

Grant Overview

In May 2022, Edmonton's City Council approved the [Community Safety and Well-Being \(CSWB\) Strategy](#) to address complex social issues such as racism, homelessness, safety and social exclusion. The Strategy is equity-based, founded on the principle that all Edmontonians benefit when more people in our city feel safe and included.

In 2023, a one-time total of \$1.495M has been allocated for the CSWB Collaboration Grant. The grant aims to enhance existing or establish new collaboratives or partnerships to advance CSWB Strategy goals and outcomes and strengthen the capacity of organizations to work together to improve safety and well-being in Edmonton. The development of the grant is based on feedback received from community partners at a CSWB Strategy Gathering in June 2023, where priorities were identified that the City can invest in to address ongoing gaps/challenges. Collaboratives that are already receiving other City of Edmonton Funding may be eligible for this grant if they are applying for a new phase or component of work.

Grant Priorities

- Enhance the capacity of organizations to form sustainable and productive collaboratives¹ that are working on addressing one or more of the CSWB Pillar(s), Outcome(s) and Principle(s) listed below.
- Support organization(s) undertaking planning, research or policy development to enhance data-sharing, communication, knowledge transfer, and other sector-related gaps.

CSWB Pillars and Outcomes

The Community Safety and Wellbeing Strategy's pillars and outcomes consist of:

Anti-racism: Policies and structures are anti-racist, reconciliatory and support equity and inclusion. Individuals and communities who have experienced systemic racism and historical trauma are included, valued and respected.

Reconciliation: Edmontonians, Indigenous Peoples and the City have authentic interconnected relationships that honour, understand and collaboratively integrate Indigenous experiences, histories and cultures.

Safe and Inclusive Spaces: Communities are supported and empowered to lead the cultivation and sustainment of safe, inclusive, vibrant, sustainable and resilient spaces.

Equitable Policies, Procedures, Standards and Guidelines: People making Edmonton home have

¹ A collaborative is defined as two or more organizations that are currently working together or planning to work together in a way that is focused and mutually beneficial towards a common goal. Partnerships are more formal in nature with an agreement in place that recognizes shared outcomes, investment of resources, risk, accountability and decision making. A formal partnership is not a requirement to be eligible for this grant.

enriched experiences through equitable access to programs, services, and spaces.

Pathways in and out of poverty: Edmontonians have the economic, social and cultural resources to have a quality of life that sustains and facilitates full and meaningful participation in the community.

Crime prevention and crisis intervention: All people feel safe and secure throughout the city because crime has been reduced through community collaboration and culturally appropriate approaches.

Well-being: Edmontonians have the capacity and opportunity to pursue experiences of connection to self, body, land, arts and culture, community, human development and spirit.

CSWB Principles

Community-led: The project/program is led by community organizations. It may involve collaboration between partners to ensure integration across systems.

Data-informed: The project/program is informed by research, analysis, knowledge and insights from Indigenous, Eastern, Western, and Interdisciplinary perspectives. Measurement and learnings will inform how to adapt and evolve the work.

Equity-based: The project/program will incorporate a GBA+ approach to remove systemic barriers.

Person-centered: The project/program will create a sense of connection that will empower and uplift individuals.

Trauma-informed: The project/program will create changes in alignment with the TRC, anti-racism and trauma-informed work to strengthen resilience among Edmontonians and their families.

Eligibility

Applicant:

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

- 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);
- Local grassroots group or interested individual that has a fiscal agent that meets one of the above eligible categories. (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 with the City and to receive, administer and report on the grant).

Organizations/fiscal agents must be based in Edmonton and serve Edmontonians.

Applicants currently receiving other City grants or funding must be in good standing with the City in terms of reporting requirements.

[Ethnocultural/Anti-Racism Organizations](#)

To advance the Community Safety and Well-Being Strategy's commitment to equity and anti-racism, a minimum of \$350,000 of total grant funding will be provided to ethnocultural and/or organizations focused on anti-racism efforts.

[Projects/Programs:](#)

A project/program already receiving City funding is not eligible for this grant, however, collaboratives that are already receiving other City of Edmonton Funding may be eligible for this grant if they are applying for a new phase of work.

Eligible Expenses

Eligible expenses must contribute to the establishment of new collaborative efforts or enhance existing collaborative work. Examples of eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to:

- Staffing costs (e.g. Collaborative/Partnership coordinator or manager)
- Facilitation costs
 - to support the establishment of common values/principles/philosophies
 - to develop a Partnership Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding
 - to support relationship building between collaborators/partners
- Training expenses across collaborative/partnership
- Planning, research, and evaluation expenses specific to the development and/or enhancement of the collaboration or partnership
- Cost of space for co-location/meetings
- Printing and communications specific to the collaboration/partnership
- Travel expenses within Edmonton
- Other administrative costs associated with the collaborative/partnership

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.
- Ongoing operational expenses unrelated to the partnership.
- Capital and facility upgrades, renovations and construction.
- Debt reduction, financing charges and/or interest payments on loans.
- 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. Funding requests must be between \$25,000 - \$250,000. The requested amount should be proportionate to the type of proposed activities and timelines. Programs must be completed within 2 years of receiving approval.

Grant Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- *Organizational Commitment - the organizations have expressed a written commitment to participate in a collaborative or partnership that advances CSWB Strategy guiding principles, goals and long-term outcomes.*
- *The collaboration/project serves equity-deserving communities and/or incorporates an equity-based approach.*
- *Demonstrate Project Need and Benefit to the Community - describes why the collaborative is needed and how collaborative will address a gap in existing services, etc.*
- *Viability and Financial Feasibility - a clear plan with timelines, activities, resourcing and readiness to implement exists. A complete and balanced budget exists.*
- *Evaluation Plan.*

Grant Timelines

February 21 - Application deadline

February 22 - March 21, 2024 Application review

By End of April, 2024 - Applicants will be notified of funding decisions

Applicants approved for funding will be required to sign a funding agreement with the City before funding will be provided.

Reporting

Successful applicants will be responsible for reporting on the progress of their work, including:

- A financial report detailing grant expenditures
- Project activities, outcomes achieved and how the partners within the collaboration have been strengthened as organizations.

Projects must be completed within two years of receiving the grant.

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 11:59 pm.

No late or incomplete submissions will be accepted.

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

- 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 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 about the CSWB Grant contact: Grants@edmonton.ca