

2027 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 November 30, 2026 for 2027 Budget Grant Requests. Applications will be available on November 1, 2026 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