# ClimateReadyYYC

ClimateReadyYYC offers grants to help Calgary communities prevent and act on climate change and its 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
- Adopting/Promoting alternative modes of transportation

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 ($5,000-$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 rain, high winds, droughts, shifting seasons and flooding. These grants aim to help communities and those most vulnerable to climate change lead climate actions and make the changes they need to thrive. We have $50,000 allocated for large grants in this round.

**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 nonprofit organizations to prevent or prepare for heat, wildfire smoke, hail, extreme rain, high winds, droughts, shifting seasons and flooding at a grassroot community level. These grants aim to help communities and those most vulnerable to climate change lead climate actions and make the changes they need to thrive. We have $40,000 allocated for small grants in this round.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Scope of project: Climate action focused projects led by community
- Location: All the proposed projects must be within the physical boundary of the City of Calgary
- Registered Organizations: Nonprofits, Charities, Community Associations (CAs), Resident Associations (RAs), Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), Social Recreation Organizations
- Groups of community minded individuals: Only eligible to apply for small grants. Groups should have 3 or more individuals living in different households within the City of Calgary.

## 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
   - 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
   - DIY energy efficiency kits

8. Resilience and Preparedness
   - Neighbourhood emergency preparedness kits
   - Create a resilience hub in community halls 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 climate action programs

**Eligible Expenses**

**Programs and Events**

- Event Supplies- Stationery, Printing (handouts, worksheets, guides)
- Space rental
- Equipment rental- Tents, projector, sound system, tables, chairs, tools associated with the project activity
- Promotions and Marketing- Posters, flyers, social media ads, signage
- Food and Refreshments- Snacks or drinks (non-alcoholic) for event participants

**Infrastructure Project Costs**

- Construction Materials- Paint, hardware, tool rentals, and materials for semi-permanent/ permanent structures.
- Contractor or Builder Fees- Design, building, or installation costs. *Maximum 15% of the overall application budget.
- Permits and Licensing- Cost related to getting permits for the approved infrastructure project. Maximum 5% of the overall application budget.

*We encourage engaging volunteers whenever possible. However, if your project requires professional contractors or builders for safety or compliance reasons, please outline this in the budget sheet.

**People and Support**

- Facilitator or Instructor Fees- Payments for those leading workshops or activities. Proof of payment along with details of the work done is required.
- Honorariums- For guest speakers or volunteers for the project. This should not exceed $500 per event. Proof of payment along with details of the work done is required.
- Ceremonial Tobacco and Honoraria to Indigenous Elders.
- Admin or/and Staffing Support- Maximum of 15% of the overall application budget

**Ineligible Costs**

Grant funding cannot be used for:

- 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

If you have any questions or need clarification on any items listed eligible/ineligible, please reach out to our grants team.

**Some Key Terms**

**Climate Adaptation-** 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-** Actions 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 driving fuel-based vehicles.

**Climate Equity**- Ensuring people and communities in Calgary who are most vulnerable to climate impacts receive targeted support, resources, and a voice in climate action so everyone can benefit fairly.

**Climate Resilience** – The ability of a system, community, or environment to withstand and recover from climate-related events.

**Engagement** (in this context) – The involvement and participation of various groups in a project. For instance, if you are running a training or workshop, considering need assessment of the target audience, including them through out the process of designing the training and collecting feedback from them as well besides the part where they participate in the training.

**Accessibility** – The ease with which community members can participate in or benefit from the project. An infrastructure that is in a public space and open to all is accessible. A training or workshop which is open to all, free to attend, considers the needs of language and physical accessibility like ramps is accessible.