

## Grant Eligibility Criteria

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### Arts & Culture Grant Program

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

#### 1. 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; and
- Providing programs and services that are open to the public and publicized city-wide.

#### 2. 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; and
- Providing programs and services that are open to the public and publicized city-wide.

#### 3. Multi-Year Funded Organizations

(Three Year Funding)

- Legally incorporated as a not-for-profit/charity 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;
- Must have a total revenue of \$400,000 or more;
- 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; and
- Must receive a score on their application of at least 4 out of 5 from the Peer Assessment Committee.

## **Cultural Festivals & Celebrations Grant program**

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:

### **1. 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 city-wide.

### **2. 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.

### **3. 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.

### **4. 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 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.

**Community Grant program****1. New & Emerging Organizations**

- Operating on a not-for-profit basis and governed by volunteers;
- Operating with a specific mandate to provide and support recreation and sport, parks and forestry or environment activities;
- Operating year-round;
- Based and active in Mississauga;
- Providing programs and services in Mississauga that are open to the public and publicized city-wide; and
- Registered with the [Community Group Registry Program](#).

**2. Established Organizations**

- Operating as a not-for-profit for four years or more;
- Legally incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in the province of Ontario;
- Governed by a democratically elected volunteer board;
- Operating with a specific mandate to provide and support recreation and sport, parks and forestry or environment activities;
- Operating year-round;
- Based and active in Mississauga;
- Providing programs and services in Mississauga that are open to the public and publicized city-wide;
- Registered with the [Community Group Registry Program](#); and
- Received funding through the Community Grants Program within the past four years.

**3. Multi-Year Funded Organizations**

(By Invitation Only)

- Deemed to be providing programs and services that are necessary for the growth and development of: Recreation, Parks and Forestry or Environment in Mississauga and that align with identified strategic priorities;
- Are the major Recreation, Parks and Forestry or Environment organization in their sector in Mississauga;
- Identified by the Recreation Division, Parks and Forestry Division or Environment Division as providing programs/services the City would otherwise have to provide and/or supplement programs beyond the City's capability;
- Have a history and established track record of serving Mississauga and managing grant funding;
- Legally incorporated as a not for profit organization in the province of Ontario;
- Governed by a democratically elected volunteer board;
- Operating year-round;
- Based and active in Mississauga;

- Providing programs and services in Mississauga that are open to the public and publicized city-wide;
- Registered with the [Community Group Registry Program](#) (CGRP):
- Received funding from the City of Mississauga for no less than four years;
- Is in good standing with the City of Mississauga – determined by organizations participation in the CGRP Program; and
- Organization is financially stable with no major deficits.

#### **Culture Projects Grant program**

- 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.