

2026 GRANT GUIDELINES

Application Deadlines

ActivateYYC grant application opens **March 16th, 2026** and close **August 31st, 2026** or when funds run out, whichever comes first.

The first assessment of applications will occur after March 16th on a rolling basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible before funds run out.

It may take up to THREE (3) weeks for the ActivateYYC to review, and make a decision on your application. Unfortunately we are not able to fund all the applications we receive.



General Guidelines

\$500-\$5,000 Grants

For small-scale public realm projects that improve how streets and shared right-of-way areas are used.

Who's Eligible?

Community Associations, Business Improvement Areas, non-profits, charities, and local businesses collaborating with community partners in Calgary.

Eligible Projects/Expenses

- On-street/Off-street Parklets
- Paint the Pavement projects, and artist fees.
- Block parties and open street events, permitting and rentals.
- General creative use of roads/mobility right of way.

Ineligible Expenses

- Capital projects, permanent infrastructure.
- Staffing, operations, fundraising.
- Costs incurred before application.

Goals

- Promote walking, rolling, and active transportation
- Strengthen neighbourhood connection and social interaction

How To Apply

Complete the application form [here](#) (link) or [here](#) (link)

If you have any questions, concerns or require assistance with the application, please reach out to activateyycc@calgarycommunities.com

Project Requirements

- Interventions must be freely accessible to the public, considerate of all ages and abilities
- Projects and budgetary changes must receive final approval from the ActivateYYC team at the Federation before proceeding.
- Purchases must be matched with a receipt/payment invoice and submitted with the final report.
- All successful applicants must fill out a final report survey within 1 month of project completion and credit the Federation of Calgary Communities and the City of Calgary as funders of the project.
- Activations must be completed and installed by October 31st, 2026.

Evaluation

Impact: Accessibility and impact of the project on the broader community.

Support: Community support in place for the project, engagement of a broad range of people including those who live, work and play in your neighbourhood.

**TIP: We love seeing letters of support!*

Feasibility: The ability of the project team to deliver on the project, with a high probability of success – Strong safety considerations, maintenance plan, accurate budget estimates.

Creativity: Innovation and ability to advance tactical urbanism and placemaking concepts – new fun ideas for your community.

**TIP: Show us your precedents, inspiration, and visual ideas!*

Location: How effective is the location in making an impact on the area?

**TIP: Add a map or rough site diagram explaining your idea!*

