

## COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS PROGRAM

Application Deadline: Quarterly

March 15 – for projects occurring May 1 to September 1

June 15 – for projects occurring August 1 to December 1

September 15 – for projects occurring November 1 to March 1

December 15 – for projects occurring February 1 to June 1

\*\*If your project occurs outside of the above timelines, please contact ACSC staff to discuss alternatives.

**How to Apply:** Submit a completed application form and supporting documents to [ACSC@gov.mb.ca](mailto:ACSC@gov.mb.ca). Maximum one Community Celebrations grant per government fiscal year (April -- March) per applicant and/or per project.

### Purpose of the Community Celebrations Program

The Arts, Culture and Sport in Community (ACSC) fund Community Celebrations Program will support community celebrations that bring Manitobans together to celebrate their unique culture, heritage, and/or community.

### Eligible Applicants

Non-profit organizations in operation for at least one year prior to application, charitable organizations, ~~MM(1)~~municipalities (including local authorities such as planning districts), First Nations, Métis locals and Northern Affairs Community Councils are eligible to apply.

A non-profit organization is defined as one whose activities are carried out with no financial gain to any of its members. To be eligible, non-profit organizations must be able to provide evidence that the organization is active and in good standing.

\*\* Eligible applicants must be the primary host of the celebration. Major supporting partners in the project may apply on behalf of the host but must provide a letter of support indicating the host organization's approval as only one application per project will be considered.

### Ineligible Applicants

- Individuals
- For-profit entities
- Public institutions such as universities, colleges, school boards and hospitals

### Eligible Projects

- The event may be a one-time or recurring festival or celebration that creates opportunities for Manitobans to celebrate their unique heritage, culture or community.
- The event must be located in Manitoba and targeted to Manitobans.
- The event should be intended for and accessible to the general public.
- The event should promote cultural exchange and/or inclusion and build a sense of community.

Examples of eligible projects include: Street festivals, community festivals, seasonal celebrations, anniversary celebrations, cultural festivals and celebrations.

### **Ineligible Projects**

- Projects with limited or restricted public access.
- Projects related to religious activities or programs.
- Projects receiving funding through the Building Sustainable Communities program in the same fiscal year.

\*\*It is not the intention of this program to fund stand-alone ticketed concerts or performances, ongoing programs or workshops, fundraisers, and/or competitions.

### **Eligible Project Costs**

All costs associated with planning and carrying out the event incurred on or after the application deadline, with the exception of any ineligible costs outlined below.

NOTE: The applicant must demonstrate that it has (or how it will acquire) the resources to complete the project.

### **Ineligible Project Costs**

- Event prizes
- Alcohol
- Permits for alcohol or gambling
- Creation, production or distribution of souvenirs or items for resale
- Capital-related expenses

Note: Expenses incurred before the application deadline are ineligible. If you incur expenses for your project after the deadline but before receiving written confirmation of your funding approval, you will be doing so at your own risk.

### **Assessment Criteria**

- Project readiness
- Benefit of project for Manitobans
- Degree of public engagement

Completed applications will be reviewed and assessed by department officials. Recommendations will be made based on merit, alignment with program objectives, government priorities and availability of funds. Incomplete applications cannot be assessed.

### **Provincial Contribution**

ACSC will provide a provincial contribution of up to 100% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$5,000.

### **Payment Terms and Conditions**

- Following project approval, a project contribution agreement will be signed between the applicant and the Manitoba government.
- Project contribution agreements will outline the terms, the acceptable use of funds, project milestones and end date, payment process, deliverables and reporting requirements.
- Funding will be provided upon signing the project contribution agreement.
- Applicants with any outstanding reporting requirements will be considered ineligible for future intakes until fulfilling the obligations within the contribution agreement.

- All payments are subject to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba duly appropriating the funds payable by the Manitoba government in each year they are to be paid.
- Project funds may only be used for the purposes identified in the agreement. All surplus, ineligible, or unexpended grant funds are subject to recoupment by the Manitoba government.
- All projects are subject to audit by the Manitoba government.

### **The Community Celebrations Program is delivered under the Arts, Culture and Sport in Community Fund**

The Manitoba government's Arts, Culture and Sport in Community (ACSC) fund provides grants to support the arts, culture (heritage, public libraries, and ethnocultural organizations) and amateur sport sectors, enhancing Manitobans' opportunities to access quality programming and facilities in their own community.

### **I have a question not covered here. Can someone assist me?**

If further assistance is required, please email [ACSC@gov.mb.ca](mailto:ACSC@gov.mb.ca) or phone Manitoba Government Inquiry, 1-866-MANITOBA