



## Youth Engagement Projects (YEP) Grant

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

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Note: We are always working towards providing more accessibility within our offerings. If you have access needs or questions, please contact us and we are happy to provide additional support.

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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 community and/or neighbourhood-enhancing projects. It is available to youth aged 13-24.

### 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: inclusion, education, aesthetics, leadership, safety, 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 resources for 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/community?**

'Neighbourhood/community' refers to the area around your home or any area or group of people you have a strong connection to. Please contact the Recreation and Culture Department at 604.793.2904 if you have any questions about this.

## **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. To accommodate access needs, we are also able to take phone calls to support the application process from beginning to end.

## **Who is eligible?**

Any one or more youth living in the community of Chilliwack between the ages of 13-24 that have ideas to enhance their community may apply. Please note, all applications require one adult sponsor aged 25 or older. If you do not have one, the City can suggest support options.

## **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
- Murals
- Block parties

- 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!