

Grant Eligibility Criteria

For all grant programs, applicants deemed ineligible and not recommended for funding are contacted by staff, provided with feedback on their application, and encouraged to apply in the following year.

Arts and Culture Grant

To be eligible to receive funding through the City of Mississauga's Arts & Culture Grant program applicants must meet all of the criteria outlined in one or more of the following levels of funding:

New & Emerging Organizations

- Operating on a not-for-profit basis and governed by volunteers;
- Operating with a specific mandate to provide and support arts, culture or heritage activities;
- Operating year-round;
- Based and active in Mississauga;
- Providing programs and services that are open to the public and publicized citywide.

Established Organizations

- Operating as a not-for-profit for a minimum of four years;
- Received funding through the Arts & Culture grant program in the past four years;
- Legally incorporated as a not-for-profit/charity arts, culture or heritage organization;
- Operating with a specific mandate to provide and support arts, culture or heritage activities;
- Operating year-round;
- Based and active in Mississauga;
- Providing programs and services that are open to the public and publicized citywide.

Multi-Year Funded Organizations (Three-Year Funding)

- Legally incorporated as a not-for-profit arts, culture or heritage organization;
- Based and active in Mississauga;
- Operating year-round;
- Operating as a professional arts/heritage organization with professional staff/artists who are paid industry-standard rates;
- Total revenue of \$400,000 or more a year;
- Identified by the Culture Division as providing programs/services the City would otherwise have to provide;
- Provide programs/services that align with the Culture Division's strategic priorities as outlined in the Cultural Policy and Culture Master Plan;
- Received funding from the City of Mississauga for more than five years;
- Are in good standing with the City of Mississauga;
- Receive a score on their application of at least 4 out of 5 from the Peer Assessment Committee.

Culture Projects Grant

- Operating on a not-for-profit basis and governed by volunteers or a collective with a legal identity;
- Projects must be arts, culture or heritage focused;
- Projects must take place in Mississauga.

Cultural Festivals & Celebrations Grant

CFC grants provide assistance in four categories; new and emerging, established, major one-time festivals/events and multi-year festivals. Funding is available in these categories for festivals which meet the following eligibility criteria:

New & Emerging Festivals and Celebrations

- Operating on a not-for-profit basis and governed by volunteers;
- Runs for one full day or a number of consecutive days;
- Must take place in Mississauga; and
- Provides programming or services that are open to the public and publicized citywide.

Established Festivals and Celebrations

- Operating for four years or more;
- Received funding through the CFC grant program in the past four years;
- Operating on a not-for-profit basis and governed by volunteers;
- Runs for one full day or a number of consecutive days;
- Must take place in Mississauga;
- Provides programming or services that are open to the public and publicized city-wide; and
- In good standing with the City of Mississauga.

Major One-time Events

- Must meet with Culture Division staff prior to applying;
- Operating on a not-for-profit basis and governed by volunteers;
- Runs for one full day or a number of consecutive days;
- Must take place in Mississauga;
- Provides programming or services that are open to the public and publicized city-wide; and
- In good standing with the City of Mississauga.

Multi-Year Funded Festivals (Three-Year Funding)

- Legally incorporated as a not-for-profit organization;
- Runs for one full day or a number of consecutive days;
- Must take place in Mississauga;
- Provides programming or services that are open to the public and publicized city-wide;
- Received funding through the CFC grant program for more than five years;
- Must have a total revenue of \$200,000 or more;
- Must have an attendance of 50,000 or more;
- In good standing with the City of Mississauga;
- Must have paid event staff; and
- Must receive a score on their application of at least 4 out of 5 from the Peer Assessment Committee.

Live Music Grant Pilot Program

LM grants provide assistance in two categories; new concert presenters and established concert presenters. Funding is available in these categories for presenters that meet the following eligibility criteria:

New and Emerging Concert Presenters

- The “concert presenter” can be a musician, music venue, bar, restaurant, or concert production business.
- Concerts must feature a minimum of 50% Mississauga-based musicians (for musical groups, 50% of the members must be based in Mississauga.)
- Concerts must take place in Mississauga.
- Operating on a for-profit model.

Established Concert Presenters

- Operating for four years or more.
- The “concert presenter” can be a musician, music venue, bar, restaurant or concert production business.
- Concerts must feature a minimum of 50% Mississauga-based musicians (for musical groups, 50% of the members must be based in Mississauga.)
- Concerts must take place in Mississauga.
- Operating on a for-profit model.

Community Grant

Annual Community Grants

- Established organizations operating as a legally incorporated not-for-profit for four years or more at the time of application;
- Registered in good standing with the City of Mississauga Community Group Registry Program (CGRP.) If applying as an organization with Regional Status, you must demonstrate a history and track record of service to Mississauga Residents, as 100% of grant funding must benefit Mississauga residents;
- Established record of managing grant funds, including the documentation of clear deliverables and outcomes from initiatives supported by grants;
- Proof of financial sustainability with no major deficits.

Multi-Year Funding

- Established, legally incorporated, not-for-profit organizations in the Province of Ontario that successfully managed funding from the City of Mississauga for a minimum of 5 years;
- Registered in good standing with the City of Mississauga Community Group Registry Program (CGRP.) If applying as an organization with Regional Status, you must demonstrate a history and track record of service to Mississauga Residents, as 100% of grant funding shall benefit Mississauga residents;
- Providing programs and services year-round that align with identified strategic priorities of the Recreation and/or Parks, Forestry and Environment Divisions;
- Have an established track record of service to Mississauga residents;
- Organization is financially stable with no major deficits.

Small Project Matching Grant

- Registered in good standing with the City of Mississauga Community Group Registry Program (CGRP.)
- Not-for-profit community groups based and active in Mississauga (note: groups that qualify for “Regional Status” in the Community Group Registry Program are still eligible for funding, provided 100% of the awarded grant funds are allocated to programming/services for Mississauga residents);
- Providing programs and services open to the public and extending the variety and choice of programs and services for Mississauga residents;
- Providing programs and services that are aligned with demonstrated needs of residents and the strategic priorities of the Recreation and Parks, Forestry & Environment Divisions;
- Project must be outside of the normal range of activity for the applicant (e.g. a new or pilot initiative). Please note groups may not apply for the same project that was funded in a previous year through the SPMG program. Groups may choose to review other granting opportunities from the City, Region of Peel and other funders for future funding of their initiative;
- Applicant has not received funding from the City within the same calendar year;
- Applicant can provide signed financial statements from their last Annual General Meeting;
- Project is open to all residents;
- Maximum of \$2,500 can be requested from the City;
- Applicants are required to indicate how they will match funds requested from the City (\$250-\$2,500) with the equivalent value of volunteer time (\$15.50/hour – minimum wage

- as of October 2022) and/or other in-kind or cash contributions;
- Project will be completed and funding will be spent within the calendar year in which it is being awarded.