

The City of Edmonton's [Indigenous Framework](#) outlines the City's role as a listener, connector, advocate, and partner with the Indigenous community in advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice.

This Operating Grant provides funding for Edmonton's Indigenous-Led, not-for-profit organizations. The total operating grant budget is \$500,000 and grant awards may be up to a maximum of 25% of eligible operating expenses or a maximum grant award based on the number of eligible applications. If you have questions about any of this information please contact the Grants Office at grants@edmonton.ca or 780-496-4933.

Grant Priorities

The Operating Grant for Indigenous-led Organizations will help support Indigenous groups in their efforts to achieve the following:

- Promote the resurgence of Indigenous Peoples' culture, language, identity and ceremony.
- Ensure safe, inclusive, and healing spaces.
- Increase awareness and/or address responses to historical colonialism, trauma, and violence.
- Provide education, training, employment, and economic security for Indigenous Peoples.
- Support learning and advancing research.

Organization Eligibility

The applicant must:

- Be a not-for-profit organization registered for at least one year and be in good standing with the City of Edmonton. This means that the organization does not have any outstanding final reports and is not in arrears of payments to their City of Edmonton accounts.
- Be Indigenous-Led which means they **must** have:
 - Majority of the board, management, and staff/volunteers identifying as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit)
 - Indigenous cultures central to history and development of the organization, its governance and daily operations
 - Programs/services developed by and for Indigenous people
- Have a minimum of 75% of its participants living in Edmonton.
- Have a mandate that aligns with one or more of the grant priorities.
- Not receive operating funds allocated by any other City of Edmonton source including City Council, Committees of City Council or grants administered by the Edmonton Arts Council or Edmonton Heritage Council.*

*For 2023, if an organization has received an operating grant through another City of Edmonton funding source, they may be eligible to receive the difference between the grant already received and the eligible amount for this grant, if

the eligible amount for this grant is greater. (Example: Organization received a \$2,000 operating grant from the City. The eligible amount assessed for this grant is \$3,500. The organization's grant award will be the \$1,500 difference between the two).

Ineligible Expenses

- Capital projects (including: significant maintenance or repairs to buildings such as an addition or a new roof).
- Fundraising expenses (e.g. Bingos and casinos).
- Expenses associated with income generating operations not directly associated with programs and services of the Organization (e.g. public food sales/catering/banquet services, facility rental)
- Depreciation/Amortization (Decreases the value of capital assets over time).
- Debt Repayment or Debt/Credit Interest - Expenses related to a line of credit, mortgage, credit card, overdraft or other debt, or the principle and interest on any credit or debt.

Grant Assessment

Applications are assessed based on the following:

- Organizational eligibility
- Alignment to grant priorities
- Eligible operating expenses
- Most recent year-end financial statements

Grant awards are determined by a formula based on the above criteria and the number of eligible applications. Operating funding will be provided for 2023 and 2024.

Required Documents

- Most recent audited year-end financial statements (see Financial Statement Example), signed by 2 Board members
OR
- Most recent internally generated financial statements (those that are not presented either as a notice to reader, a review or an audit) signed by 2 Board member and must include a bank reconciliation and bank statement as at the fiscal year-end
- Grant Financial Information Form

Application Deadline

- Applications must be submitted by **Wednesday, January 17, 2024 by 11:59 pm** using the application form provided on the webpage for the Operating Grant for Indigenous-Led Organizations.
- Late applications will not be accepted.