



City of Belleville Grant Policy

Subject: Grants issued by the City of Belleville

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Belleville recognizes that many municipally located organizations, groups, and events provide a valuable contribution to the residents of the City of Belleville. The Municipality understands the financial constraints that these organizations operate under and the impact and social responsibility that the Municipality has to ensure the viability / financial stability of these community organizations, groups, and events.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a consistent procedure for the issuance of monetary grants and grants of municipally owned resources to community organizations, groups and events.

The objective of grants issued by the City of Belleville is to promote the well-being of the community and the growth and/or recognition of individuals in the community through providing resources to organizations, groups and events in a fair and equitable manner.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to any direct monetary contribution or contribution of City services, facilities or equipment which are not eligible for assistance under any other Council program. Direct monetary contributions do not include upload payments.

Municipally owned resources eligible for grants include:

- Use of a municipally owned facility (rental fee waived/reduced)
- Municipal staff support (expertise) for an event (wages waived/reduced)
- Use of municipally owned equipment (rental fee waived/reduced)
- Use of municipally owned materials (rental fee waived/reduced)

Upon implementation, the requirements of this policy will not be applicable to organizations, groups and events that Council chooses to grandfather into, or exclude from, the Grant Policy.

4. RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 Council

- 4.1.1 Approves all monetary grants and grants of City services, facilities or equipment
- 4.1.2 Approve policies, procedures and guidelines as they relate to monetary grants and grants of City services, facilities or equipment

4.2 Grant Committee

- 4.2.1 To review and make recommendations to Council for the approval of all Grant submissions

- 4.2.2 All requests will be assessed by the Grant Committee and recommendations brought to Council based on:
 - 4.2.2.1 Availability of the requested resource
 - 4.2.2.2 Potential financial impact to the municipality
 - 4.2.2.3 Contribution to the well-being of members of the community
 - 4.2.2.4 Recognition of a worthwhile program/cause
 - 4.2.2.5 Overall community impact
 - 4.2.2.6 Any other criteria deemed suitable by the Grant Committee

- 4.2.3 The membership and organization of the Grant Committee will be determined by the terms of reference of the committee, but will consist of the Mayor and at least one other member of council.

4.3 Chief Administrative Officer

- 4.3.1 Develop processes to reflect corporate priorities

4.4 Department Heads

- 4.4.1 Provide the Grant committee with the cost of grants of City services, facilities, equipment, etc.

4.5 Treasurer

- 4.5.1 Recommending policies and procedures surrounding the management of Municipal grants.
- 4.5.2 Preparing reports for presentation to both EMT and Council surrounding grants.
- 4.5.3 Ensuring adherence to statutory and policy requirements

5. DEFINITIONS

- 5.1 None

6. FURTHER RESOURCES

- 6.1 None

7. PROCEDURES

- 7.1 All requests for grants should be directed to the Grant Committee of the City of Belleville in conformance with the attached application form.
- 7.2 Requests should be made well in advance of the event (at least 60 days prior) so that the request can be considered by the Grant Committee and a recommendation brought forward at a regularly scheduled Council Meeting.
- 7.3 General grant applications will be funded from money determined at the annual operating budget. The budgeted grant money for the year will fund all approved monetary grants and grants of city services, facilities or equipment.
- 7.4 General grant applications may be submitted at any time, using 7.2 as a reference point.
- 7.5 Grants made by the municipality are not to be regarded as a commitment by the municipality to continue such grants in the future. Grants will be approved and issued for the current operating period. Applicants requiring funding beyond the current operating period will be required to re-apply on an annual basis.
- 7.6 No grant will be considered approved unless specifically authorized by Mayor and Council in the form of a resolution of support.
- 7.7 In making grants, the municipality may impose such conditions and/or restrictions as it deems fit. The municipality's decisions regarding grants are final.
- 7.8 Grants will not be available to groups that have failed to comply with any reporting requirements (if applicable) from previous grants.
- 7.9 Grants will not be available to assist with operating expenses of an organization, except Social Infrastructure Funding and Belleville Arts & Culture Fund Applications.
- 7.10 Grants will not be available to assist with development related waiver of fees, building permit fees, S.O.C.A.N. costs, electrical hook-up fees, security expenses.
- 7.11 Grant applications for Social Infrastructure/ Issues will be considered for approval from the Casino Revenue Reserve previous year allocation.
- 7.12 Social Infrastructure grants must be submitted once a year, that date to be determined by the Grant Committee.

8. ASSESSMENT FORM/TEMPLATE

8.1 Schedule "A"

General Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must demonstrate the need for the specific request. Each request must be made in the prescribed form. (See Application Form)
- Individuals will not be eligible to receive grants from the City.
- The municipality reserves the right to limit the number of grants made to a particular organization in any given year.
- Applicants and/ or the event must be located in the City of Belleville, and promote the well-being of Belleville residents.
- The City Council's decisions regarding eligibility are final.
- Organizations and/or charities whose primary focus is not within the municipality shall not be considered for a municipal grant.
- Applicants for a grant of municipally owned resources will be required to hold sufficient commercial general liability insurance; as determined by the City of Belleville. At a minimum commercial general liability coverage of \$2,000,000 will be required, but increased coverage may be necessary based on assessment of the application/applicant during the grant review process.

THE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE AND WILL BE DENIED

- Applicants for a grant of municipally owned resources are required to provide an insurance certificate outlining the insurance coverage and listing the *Corporation of the City of Belleville* as an additional insured.

Ineligible Applicants

- Political parties
- Individuals