



## Together *A-p-a-r-t* Grant Guidelines

These guidelines are effective May 5, 2020 – previous versions no longer apply.

If you have questions after reviewing these guidelines, you can obtain more program information from the City of Chilliwack's Recreation and Culture Department. Please contact:

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## City of Chilliwack Neighbourhood Grant Program

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Great cities are built on the foundation of strong neighbourhoods. Since residents often know just what is needed to enhance the quality of life in their neighbourhoods, the Neighbourhood Grant Program has been developed to support residents and organizations that have small but powerful ideas that will bring people together and enhance neighbourhoods.

### The Together Apart Grant

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The Together Apart Grant is an initiative to encourage residents and community groups of Chilliwack to engage in neighbourhood or community projects that promote positive social awareness and connectedness while physically apart.

For many of us, doing our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 also means facing social isolation. Staying connected while physically apart is more important than ever right now, and the City of Chilliwack wants to help support ideas that connect residents while complying with public health orders and physical distancing guidelines. To help neighbourhoods stay physically apart but together at heart, we're offering small grants of \$25 to Chilliwack residents with creative ideas to connect their communities, reduce social isolation and build community strength and resiliency.

### Funding Criteria and Eligibility

**Who is eligible?** Any Chilliwack resident age 18+ may apply. Youth under the age of 18 would require an adult to sign for them. Businesses and organizations are not eligible to apply.

#### What you need to know before you apply:

- Preference will be given to new projects.
- The project must be free, accessible and welcoming.
- Applicants may only begin the project after the application is approved (funding will not be provided retroactively).
- Final reports must be submitted no more than four weeks after the completion of the project. Reports consist of photos of the project in progress and a brief summary of the project success.
- Funding may be used to provide "honorariums" to those helping organize the project.

#### All applications should:

- Describe the project and how it will foster community connections safely.
- Include a plan for fostering neighbourhood participation.
- Enhance one or more drivers of neighbourhood attachment: aesthetics, leadership, safety, offerings or relationships.

#### Grants shouldn't be used for:

- Support of ongoing programs or services.
- Funding or promoting illegal or adult-oriented activities.
- Projects that encourage interactions that do not adhere to public health orders and physical distancing guidelines.
- Funding the purchase of any alcohol or tobacco related products.
- The purpose of private or commercial gain.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is eligible to apply?

Any Chilliwack resident age 18+ may apply. Youth not yet the age of majority would require an adult to sign for them. Businesses and organizations are not eligible to apply.

### What kind of activities are eligible?

Activities that foster community connections while following all public health orders and physical distancing guidelines are eligible. Examples of this could include a virtual craft night, an event hosted on an online platform, or a neighbourhood window scavenger hunt. Projects could be recurring (e.g. weekly virtual games nights with the neighbourhood), but funding will only be provided one time. Check out our online resources for some more ideas and project design support at [www.chilliwack.com/Together](http://www.chilliwack.com/Together)

Projects that promote illegal or adult activities, do not adhere to public health orders and physical distancing guidelines, and food purchases are ineligible.

### How does the grant funding work?

Applications will be evaluated on a first come, first served basis with priority given to new applicants. Funding will be provided through cheque upon completion of the project.

### What can hosts use grant funding for?

Grant funding could be used to cover the cost of supplies (i.e. poster board, markers, prizes, chalk, Zoom) or as an honorarium to the host as a thank you for fostering community spirit.

### When can I apply?

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and will be evaluated on a first come, first served model with priority given to new applicants. Please submit your application at least 5 business days before your desired start date.

## Need more information?

Contact the City's Recreation and Culture Department at 604.793.2904.

Grant applications are available online at [chilliwack.com/neighbourhoodgrants](http://chilliwack.com/neighbourhoodgrants).