

Small Grant Guidelines

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What is ClimateReadyYYC?

ClimateReadyYYC offers **small grants** (\$500- \$5,000) which will be awarded to small groups of community-minded individuals (3 or more) or registered organizations to be ready for extreme heat, drought, wildfire and wildfire smoke, extreme precipitation, severe storms, winter storms and shifting seasons at a grassroot community level. These grants aim to help communities and those most vulnerable to climate change make the changes they need to thrive.

Who is eligible?

- Groups of Community-Minded Individuals: groups must consist of at least 3 individuals, who reside within the Calgary area, but do not live in the same household.
- Registered Organizations located in Calgary (Non-profits, Charities and Community-Minded Organizations are eligible)

What is the qualifying and evaluation criteria for projects?

- **Focus on Climate Adaptation:** Projects must help communities or targeted groups adapt to specific climate issue(s), challenge or hazard specific to the City of Calgary (Calgary Climate Projections).
- **Reach wider audience:** Projects must engage targeted groups that are affected by climate change or more vulnerable to climate change impacts (Climate Equity).
- **Community Accessibility and Engagement:** Projects should be designed to engage and be accessible to either all community members or a targeted group of community members.
- Measurable Tangible Outputs: Proposals should have a measurable positive impact on their community. The interventions should have some tangible activities be it making DIY hepa filters or activity-based education like 25 people attended a climate adaptation workshop and installed 1 shade structure to their community park.
- **Sustainability:** Project should be designed such that they are sustainable and have prolonged impact in the community. Ex. Measures of maintenance of shade structures, measures to clean and change filters in Hepa filters, videos that could be shared to wider audience for awareness.

Grant Distribution:

Awarded funds will be given up front or in installments based on the project's activities and timelines.

Timelines

Application opens: February 24, 2025
Application deadline: March 31, 2025
Results announced: Early May 2025

Project must be completed by: November 15, 2025

• Final submission of documents and reports: November 30, 2025

We reserve the right to move deadlines when necessary and feasible. Any changes in the agreed project timeline should be communicated and approved in writing.