

# ***REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN ELECTORAL AREA COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES***

These guidelines contain important information concerning the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Electoral Area Community Grant applications forms. Please read these guidelines before completing the application.

## **Purpose of Grants**

Electoral Area Community grants are intended to support the establishment and the operations of non-profit organizations serving the residents of the Regional District of Okanagan Simlkameen

## **Eligible Organizations**

- Non-profit societies registered pursuant to the Societies Act.
- Community organizations that have an established set of working rules and regulations and a bank account in the organization's name.

## **Ineligible Applicants**

- Applications from individuals, industrial, commercial or business undertakings.

## **Criteria for Eligibility**

Organizations that are applying for a community grant should demonstrate:

- Event or initiative fills a need in the community
- Use innovative approaches and techniques in addressing community issues
- Exercise coordination and cooperation with other groups to prevent duplication of projects, programs, services or events
- Seek funding from a variety of sources
- Apply a "user pay" philosophy, where applicable
- Have clearly defined their priorities and purpose in seeking funding

## **Grant recipients must**

- Provide a report detailing how the grant funds were spent within 12 months of receipt of funding. The report must include a financial accounting of how the funds were spent
- If requested, provide the Regional District copies of receipts and/or satisfactory evidence regarding the disposition of grant funds

## **IMPORTANT**

- Application deadlines are posted on the RDOS website
- Your organization is not guaranteed a community grant by virtue of meeting the criteria for eligibility.
- The receipt of a community grant in one year does not guarantee receipt of a community grant in a subsequent year.
- The Electoral Area Director retains full discretion with respect to whether community grants are allocated and the amounts of any grants that are allocated.
- If your organization is awarded a community grant, the earliest that funds may be allocated by is August 1<sup>st</sup>, unless specifically requested by the Electoral Area Director