



# *Recreation and Culture Grant*

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## Description of Grant / Purpose

The RM of Torch River is committed to developing a vibrant community, therefore we will provide funds to support projects inspired to make a positive difference in the lives of others and benefit our community. Priority will be given to projects that clearly demonstrate the improvement of safety for children and seniors.

## Grant Requirements/Criteria

- Core Requirement  
All projects must clearly demonstrate that the infrastructure is directly related to the benefits of a sport, culture or recreation program within the jurisdiction boundaries of the RM of Torch River. Capital Project applications will be considered first.
- Funding Requirements  
At least 25% of the total value of the project must come from sources other than Government grants.
- Community support and involvement requirements  
Project proposals need to demonstrate support and involvement of community members that the Recreation & Culture grant is designed to provide.

## Who may apply?

Non-profit groups and organizations are eligible to receive funding through the Recreation & Culture grant. Examples of eligible groups include:

- Community groups;
- Youth and senior groups;
- Community-based associations;
- Service clubs.

The following groups are not eligible but are encouraged to partner with non-profit organizations to support a project proposal:

- Businesses;
- Educational institutions;
- Individuals.

Groups that are non-incorporated may apply to the Recreation & Culture grant. A group may be made up of a few people who get together with a project idea. Within this group, at least two people must take financial and legal responsibility for the project.



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## What projects and activities may not be funded?

- Property Taxes
- Insurance
- Alcoholic Beverages, including licenses and permits
- Out of Province activities and travel
- Expenses to attend general conferences
- Annual or regular organizational events/campaigns
- Projects in relation to the enforcement of or compliance with by-laws in effect
- Uniforms or promotional items such as sweatbands, hats, signage
- Subsidization of wages for employees
- Donations and prizes
- Purchase of a vehicle, and or equipment
- Incentives and rebates (but can be used as matching)
- Further disbursement of funds to a third party recipient (ex. Micro grants)
- Political parties or activities, candidates, or lobby groups
- Licenses and permits for developments
- Food related expenditures- food expenses for banquets, dinners, fundraising and celebrations
- Maintenance items.

## What amount of funding is available?

You may be eligible to receive up to a maximum of \$20,000.00 as per council discretion.

The project must be completed within **ten months**. Extensions may be granted at council's discretion.

*Note: If the project is not completed, the applicant must reimburse the RM of Torch River for the full amount of funds received.*

The RM of Torch River will holdback 40% of the funding, until the completion of the project and the Follow-up report with all supporting documentation have been received and are satisfactory in meeting the grant criteria. The follow-up report must be submitted within **30 days** of project completion.

## What is the application deadline?

**September 30, 2023**