

FAQs

Why is the IRO implementing this change now?

We are implementing a new process to streamline applications. This helps the Indigenous Relations Office ensure all applications are captured appropriately, criteria is outlined and the sponsorship process is equitable and timely.

Can I still email my application?

No. If applications are emailed to known contacts in the Indigenous Relations Office, the application will not be accepted. Please apply for the Indigenous Sponsorships via the City of Edmonton's [online portal](#).

What do I do if I have multiple events throughout the year that I need funding for?

If you know you have more than one event between February and June, please group them together and send one application. For events occurring after June, please wait until the second intake. The date for the second intake is still being determined, and will be posted on the website when ready.

How do I use the grant portal?

Visit the [Community Investment Grant Portal](#) website. If you already have an account, please login with your username and password. If you do not already have an account, please [register for one](#). Learn how to register for an account through this [instructional video](#).

If you prefer in-person help, the Indigenous Relations Office will be hosting an in-person information session on December 17 from 12 to 1 p.m at the Stanley Milner Library in the Civic Employee Fund Room 1. Soup and bannock will be provided. To register, [click here](#). If you have more questions about the new application process, email chancy.blackwater@edmonton.ca.

What if I miss the in-person information session?

The Indigenous Relations Office will be hosting a virtual information session in January 2026. Please check the website in the coming weeks for dates and times.

A recording of the virtual information session will also be posted to the website.

Can I make changes to my application once I send it in?

Once submitted, applications are final. Incomplete applications will not be considered. It is best to do a thorough review to make sure all sections are complete before submitting your application.

What is the application deadline?

Intake # 1 - For events occurring from January to June

Application intake is from December 8, 2025 until February 18, 2026 or until funds are no longer available. If you know you have more than one event between February and July, please group them together and send one application.

Applications will be reviewed and organizations will be notified of the decision within 4 - 6 weeks.

Intake # 2 - For events occurring from July to December

Details and dates for intake #2 to be determined.

What are the criteria for applying?

Potential recipients must:

- Demonstrate alignment with one or more of the funding priorities.
- Demonstrate the ability to provide City recognition, including but not limited to the use of the City of Edmonton logo.
- Demonstrate the ability to acquire and maintain comprehensive event insurance coverage for the dates and venue of the event with the City of Edmonton listed as an "Additional Insured"
- The event must be held within the greater Edmonton area (an exception to location may be made for cultural and ceremony purposes at the discretion of the Indigenous Relations Office).

For more information, please see the [Sponsorship Guide](#) or email Chancy.Blackwater@edmonton.ca