special Act of the Parliament of Canada
 - Registered Charities under the Income Tax Act (of Canada and operating in the Province of Alberta (Charities))
 - First Nations and Metis Settlements
- *Organizations incorporated under the Religious Societies' Land Act (Part 2), Part 2 denotes registration with Alberta Corporate Registries as an incorporated body.
- Organizations that have restart or relaunch costs associated with bringing facilities into compliance with new public health directives (such as sanitization, signage, PPE, and upgrade of public spaces to create no-contact areas).
 - Funds received must be spent on a facility and/or activities in Alberta that support Albertans.
 - Organizations that have received the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Relaunch Grant are not eligible.
 - Organizations that do not own their facility need to demonstrate that they have an existing tenant-landlord agreement for a minimum of two years, which has not been terminated due to non-payment.
 - Priority will be given to small-medium sized organizations.

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Other Relevant Grants

The Multiculturalism, Indigenous and Inclusion Grant (MIIG) Program supports initiatives and projects that builds intercultural awareness, and understanding. The Program fosters cultural awareness in communities across the province, and an appreciation and celebration of Indigenous Peoples and multicultural society in Alberta.

The Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) provides funding for capital upgrades of facilities or to acquire, build, purchase, repair, renovate or expand sports, recreational, cultural or other related public-use community facilities.

The Community Initiatives Program (CIP) Project Based grant provides funding to support community program development and expansion that enhance and enrich communities throughout Alberta.

Eligible Expenses

Organizations will be reimbursed for the following costs, which have been incurred within the period of April 1, 2020 to March 1, 2021:

- PPE, cleaning supplies, contactless dispensers
- Translation and printing services for health-related signage
- Small facility space changes to comply with new public health restrictions (such as ventilation and sanitization equipment or space changes to allow social-distancing facility access and flow, such as temporary barriers, fixtures, or spacing to widen aisles, etc.)
- Contracted cleaning services
- Technology upgrades for online delivery of services (such as audio-visual equipment, accounts for online streaming and meetings)

Ineligible Expenses

Organizations may not use funds for:

- Mortgage or rent payments
- Loan payments

- Equipment purchase or replacement costs, other than for sanitization purposes or technology upgrades as identified under Eligible Expenses
- Wages and benefits
- Programming or administration costs
- Regular repairs, maintenance, capital upgrades or operational overhead costs
- Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under another government grant program
- Any costs incurred outside the period of April 1, 2020 to March 1, 2021

Please note that the CIP Project-Based guidelines will govern any process that falls outside of this fact sheet and the Program Overview.

Application Submission

The application package must include:

- Fully completed application
- Expense Claim Sheet
- Direct deposit form
- Copies of paid invoices by the organization* for eligible costs
- Most recent financial statement and current bank statement
- Fully completed checklist document confirming the organization's legal status and indicating that no funding from the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant has been received by the organization
- Two-year formal lease agreement (if relevant)
- Submission of the completed application to the email below

*Invoices will only be accepted if they are paid in the organization's name.

Application package submission is by email to:

LFP.application@gov.ab.ca

Contact Information |

Toll-free: 1.800.642.3855

Email: LFP.application@gov.ab.ca

Grant Website

For more information on the program overview, Application form, Expense Claim Sheet and detailed information on application process visit:

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