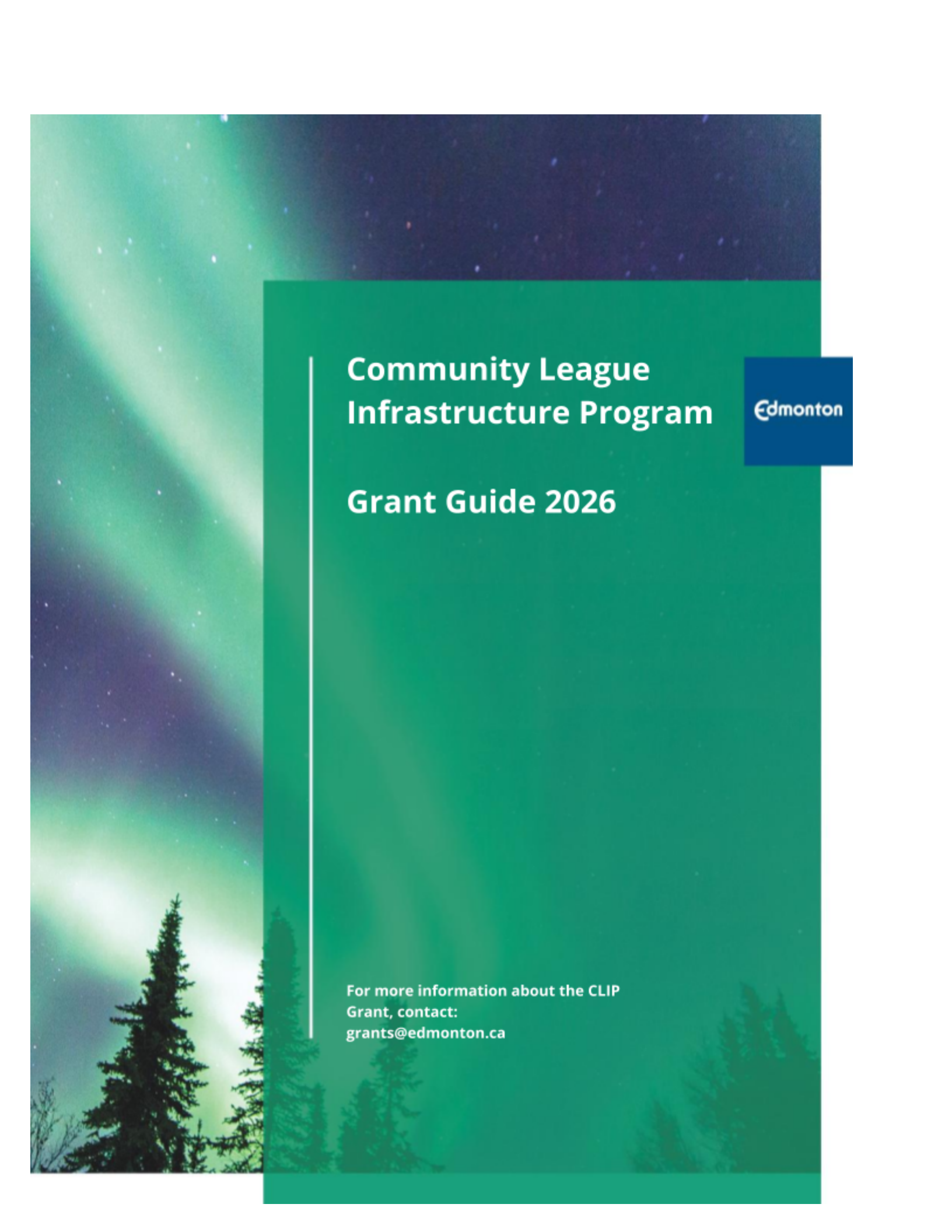


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Community League Infrastructure Program

The Edmonton logo, featuring a stylized 'E' followed by the word 'Edmonton' in a sans-serif font, all contained within a dark blue rectangular box.

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Grant Guide 2026

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Grant Overview

The Community League Infrastructure Program (CLIP) provides funding to community leagues. This funding helps with major project costs to maintain and improve existing facilities and assist in the development of new facilities. These facilities make neighbourhoods more vibrant and benefit the citizens of Edmonton.

Grant Priorities

The 2026 Community League Infrastructure Program (CLIP) will have two streams with the following priorities under each stream:

Rehabilitation and Renovation Stream

- Priority 1 - projects identified as priority level 1A in the Building Condition Assessment and / or focused on urgent health and safety work
- Priority 2 - projects identified as priority level 2A in the Building Condition Assessment and / or focused on urgent lifecycle requirements
- Priority 3 - projects identified as priority level 1B in the Building Condition Assessment and / or building code requirements required as part of a priority 1 or 2 construction project

New Build Stream

- Projects that improve accessibility, sustainability and new amenities that are lacking in the neighbourhood, district and / or ward that have been identified as a community need

There are three different funding categories for the CLIP grant:

- **Project Planning (up to 50% of the eligible planning costs to a maximum of \$25,000)**
Upfront planning is crucial to the success of capital projects. The Project Planning stream Grant Program will assist community leagues with costs associated with planning medium and/or large projects as well as the completion of concept studies to assist community leagues in determining the scope and scale of future projects.
- **Standard Project (up to 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$400,000)**
Community Leagues who are undertaking an infrastructure project that will not be complete by the grant submission date can apply for a Standard Project stream.
- **Completed Project (up to 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$400,000)**
This stream is for Community Leagues that have completed their projects prior to the grant submission date and means they can submit their Final Project Report along with

their application. This does not guarantee grant approval but will speed up the payment process.

A community league may be awarded funding for only 1 construction project per year. Leagues can apply for, and receive, a construction grant and a planning grant in the same year. The size of the grant will determine when a league will be eligible for another grant in that size category.

- Small awards (up to \$25,000) may be awarded every year
- Medium awards (\$25,001 - \$100,000) may be awarded every 3 years
- Large awards (\$100,001 - \$400,000) may be awarded every 10 years

Applications for projects with total eligible project costs of less than \$5,000 will not be considered.

ORGANIZATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all the terms and conditions as set out in Policy C502A including:

- Be a registered not-for-profit society
- Be a member in good standing of the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
- Be in good standing financially and legally with the City of Edmonton
- Have signed the most current Tripartite Agreement for facilities on City land
- Agree to provide community-based programs and services to residents
- Make the best use of their facility by allowing other not-for-profit and multicultural groups to use the facility for activities that align with the terms of the Tripartite License Agreement
- Apply or have applied for the Community League Operating Grant for the current year

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Detailed design costs (e.g. cost of engineering drawings)
- Construction/installation costs (including any demolition required for the project)
- Site preparation (including servicing costs)
- Permits (development, building, mechanical, electrical, etc.)
- Major fixed mechanical/electrical equipment required for the operation of the facility (e.g. furnace, water heater, security system and lighting)
- Major kitchen appliances
- Removal of hazardous materials (e.g. asbestos, mould)
- Project Management
- Costs spent in developing the business case and getting concept phase approval for the project
- Cost of replacing an insured item beyond the amount received in an insurance claim
- Insurance deductible

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Project expenses incurred outside the grant period (expenditures incurred prior to the deadline of the previous year and expenditures after the term of the funding agreement)
- Maintenance costs
- Projects located outside the community league's licensed area
- Furniture and operational equipment (tables, chairs, snow blowers, etc.)
- Non-fixed and small kitchen appliances and equipment
- Sports and other program equipment
- Debt reduction (e.g. loan repayment costs)
- Volunteer time or labour and donated professional services
- Donated materials/equipment (e.g. gifts in kind)
- Costs incurred to further a commercial venture
- Wages for Community League employees
- Cost of replacing an insured item for which payment has or will be made by an insurance company

GRANT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

We will assess applications based on the following criteria:

- ***Alignment to the CLIP Grant Streams and Priorities***
- ***Demonstrate Project Need and Benefit to the Community and its Infrastructure***
 - Does the proposed project address a public safety concern
 - Does the proposed project address infrastructure issue(s) identified in a formal assessment/inspection (where applicable); improve the health and safety of participants, increase access or provide new opportunities for the community league or for other users, address a need in the district and/or ward where the project is situated?
- ***Project and Financial Viability***
 - Does the community league have a plan and the ability to address ongoing maintenance or operational costs due to the proposed projects?
- ***Project Readiness***
 - Does the community league have the matching funds and required approvals and/or permits based on [Community Led Construction Projects?](#)
- ***Project Alignment***

- Does the proposed project contribute to addressing City of Edmonton's strategic plans and other key frameworks?

GRANT TIMELINES

January 28, 2026 - grant deadline

January 29 - March 27, 2026 - review and assess applications

March 30 - April 10, 2026 - community leagues told whether their grant request will receive funding

Approved Projects

April 13 - May 1, 2026 - Funding agreements signed (timeline varies depending on the ability to get signatures from all parties). For completed projects funding agreements are not required and payment would be processed.

May 1 and beyond - Payments processed (In order for the payments to be processed the funding agreement has to be executed, all project funds need to be secured and all City approvals need to be in place as per the Community Led Construction Project guidelines.)

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Applications must be submitted using the online grant portal by January 28, 2026.
- No late submissions will be accepted

The following required documents must be attached to the online application:

- Project Budget Form (link in application)
- Most recent audited year-end financial statements, signed by 2 Board members
OR
- Most recent internally generated financial statements (those that are not presented either as a notice to the reader, a review or an audit) signed by 2 Board members and must include a bank reconciliation and bank statement as at the fiscal year-end
- Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting/ Board minutes approving funds saved for a special purpose
- Concept phase approval letter or Municipal Improvement Agreement (if applicable)

Disclaimer

Whether to provide a grant will be a purely discretionary decision on the part of the City. The City may refuse to issue a grant for any reason. In addition, grants are always subject to funding approval, and grants may no longer be issued if funding is no longer available or if there is a question of whether there is sufficient funding remaining in the program. There is no appeal from any decision on whether to provide a grant.

The City reserves the right to make decisions and award funding to projects in its sole discretion. Decisions are final, and the amount of funding commitment by the City may vary in the City's sole discretion.

Please note, at minimum and without limitation, the City reserves the right to withhold payment of grant funding where:

- The Applicant has made any material misrepresentation or provides any materially false or materially misleading information to the City;
- The Applicant or any associate or affiliate entity of the Applicant is in arrears on any payment or reporting obligation to the City under the terms of any other agreement made with the City;
- The Applicant has outstanding amounts owing to the City due to property taxes that are past due or in arrears;
- The Applicant is in litigation with the City over any matter;
- The Applicant is or becomes bankrupt, insolvent, commits an act of bankruptcy, makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, has a receiver or trustee appointed, or ceases to function as an active legal entity under the laws of Alberta; or,
- The Applicant is or becomes the subject of a Canada Revenue Agency judgment or tax lien

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