

## **2014-2016 Community Investment Grant – Operating Program Priorities and Guidelines for Social Services, Multicultural, and Recreation/Amateur Sport Organizations**

The purpose of providing operating assistance to not-for-profit organizations is to enhance the organizations' ability to provide programs, services or activities that benefit Edmontonians. Grant awards recommendations will be guided by the three-year program priorities and guidelines as well as the criteria and general principles identified in the Community Investment Grant Bylaw 14157 and City Policy C211G.

### **Program Priorities**

Priority will be given to those organizations doing the following:

1. Organizations demonstrating sound management practices and good governance (financial, board, and organizational) in carrying out their constitutional objectives.
2. Organizations addressing the City of Edmonton's ten-year goal to "Improve Edmonton's livability" by contributing towards goals and objectives in Edmonton's People Plan: The Way We Live.

### **Guidelines**

The following guidelines will be used when considering applicants:

1. Organizations may receive one operating grant per year funded by the City of Edmonton. These include operating grant programs for community leagues and seniors' centres, and operating grant programs administered by the Edmonton Arts Council and Edmonton Heritage Council.
2. Organizations with a mandate broader than Edmonton may be considered provided that separate financial information is submitted for the Edmonton-based programs and services.
3. Organizations that have two years or more of unrestricted cash reserves or restricted but available for operating expenses may not be considered for a operating grant.
4. Organizations with eligible operating costs over two million dollars will not normally be considered.  
(This guideline will not take effect until 2015.)