



## Youth Engagement Projects (YEP) Grant

### Frequently Asked Questions

If you have additional questions after reviewing this document, please contact Recreation and Culture Department staff for more information:

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#### What is the Youth Engagement Projects (YEP) Grant?

The Youth Engagement Projects Grant offers matching funds of up to \$1,000 to assist youth in developing and implementing neighbourhood-enhancing projects. It is available to groups of two or more youth (aged 13-19) from different households in Chilliwack.

#### What's a matching grant?

Successful applicants submit a list of contributions, donated materials, and/or volunteer hours and the City will match that in funds (up to \$1,000).

#### What are the focus areas?

Proposed projects should focus on at least one of the following aspects of neighbourhood: aesthetics, leadership, safety, social offerings, or relationships.

#### Do I need experience planning projects?

No! No experience is required to apply for a Youth Engagement Projects Grant. Successful applicants will work with the City's Community Coordinator who will help facilitate their project.

#### What can grant money be used for?

- Purchasing or renting materials
- Professional services
- Promotional material
- Food and refreshments

### **What can't the money be used for?**

- Projects and/or materials in contravention of City bylaws
- Expenses you have paid for already
- Materials that will revert to private ownership after the project
- Travel expenses
- Fundraising activities
- Support of ongoing programs or services
- Private or commercial gain

### **What is my neighbourhood?**

Neighbourhood refers to the immediate area that surrounds your residence as defined by each individual or any area the applicant is attached to. If you're still not sure, give us a call.

### **How do I apply?**

Visit our website at [Chilliwack.com/neighbourhoodgrants](http://Chilliwack.com/neighbourhoodgrants), select the Youth Engagement Projects (YEP) Grant and fill out an online application.

### **Who is eligible?**

Any two or more youth living in different households in Chilliwack between the ages of 13-19 that have ideas to enhance their neighbourhood may apply. Please note, all applications require a minimum of either one adult sponsor aged 25 or older, or two adult sponsors between the ages of 20-24.

### **Does the project have to be in my neighbourhood?**

At least one applicant should reside in the neighbourhood of the proposed project, or, at minimum, have a strong connection to the neighbourhood of the proposed project.

### **What are some examples of projects that would be eligible for funding?**

Potential project ideas are endless! We encourage all applicants to get creative and bring your own passion and flavour into your project or event! Projects must be accessible to the public. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Community gardens
- Block parties
- Murals
- Skill building workshops (e.g. cooking, knitting, gardening)
- Bicycle maintenance and/or registration
- Local environmental awareness and stewardship day
- Park or trail clean-up
- Inter-generational or inter-cultural projects/events
- Graffiti removal
- Neighbourhood tree planting
- Storm drain painting
- Bird box creation/installation

### **Are neighbourhood events hosted on private property eligible for this grant?**

A neighbourhood event hosted on private property could be eligible for a YEP Grant, provided it is inclusive of nearby neighbours.

### **Are neighbourhood projects on private property eligible for this grant?**

Proposed neighbourhood-enhancing projects, such as murals or community gardens, need to be suggested for public property.

### **How much funding is available per project?**

Matching funding is available for each project to a maximum of \$1,000 per project.

### **When is the deadline to apply for the grant?**

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis as funding availability and staff capacity allows.

### **When will I know if my grant has been approved?**

Recreation and Culture staff will contact each applicant to inform them if their grant was approved, or to explain why it was rejected.

As each application will be different and have unique needs/timelines, grant approval times will vary. Recreation and Culture staff will endeavour to establish initial contact with each applicant within seven business days.

### **Still have questions?**

Contact our Recreation and Culture Department at [recreationandculture@chilliwack.com](mailto:recreationandculture@chilliwack.com) or 604.793.2904 and we'd be happy to answer your questions or help you work through your application!