

Municipality of Cumberland
County General Grant
Program Guidelines

Overview

The Municipality of Cumberland recognizes the important contribution that volunteer organizations make to the sustainability of our communities and our County and wishes to support their efforts by providing financial assistance when that is necessary. This program may be used to support any type of activity that benefits the community including recreation, health and healthy living, social opportunities and community service, stewardship of the environment, education and life-long learning, community economic development & tourism, heritage, culture, and creative arts.

Program Categories

The County General Grants Program supports community activities in four categories:

Category	Brief Explanation	Possible Funding	General Limit
Capital Construction, Renovations and Major Repairs	Assistance with the construction of a new indoor or outdoor community facility, or renovations or major repairs to an existing one.	50% of total cost	N/A
Operation and Maintenance	Assistance with the costs of operating and maintaining indoor or outdoor community facilities which provide services and benefits to residents of Cumberland County.	20% of total annual operating costs of the facility (excluding programming)	\$3,000
Programs	Assistance with the costs of providing ongoing programs or services for the benefit of the community.	30% of total budget for a program	\$5,000
Special Events and Initiatives	Assistance with costs associated with hosting an annual special event or festival, new or one-time events, or other initiatives such as (but not limited to) the development of a master plan, engineering or design work, marketing & promotion, or hosting a conference or training workshop.	30% of total cost of the program or event	\$5,000

Note: For all categories, a portion of the applicant’s contribution may be in the form of “in kind”, provided the value of the contribution is included in the budget template provided.

Exceptions

In exceptional circumstances, where the need is clear and urgent, Council may decide to approve funding greater than the maximum percentages and limits described in the table above.

Deadline

The deadline for the County General Grant for 2025-2026 is March 31st, 2025. Grant requests after March 31st can be applied through the District Grants program, or by way of a direct request to Council.

Eligibility

Only not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply. Individuals and businesses are not eligible.

Applicants may only apply for one project per category each year. Each project must be on its own separate application form.

In the case of capital construction, renovation, or major repair projects, applicants must own or have a long-term lease to the property or other acceptable form of written agreement with the landowner.

Churches and religious organizations are eligible to apply for assistance with facilities, projects and programs which are readily available to the community at large. Projects relating to the sanctuary and programs relating to religious activities of the church are ineligible.

Application Procedure & Checklist

Applications for any of the above categories must be submitted using the County General Grant application form available at [Grants to Organizations - Municipality of Cumberland \(cumberlandcounty.ns.ca\)](https://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca) and must include all additional materials listed on the checklist which can be found on the last page of the application.

Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to budget availability.

All applications must include:

- A complete application form and project budget template.
- If it is a capital application, proof of property ownership (normally a deed), or long-term lease or written agreement.
- Copies of quotes for any goods or services to be purchased as part of this project.
- The applicant’s most recent annual financial report.

Application Review & Approval Process

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the Municipality (see contact information) to discuss their application prior to submitting it.

Upon receipt of the application, applicants will receive a notification of receipt (usually email) within 7 days and will be notified of any additional information that may be required for the application to be considered. If you do not receive the notification within 7 days, please contact us.

Complete applications will be submitted to Municipal Council for consideration.

Payment of Grants & Final Reports

If the application is approved, a cheque will be issued and mailed to the organization. Payment will be withheld from applicants who have outstanding final project report forms for previously funded projects (see below).

At the completion of their project, all grant recipients are required to submit a Final Project Report Form which can be obtained here: [Grants to Organizations - Municipality of Cumberland \(cumberlandcounty.ns.ca\)](http://cumberlandcounty.ns.ca)

Contact Information

To submit your application and for inquiries please contact the Admin Office at:

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