4 SEASONS



Participation Grant Guidelines

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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

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GRANT DESCRIPTION

The **4 Seasons Participation Grant** provides up to **$1,000** to help South East communities launch **new programs** in sport, arts, culture, physical activity, and recreation. This grant is designed to remove barriers—financial, physical, and social—so everyone can participate.

The grant aims to spark innovation and create **opportunities that have never been offered before—** programs that fill gaps and engage people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Whether it's planting seeds for new ideas in spring, sparking activity in summer, strengthening connections in fall, or building resilience in winter, this grant helps communities kick-start ideas that build participation in every season.

- **What is it?** A grant that helps communities remove barriers so everyone can participate in sport, culture, and recreation programs—in all four seasons.
- **Why does it matter?** Inclusion and accessibility are at the heart of vibrant communities. This grant ensures no one is left behind.
- **Impact:** More opportunities. More participation. More belonging.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible applicants: Urban or Rural Municipalities, First Nations or Tribal Councils or Registered community **not-for-profit organizations**. *Applicants must be located in the Southeast District geographic area. Unsure? Contact our office or view our MAP.*

Ineligible Organizations – Please Read Carefully

The following **cannot apply**: Organizations with overdue follow-up reports in the lottery-funded system, Daycares, Long-term care homes, and Schools. ⚠️ Applications from any of the above will **not** be considered.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

Our funding cycle is April 1, 2026 - March 1, 2027, and is split into two seasonal grant periods. The grant funding is capped, and once available funds are allocated for the grant period, the grant will be considered closed. First-come, first-served.

Timing of your program:	When to Apply:
Spring & Summer Grant Period For activities occurring between April - September 2026 *(funds must be used by Oct 1, 2026)*	**Applications can be submitted between April 1 and Dec. 31, 2026.**
Fall & Winter Grant Period For activities occurring between October 2026 - February 2027 *(funds must be used by March 1, 2027)*	

Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. The final grant deadline for the grant cycle is December 31, 2026, or when funds have been fully allocated.

FUNDING DETAILS

- Up to **$1,000 per project/program**
- Maximum **two applications per grant cycle** (total $2,000)
- **Expenses incurred before approval are not eligible**. If you spend before written confirmation, it's at your own risk.

GRANT CRITERIA

Submissions must meet these requirements:

✅ 1. New or Improved Program

- Must be new or a significant improvement to an existing program.
- Introduce fresh ideas and fill a gap in your community.

✅ 2. Barrier Removal & Participation

- Explain what barriers (financial, physical, social, cultural) your program will remove.
- Show how this will increase participation and inclusivity.

✅ 3. Target Audience

- Identify who you want to reach (e.g., children, youth, seniors, newcomers, people with disabilities).
- Describe how your audience will be engaged and expected outcomes/impact.

✅ 4. Budget

- Provide a clear budget for the $1,000 grant. Eligible expenses include:
    - Equipment & supplies
    - Facility rental
    - Instructor/Artist fees
    - Marketing & promotion
    - Accessibility supports (e.g., adaptive equipment, transportation assistance)

✅ 5. Eligible Activities

- Activities must offer **hands-on opportunities (participatory) and skill development** in sport, arts, culture, physical activity, or recreation. *{Examples include: Pickleball/Curling Clinics,*

Clay-making Classes with local artist, Learn to Paint Workshops, or Summer Play/Aquatics/Fitness Programs.}

✅ **6. Program Quality**

- Well-planned, realistic, and clearly described.
- Hands-on, participatory experiences that actively involve participants.

👉 **Tip**: Applications are often denied due to insufficient detail in the budget or a lack of clarity about the project. Be sure to provide thorough information.
👉 **Tip**: Your program must be planned for the future. We cannot cover expenses that were incurred before the review panel has approved your grant submission.

WHAT WILL THE GRANT FUND?

✓ Artist or Sport Instructor Fees (including travel/hotel)
✓ Art materials, craft supplies, small equipment for program delivery (e.g. Snowshoe Loan Kit)
✓ Facility or equipment rental (non-owned venues only)
✓ Tobacco for Elder offering
✓ Program coordination (contracted, not permanent staff)
✓ Essential program equipment (e.g., pickleball nets, hockey sticks)
✓ Training for staff/volunteers to support program delivery (e.g. Play Leadership/Fitness Certification)

WHAT WILL THE GRANT NOT FUND?

✗ Groups without non-profit status
✗ Fully funded programs from other sources or pre-incurred expenses
✗ Fundraising, faith-based activities, contests, festivals, entertainment events
✗ Inflatables/rentals, league fees, bonspiels
✗ Capital projects or fixed structures (e.g., playgrounds, trail signage)
✗ Activities not respecting cultural protocols
✗ Cash prizes, gift cards, uniforms, personal items
✗ Property taxes, insurance, regular operations
✗ Food, beverages, alcohol
✗ School/daycare/private care curriculum-based activities
✗ Non-essential training or tech equipment (e.g., projectors, sound systems)