

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

FAQ: Fundraising and Profit Use

Q: Can grant funds be used to raise money for a charity or organization?

A: No. Grant funds may not be used for fundraising purposes or to generate profit for any individual, organization, or third party. These funds are drawn from the municipal budget and are intended to benefit the broader community and all residents.

Q: What happens if a project generates revenue or surplus?

A: Any revenue generated must be reported in the final grant report. If a surplus or profit is realized, the Municipality reserves the right to request repayment or deduct the amount from future grant allocations.

FAQ: Community Safety and Well-Being Alignment

Q: Does my project need to align with the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan?

A: While not mandatory, projects that support community safety and well-being—such as mental health, inclusion, violence prevention, or affordability—are strongly encouraged. These priorities reflect the Municipality’s broader commitment to a safe, inclusive, and resilient Mississippi Mills.

<https://www.mississippimills.ca/municipal-services/community-safety-and-well-being/www.mississippimills.ca/municipal-services/community-safety-and-well-being/>

FAQ: Use of In-Kind Support

Q: What is considered in-kind support?

A: In-kind support includes non-monetary contributions from the Municipality such as use of facilities, equipment loans, staff time, or technical assistance.

Q: Can in-kind support be combined with a financial grant?

A: Yes. Applicants may request both financial and in-kind support but must clearly outline how each will be used in the application.

FAQ: Repeat Applicants and Annual Events

Q: Can the same organization apply for funding each year?

A: Yes. However, funding is not guaranteed, and each application is assessed independently based on merit, impact, and alignment with program priorities.

Q: Are annual events eligible for funding?

A: Yes, if they demonstrate continued community benefit, innovation, and alignment with the Strategic Plan. Repeat events must show how they are evolving or expanding their impact.

FAQ: Funding Agreement Length & Duration

Q: How long is the funding agreement for Community Impact Grant projects?

A: All grant agreements are for one calendar year. Projects must be completed within the

same year the funding is awarded. There is no guarantee of subsequent funding, and applicants must reapply annually.

Q: What if my event is postponed, my project scope changes, or I can't complete it within the calendar year?

A: If your project timeline or scope changes, or if you anticipate not being able to use the funding as originally approved, please contact the Municipality as soon as possible. Open communication is important—we're here to help find a solution where possible. Funds may need to be returned or reallocated. Using funds outside the approved scope or timeline without prior municipal approval may result in and could affect your eligibility for future funding.

Q: Are multi-year projects eligible for funding?

A: Only projects funded under the Partnership Grant stream may be considered for three-year agreements, at Council's discretion. This option is intended to support longer-term initiatives, capital improvements, or strategic collaborations that require sustained funding and planning.

Q: Can I apply for funding again next year if my project is successful?

A: Yes. However, each application is assessed independently based on merit, impact, and alignment with program priorities. There is no automatic renewal or rollover of funding.

FAQ: Honorariums and Artist Fees

Q: Can grant funds be used to pay artists or facilitators?

A: Yes. Paying artists for their work is supported and encouraged. Reasonable honorariums or fees for artists, facilitators, or speakers are eligible expenses, provided they are clearly outlined in the budget and support the project's goals.

FAQ: Insurance and Permits

Q: Do I need insurance or permits for my event?

A: Depending on the nature and location of your event, insurance or municipal permits may be required. Applicants are responsible for securing necessary approvals and should consult with municipal staff during planning.

FAQ: Second Intake Eligibility for Previous Applicants

Q: Can groups who applied in the first intake apply again in the second intake?

A: Yes—but only in the In-Kind Category for event equipment. Groups that submitted an application during the first intake are not eligible to request additional funding or facility rental costs in the second intake.

Q: Can we update our original in-kind request?

A: Absolutely! If your group submitted an in-kind request in the first intake, you may update or adjust that request during the second intake if needed. This allows for flexibility in planning and ensures your event equipment needs are met.

Q: Can we apply for more funding or facility rentals in the second intake?

A: No. If your group already applied or was awarded funding or facility rental support in the first intake, you cannot request additional financial support or facility costs in the second intake.

FAQ: Multi-Stream Applications

Q: Can I apply to more than one grant stream?

A: Yes. Applicants may apply to multiple streams if the projects are distinct and meet the criteria for each stream. Separate applications must be submitted for each stream.

FAQ: Reporting Requirements for Micro Grants

Q: Is the reporting process the same for Micro Grants?

A: No. A simplified reporting form is available for Micro Grant recipients. It focuses on basic outcomes. This ensures accountability while keeping the process accessible for residents.

FAQ: Special One-Time Funding

Q: What is “Special One-Time Funding” and how is it different from regular grant streams?

A: Special One-Time Funding refers to discretionary financial support provided by Council for unique projects that fall outside the standard parameters and/or intake schedule of the Community Impact Grant Program. These are typically initiatives with exceptional community value, urgent timing, or strategic alignment that do not fit within existing grant streams.

FAQ: Eligibility of Schools and Churches

Q: Are schools or churches eligible to apply for Community Impact Grant funding?

A: Schools and churches are not eligible to apply for funding under this program. However, they are invited to apply under the In-Kind Stream for discounted facility rentals and/or event equipment use—providing the event is open to the entire community. These grants are intended to support inclusive, community-based initiatives that welcome all residents.

Q: Can a school or church partner with a community group to apply?

A: Yes, if the lead applicant is an eligible community organization and the project serves the broader public without religious or institutional restrictions.

Note: Schools may be eligible for free facility rentals through the Community Use of Schools reciprocal agreement, pending availability. This is a separate arrangement from the Community Impact Grant and is managed in partnership with local school boards.

FAQ: Sports-Related Events Eligibility

Q: Can regular annual sports club events or league competitions receive funding through the Community Impact Grant Program?

A: No. Regular annual sports club events, league competitions, or tournaments organized by established sports & membership-based organizations are not eligible for funding.

Q: What types of sport-centered events are eligible?

A: Only inclusive, one-time sport-centered events that are open to all residents may qualify. These events must be designed to foster community connection and participation.

✓ Examples of Eligible Sport-Centered Events:

- Community-wide cornhole tournaments
- Open 3-on-3 basketball events
- Public pickleball or disc golf days
- Inclusive sports try-it days or multi-sport festivals

These events must be free or low-cost to attend and inclusive of all ages and abilities.

FAQ: Application Support & Assistance

Q: Is there help available for completing the application?

A: Yes. Applicants can contact the Mississippi Mills Community Services Department for guidance.