

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN ELECTORAL REGIONAL GRANT IN AID GUIDELINES

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

Purpose of Grants

Regional Grant in Aid is intended to provide some financial assistance to organizations providing cultural, charitable, sporting, recreational or service activities that benefit the Regional District

Eligible Organizations

- Non-profit societies registered pursuant to the Societies Act.

Ineligible Applicants

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

Criteria for Eligibility

Organizations that are applying for a regional grant must demonstrate:

- Organization is locally based and their efforts are regional in nature
- Benefits of event or initiative are significant in at least three Electoral Areas and/or member municipalities
- Event or initiative fills a need in the community
- Support from sources other than local, provincial or federal governments
- Alignment with at least one of the Regional District's strategic goals as identified in the annual Strategic Plan

Ineligible Expenses

Grant funding is not permitted to be used for the following expenses:

- Remuneration including wages and consulting fees
- Capital improvements to rented or leased premises
- Operating or capital deficits
- Tax payments

Grant recipients must

- Acknowledge the Regional District as a funding partner in any promotional materials about the event or initiative
- Provide a report on 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 used as well as information on how the community benefited. Please use Regional Grant in Aid Reporting Template
- Return grant funding not spent within 12 months of receipt of funds

IMPORTANT

- Application deadlines are posted on the RDOS website
- No organization will receive more than two Regional grants in a four year period
- Annual maximum grant allocation to an organization will be \$ 50,000

- Grants will not be provided to subsidize activities that are the responsibility of senior levels of government
- Preference will be given to those events or initiatives that have not received assistance from other local government funding
- Your organization is not guaranteed a grant by virtue of meeting the criteria for eligibility.
- The Board of Directors retain full discretion with respect to whether grants are allocated and the amounts of any grants that are allocated
- If your organization is awarded a grant, the earliest that funds will be allocated by is August 1st. Exceptions must be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer