

**2024/25 Front the Ground Up - Safe Healthy Communities for ALL Program
Frequently Asked Questions**

If I need help completing the application, whom can I contact?	
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What do I need to do to confirm that my non-profit organization is active and in good standing?	
<p>For incorporated, non-profit organizations, you can submit your current annual return of information or a Certificate of Status from the Companies Office. For non-incorporated, non-profit organizations, you may be asked for copies of information such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • financial statements • meeting minutes • constitution and bylaws • membership and executive structure. <p>Please note: all applicants may be required to submit additional organizational information upon request.</p>	
What is considered a planning project?	
<p>A planning project is one that focuses on the development of a plan that helps regions, municipalities and communities/neighbourhoods to make decisions about priorities for future development. This would include land use and development plans, economic development plans, neighbourhood revitalization plans and recreation master plans.</p>	

When can I expect to receive the funding for my project?
All approved applicants will be required to sign a project contribution agreement that outlines payment schedule. Seventy per cent (70%) of approved funds will be issued after the signed project contribution agreement is received. Thirty per cent (30%) of approved funds will be issued after final reports have been submitted and accepted.
What do I do once my project is complete?
A final report is required within 60 days of project completion or by the final deadline listed in the project contribution agreement, whichever is sooner. All reporting requirements, as outlined in your project contribution agreement, must be completed in full. Final payment will not be issued until all reporting requirements have been approved by the Manitoba government.
Can an organization apply for more than one project?
Yes, an organization can apply for more than one project. However, officials responsible for the Program have the authority to assess each application on its individual merits and will exercise their discretion in project approvals.
Can I start my project before receiving approval?
You can start your project prior to receiving approval, however, project expenses incurred before April 1, 2024 are not eligible.
How are projects approved?
Applications are reviewed and assessed by-department officials, in consultation with other government departments. An interdepartmental team will be involved in reviewing and providing feedback on project applications. Officials responsible for the Program have the authority to assess each application on its individual merits and will exercise their discretion in project approvals.
What is the maximum grant we can request and what is the required matching funding under the program?
<p>Community Renewal Initiatives Stream</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit organizations and Northern Affairs Community Councils can apply for up to 80% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$100,000. Applicants are required to provide 20% matching funding from other revenue sources. • Municipal governments can apply for up to 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$100,000. Applicants are required to provide 50% matching funding from other revenue sources. <p>Community Spaces Stream</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit organizations and Northern Affairs Community Councils can apply for up to 80% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$100,000. Applicants are required to provide 20% matching funding from other revenue sources. • Municipal governments can apply for up to 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$100,000. Applicants are required to provide 50% matching funding from other revenue sources. <p>Healthy, Safe, Connected Children and Youth Stream will fund grants up to \$50,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit organizations and Northern Affairs Community Councils can apply for up to 80% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$50,000. Applicants are required to provide 20% matching funding from other revenue sources. • Municipal governments can apply for up to 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$50,000. Applicants are required to provide 50% matching funding from other revenue sources <p>Note: In-kind contributions (volunteer labour, donated materials, loaned equipment) can only be used toward the applicant's contribution.</p>

Is there a provincial funding maximum for projects?

- For non-profit and Northern Affairs Community Councils no more than 80% of total project costs can be sourced from provincial funding.
- For municipal governments no more than 50% of total project costs can be sourced from provincial funding.

Provincial funding includes support provided by any provincial department or agency including Manitoba Hydro, Efficiency Manitoba, organizations funded by the Province of Manitoba such as School Divisions, as well as the Trails Manitoba Grant Programs.

What are examples of projects in the funding streams?

The program provides application-based project funding to support a broad range of community renewal efforts, community capital projects and children and youth initiatives. Examples of projects in each of the program streams include:

Community Renewal Initiatives Stream

- Training or skill development projects
- Community outreach/engagement
- Planning projects (master plans, recreation plans, neighbourhood/community plans etc.)
- Local community economic development (community kitchen, social enterprises, etc.)
- Equipment purchases (computers, hall tables/chairs, office furnishings etc. note: all equipment must remain with the organization)
- Housing and safety support projects (tenant safety coordination, neighbourhood safety plan, etc.)

Community Spaces Stream (capital)

- Community gardens, greening and beautification projects
- Upgrade to community playground/play spaces or spray pads
- Outdoor recreation spaces and sport fields
- Recreation facility upgrades (community centres, senior centres, halls, etc.)

Healthy, Safe, Connected Children and Youth Stream

- After-school program for children and youth
- Cultural and recreation programs
- Youth leadership and/or mentorship opportunities
- Life skills training programs (money management, cooking, etc.)

What can be included under project specific wages?

The program provides funding to support project specific wages. However, it does not cover ongoing core operating salaries and other employment benefits outside of project specific wages.

What can be included in in-kind contribution?

In-kind contributions (volunteer labour, donated materials/goods and services, loaned equipment) are eligible project costs/revenues that can only be used toward the applicant's contribution.

Volunteer labour costs for the project are eligible. Volunteer labour costs will be calculated at current minimum wage. Any hours must align with a specific task/activity. Donations of material are eligible project costs and are calculated at market value.

Applicants must enter in-kind contributions as an expense and a revenue in the budget section of the application form.

When can we expect to hear about our grant request?

Although a specific date for the release of funding decisions can not be provided, the review of applications will be undertaken as efficiently as possible once the intake closes on May 31, 2024. All applicants will receive email notification on the status of their grant application.

Is the Building Sustainable Communities program still available?

The new From the Ground Up program repurposes the former Building Sustainable Communities program. From the Ground Up will focus on supporting community renewal initiatives and improving neighbourhoods and community spaces that are most in need. The From the Ground Up program also aligns with commitments made in Budget 2024 to invest in community supports to build safe and healthy communities for all Manitobans.