

## Neighbourhood Connections Small Grants Program

## **Application Guidelines**

## Eligibility

1. What kind of projects are accepted by the Neighbourhood Connections Small Grants program?

Grants are for groups with a minimum of three neighbours applying to create a small project happening where they live based on what they think most benefits their neighbours.

Eligible projects will increase social connections among neighbours, share skills or talents with each other, deepen multicultural connections, create and promote beautiful and clean spaces, and/or animate community spaces with group activities like arts and craft events and recreational activities, while minimizing ecological impacts with actions that reduce, reuse and recycles materials.

Any product, service, or event created with the support of a Neighbourhood Connections Small Grant must be offered for free. Activities must be open to everyone and plans taken into consideration for promoting access and inclusivity.

## **Program Criteria**

2. What criteria must the projects aim to include?

- new activity/ project
- in person gathering
- taking place in the area where they live
- short term commitment with a set completion date
- bringing a benefit to neighbours with due regard for safety
- focused on building inclusion, encouraging diverse neighbourhood involvement and participation
- no fee required to participate
- contribution of volunteer efforts
- a plan for reporting on outcomes
- applying ecologically sound practices including reduce, reuse and recycling of products

Note: youth led projects are welcomed

- 3. What can I use the grant money for?
  - You can ask for an amount between \$50 up to \$500 for any program.
  - You can use the grant to offset expenses that were needed for the project. This includes products, promotions, services, food and fees.
  - You may ask for up to \$200 to provide honorariums to anyone who contributes specialized skills or knowledge to your project.
  - You may not fundraise for other projects and/or organizations. However, you may seek donations or gifts in kind from local businesses and groups to help support your project.

For more information contact your Community Coordinator. Email: <u>neighbourconnectionsgrants@gmail.com</u>

- 4. Who can apply for a Neighbourhood Connections Small Grant?
  - Any group of neighbours who live in the Capital Region Service Commission area can apply.
  - You may not apply on behalf of a business or registered organization such as a school, church, public agency or not for profit, however, they may support the activities planned by your group of neighbours.
- 5. What do I do if my project requires liability insurance to happen?

Most projects will not require liability insurance, but bigger projects or events may need them. Costs for insurance are an eligible expense.

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