

## **Community Grant Application Guidelines**

### **What will the City Fund**

Activities, programs or initiatives that serve the residents of Pickering or provide an economic benefit to the City, or that create a positive image of the City.

**Application Deadline is September 26, 2025 for 2026 Budget Grant Requests.** Applications will be available after August 1, 2025 and can be completed online on the City's website.

### **First Time Applicants**

For new applicants, the maximum grant amount that an eligible organization can receive is \$3,000.

### **Who is Eligible**

- Local Community Groups and Organizations
  - That are Not for Profit
  - That serves, in whole or in part, the residents of the City of Pickering
  - At least 80% of the organization's members reside in Pickering
- Regionally based organizations, if their services directly benefit Pickering residents
- Religious organizations, if their event or program is open to the public and conducted in public or commercial spaces

### **Who is Not Eligible**

- Individuals
- For profit groups/organizations
- Organizations with a political mandate
- Ratepayer's associations or tenant/landlord associations
- Daycare or Nursery Schools
- School or school related extracurricular events
- Adult or youth competitive sports teams or leagues
- Organizations that receive funding from United Way Durham or benefit from Bingo Lottery proceeds
- Activities with high liability (eg. Fireworks, dunk tanks and pyrotechnics)

### **What Will the City Not Fund?**

- Activities, programs or initiatives that take place outside of the municipal boundaries of the City or provided by other levels of government
- Administrative costs of the organization such as salaries, rent, utilities, insurance, etc.
- Debt repayments of the organization
- Donations made by the organization
- Repairs or maintenance activities on private property
- Any activities or expenses that support or oppose any political party or candidate for public office
- Repair and maintenance activities on private property
- Provision of meals

### **Assessment Criteria**

The City assesses all organizations and their applications according to the following criteria to ensure fairness and accountability:

- Eligibility of the organization and use of grant funds
- Grant amount(s) and other City assistance received by the organization in prior years
- Financial need, financial resources, other government grants and fundraising activities of the organization
- Clear, measurable benefits to the Pickering community