



Beyond Belonging Community
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2SLGBTQIA+ Beyond Belonging Grant Grant Program Guide

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Grant Overview

This Guide provides information for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Beyond Belonging grant and application process. At the direction of City Council from motions made on July 4, 2023¹ and April 3, 2024², the City of Edmonton is creating a 2SLGBTQIA+ Safe Spaces Action Plan, intended to enhance support and services for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, address rising hate, and create safe and inclusive public spaces. Consultations with members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities have and will continue to inform the development of the Action Plan and its priorities.

In 2025, \$750,000 will be invested in community grants to support community organizations in serving the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in alignment with the Beyond Belonging: Building a 2SLGBTQIA+ Safe Spaces Action Plan [What We Heard Report](#).

Grant Priorities

- Support organization(s) in projects that focus on one or more of the following priorities identified in the Beyond Belonging: Building a 2SLGBTQIA+ Safe Spaces Action Plan 2025 [What We Heard Report](#):
 - Develop and/or improve safe and inclusive spaces, public events, and services for 2SLGBTQIA+ communities in Edmonton. Priority will be given to programs or projects that focus on serving 2SLGBTQIA+ communities with a demonstrated intersectional approach informed by the Beyond Belonging: Building a 2SLGBTQIA+ Safe Spaces Action Plan [What We Heard Report](#).
 - Develop or strengthen processes and approaches to address rising hate and discrimination against 2SLGBTQIA+ people in Edmonton, including reporting, responding to, and following up on occurrences with potential restorative justice approaches.
 - Promote and provide public and professional education or campaigns that challenge bias and build understanding, especially for businesses, frontline and public services.

Outcomes

- 2SLGBTQIA+ Edmontonians feel safer and included in their daily and public lives.
- 2SLGBTQIA+ Edmontonians have access to safe, affirming and effective services that meet their needs.
- Edmontonians, including those working in businesses, frontline and public services, are educated and prepared to effectively support, include and work towards safety for 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

¹ [July 4, 2023 City Council minutes](#)

² [April 3, 2024 City Council minutes](#)

- Processes are in place to prevent and address hate targeting 2SLGBTQIA+ communities in Edmonton while supporting survivors.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Grant, the applicant is one of the following:

1. Non-profit organization registered for at least one year and in good standing with the incorporating body (Alberta Society, Non-profit Private Company, Non-Profit Public Company, Extra-Provincial Non-profit Company).
2. Local grassroots groups must have a fiscal agent that meets one of the eligible categories noted above. If the applicant is awarded funding through this grant program, the fiscal agent must agree to act on the applicant's behalf to sign a funding agreement/letter with the City and to receive, administer and report on the grant.

Organizations or fiscal agents must be based in Edmonton and serve Edmontonians, with at least 75% of participants residing in Edmonton.

Applicants currently receiving other City of Edmonton funding must be in good standing and have no outstanding or overdue final reports.

Ineligible Organizations include:

- Municipal departments or other governmental organizations
- For-profit organizations/enterprises
- Organizations that have overdue or incomplete accounting/reporting relating to any grant previously awarded by the City of Edmonton

[Projects/Programs/Events](#)

To be considered for funding, successful applications must demonstrate the following:

- Projects/programs that address one or more of the Grant Priorities
- Collaborative projects/programs/events will be prioritized

Eligible Expenses

Eligible expenses **must** contribute to the grant priorities identified earlier in this document. Examples of eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to:

- Staffing costs specific to the project or initiative
- Honorariums and protocol
- Program/project material and supplies
- Printing and communications
- Training expenses
- Travel expenses, within Edmonton
- Evaluation expenses
- Short-term rental of space for projects/program considered

- Food associated with program delivery, up to 25% of proposed budget. Exceptions may be considered
- Administrative costs and fees up to 15% of the total project costs (e.g. legal fees, accounting/booking fees, bank/financing related charges, ongoing operational expenses such as rent/lease payments and facility maintenance, insurance, fiscal agents etc.)

Ineligible Expenses

Ineligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Time and labour provided towards preparation of funding applications, fundraising including costs for fundraising campaigns and websites for fundraising purposes.
- Endowments, charitable donations, bursaries, developing business cases or proposals for funding, donor recognition, and gifts (with the exception of gifts for Indigenous protocols).
- Project expenses that are incurred before the application has been received.
- Capital and facility upgrades, renovations and construction.
- Debt reduction, financing charges and/or interest payments on loans.
- Administrative costs and fees that exceed more than 15% of the total project costs (e.g. legal fees, accounting/booking fees, bank/financing related charges, ongoing operational expenses such as rent/lease payments and facility maintenance, insurance, fiscal agents, etc).
- Direct government lobbying or partisan political activities (i.e. activities related to advocacy must demonstrate non-partisan approaches).

Funding Requests

- This is one-time funding
- A minimum award of \$10,000 and maximum award of up to \$100,000, exceptions may be considered
- Programs or projects **must be completed within 1 year** of receiving approval

Grant Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Organizational commitment/capacity
- Demonstrated project need and benefit to the community
- The project has a clear implementation plan with defined timelines, activities, and resources, ensuring readiness for execution. A balanced budget, proportional to the project's scope and expected outcomes, has been developed to support its successful delivery
- A clear evaluation plan
- Alignment with the Beyond Belonging grant priorities

Applicants may receive full, partial or no funding based on:

- Grant assessment results and evaluation of their application

- Prior experience delivering programming and services for 2SLGBTQIA+ people in Edmonton
- Evidence of sound financial processes
- Previous funding received from the City of Edmonton
- Grant funding available for distribution

An incomplete application that is missing attachments and/or has incomplete responses to questions will not be reviewed or assessed.

Grant Timelines

July 21, 2025: Grant application opens

September 10, 2025 at 11:59pm: Application deadline, no late or incomplete submissions will be accepted

September 11, 2025 - October 15, 2025: Application review

November 2025: Applicants will be notified of funding decisions

Note: These timelines are subject to change.

Applicants approved for funding will be required to sign a funding agreement with the City of Edmonton before funding will be provided. Applicants who are currently receiving other funding from the City of Edmonton must be in good standing, with all final reports submitted and reporting requirements fulfilled; otherwise, their application will not be considered.

Reporting

Successful applicants will be responsible for final reporting within 60 days of the project completion, including:

- Projects must be completed prior to the termination date of the funding agreement
- A final report is due within 60 days of the project completion
- A final report outlining project activities, outputs and outcomes of the project, as well as a financial report showing the approved and actual expense must be submitted by the report deadline indicated in the funding agreement or upon project completion

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted until **September 10, 2025, 11:59 pm**. No late or incomplete submissions will be accepted.

The following required documents listed below must be attached with the on-line application. If you are using a fiscal agent please include their documents:

- 2024 audited year-end financial statements, signed by 2 Board members

OR

- 2024 internally generated financial statements (those that are not presented either as a notice to 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

For more information, including examples and templates of audited financial statements, internally generated financial statements, and more, please visit the City's [Grants and Funding page](#) under Financial Information Resources.

For more information about this grant contact: Grants@edmonton.ca.