

About ClimateReadyYYC

ClimateReadyYYC offers grants to help Calgary communities prevent and act on climate change impacts.

Hotter days, wildfire smoke, hail, extreme rain, floods, drought, and getting enough healthy food is already impacting our communities. This grant program helps communities prevent and get ready for these impacts while supporting people who are most at risk.

We challenge you to come up with ideas your community can use to prepare for the impacts of climate change and/or prevent it from getting worse.

That could be:

- Building a drought tolerant community garden
- Hosting a wildfire smoke education event and distributing HEPA filters
- Installing rain barrels
- Creating more shaded areas
- Teaching community members how to reduce or prevent the impacts of climate
- Improving the energy efficiency or adding clean power to your building

Look at what your community needs and come up with a local solution.

Apply for a ClimateReadyYYC grant today with your idea!

Grant Types

Large Grants: ClimateReadyYYC offers large grants (\$5,500-\$25,000) to registered organizations to support project implementation, activities, and events that will enhance community climate resilience by preventing and/or getting ready for climate impacts such as increasing heat, wildfire smoke, hail, extreme precipitation, high winds, droughts, shifting seasons and flooding.

Small Grants: 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 prevent or prepare for extreme heat, drought, wildfire and wildfire smoke, extreme precipitation, severe storms, winter storms and shifting seasons at a grassroots community level. These grants aim to help communities and those most vulnerable to climate change make the changes they need to thrive.

Eligibility Criteria

The proposed project must help Calgarians prevent and/or get ready for the impacts of the changing climate. Large grants are open to organizations only. Small grants are open to organizations and small groups of community minded individuals (3 or more).

Project Inspiration

1. Green Spaces and Sustainable Landscaping
 - Climate resilient community garden (drought tolerant or rain garden)
 - Food forest, mini forest, edible landscaping
 - Indigenous plant gardens
 - Planting trees
2. Cooling, Shade and Heat Preparedness
 - Install pergolas, shade structures, shade sails
 - Tree planting
 - Create outdoor shaded seating areas
 - Distribute DIY cooling kits or host heat preparedness workshops
 - Install rain barrels
 - Use of heat reflective paint to cool surfaces
 - Developing common and public areas as cooling stations
 - Misting stations
 - Water fountains
3. Wildfire Smoke Preparedness
 - Installation of HEPA filters and open public indoor spaces for the community
 - Promote indoor activities for community
 - Workshops on awareness of wildfire smoke and making/distributing HEPA filters or distributing N95 masks.
4. Severe Storms and Hail
 - Installation of tunnels or hail tarps for gardens or green houses to protect produce and extend growing season.
 - Information sharing sessions on hail damage protection options
5. Food Resilience
 - Community food rescue and upcycling
 - Food preserving workshops
 - Composting workshops
6. Low carbon transportation
 - Community bike hubs, bike racks, repair stations, bike bus etc.

- Group charging station
- Information sharing such as an electric vehicle fair for e-scooters, e-bikes etc.

7. Reducing emissions

- Use clean energy to power your spaces
- Host workshops on energy efficiency
- Promote reusable materials, repair cafes, reduce single-use items
- Improve the energy efficiency of your space

8. Resilience and Preparedness

- Neighbourhood emergency preparedness kits
- Create a resilience hub in community hall with fans, shade, emergency info
- Host a climate community resilience fair

9. Education and Engagement

- Indigenous led land-based activities
- Climate themed mural and installations
- Community story telling projects
- Art programs based on climate change
- Climate ready pop-up events with demos
- Youth led art programs

Eligible Costs

Program Costs

- Event logistics like renting projector, sound system, tables, chairs
- Venue rentals
- Event supplies like stationery, printing, signage
- Equipment rentals like tent or tools associated with the project activity
- Food and drinks for project related activities
- Communications like flyers, social media, event promotion or knowledge and research documents
- New hires, contractors, specialized speakers who can deliver the service.

Infrastructure Project Costs

- Cost related to purchase and installation of the approved infrastructure improvements

- Cost related to getting permits for the approved infrastructure project

Honorariums and Facilitators Cost

- Payment made to facilitators for the project. Proof of payment along with details of the work done is required.
- Honorariums provided to guest speakers or workshop leaders for the project. This should not exceed \$500. Proof of payment along with details of the work done is required.

Ineligible Costs

- Staff wages not directly related to running the project or event
- Regular rent, utilities, or overhead unrelated to the project
- Travel, accommodation, or meals (unless essential for the project)
- Items for personal use or individual benefit
- Organizers or grant recipients cannot be paid
- Paying off debt or covering past shortfalls
- Buying office equipment like computers, printers, or power tools
- Prizes, trophies, or giveaways
- Alcohol or cannabis
- Anything already funded through another source
- Costs from before your grant is approved
- Unreasonable or unrelated expenses may not be approved

Some Key Terms

Climate Adaptation means getting ready for the changes that are already happening like installing shade structures or creating cool spaces during heat waves, planting drought-resistant gardens, or making emergency plans for big storms.

Climate Mitigation means trying to prevent climate change from getting worse at the source by reducing emissions of greenhouse gases like saving energy, using solar power, or encouraging people to walk or bike instead of drive.