

Celebrate Markham Part 2: Detailed Criteria by Category

A. CULTURE EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Culture Events Program Guidelines:

The goal is to support initiatives that enable Markham residents to participate in activities, events that promote engagement through the arts, heritage and culture.

Who can Apply:

- Groups must have a mandate to provide cultural activities, or customarily provide a cultural activity as part of their services.

Event Eligibility

- Eligible events may include: cultural celebrations, community theatre productions, music, choir or band concerts, exhibits, readings or spoken word events, folk arts and craft guild activities and art exhibitions.

Event Criteria and Assessment

Applicant to clearly demonstrate the impact the event will have on culture, the community and tourism in the application

Allocation of Culture Events and Program funding

- 50% of the Cultural Events and Programs category allocation will be available to:
 - New organizations that have not received funding from Celebrate Markham in the past 3 years;
 - One-time events, activities, initiatives that promote the objectives of the Culture Plan; as determined through the application assessment process.

B. MAJOR COMMUNITY FESTIVALS & SPORTS EVENTS

i) Major Community Festivals Program Guidelines

The goals are to provide grants for major, community-based festivals and sports events that:

- Have a significant City-wide profile;
- Are capable of attracting visitors from beyond the City of Markham;
- Generate economic and tourism impacts in the City of Markham;
- Encourage residents to participate in their community, connect with each other and celebrate the distinct, diverse and dynamic character of the City of Markham;
- Contribute to the vitality of local economies;
- Raise the profile of the City of Markham as a “destination”.

Event eligibility:

- Festivals/events must have a primary theme or focus on arts, heritage or culture;
- These festivals and events would be capable of attracting over 10,000 attendees and generally comprise multiple days;
- Demonstrate sources of revenue other than the City of Markham and an appropriate organizational infrastructure.

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Eligible projects include, but are not restricted to: arts festivals, heritage festivals and cultural celebrations, tourism initiatives, and fairs. To be eligible for support, festivals and special events must be open to the general public.

Event criteria and assessment:

Applicant to clearly demonstrate the impact the events will have on culture, the community and tourism in the application.

ii) Markham Sports Grant Program Guidelines

Sport Tourism is the fastest growing grassroots economic development initiative in Canada today. It represents \$3.6B in annual spending and has been shown as a stabilizing force even during an economic downturn. This grant will provide grant opportunities to community sport groups to host sport events in our community that will raise Markham's identity as a sport destination and bring recognition for being an active city. The Sport Grant supports the Sport Tourism Strategy that the City of Markham is developing.

The goals of the Sport Markham grant program are to:

- Strengthen sport, economic , and community impacts in alignment with the City of Markham Sport Tourism Strategy;
- Generate economic and tourism impacts in the City of Markham;
- Help communities, organizations, and volunteers enhance their event hosting capacity to attract larger, more prestigious events;
- Build Markham's international profile and reputation as an exceptional major event host; and,
- Support the high performance development pathway for Markham's athletes based on the Canadian sport for Life (CS4L) framework.

Priority of Sport Markham grants are for:

- Provincial and Championships, Regional Events, and invitational Events that clearly fulfill a hosting void in the City;
- Events that fit within the Train to Train, Train to Compete, and Train to Win stages of the CS4L framework:
 - Consideration may also be given for events in the Active for Life (Masters level) stage, but Masters events are not a primary goal of the Markham sports grants
 - If applying for a Masters event, be sure to clearly demonstrate the impact the event will have on the sport, community and tourism.

Who Can Apply?

Applications may be submitted by a not-for-profit organization that is operating as a:

- Community organization, club or association, who are registered with a Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) or National Sport Organization (NSO)

Event Eligibility:

An application is eligible for funding only if the grant will be used for event costs for hosting a regional, provincial or national sport event. Additionally, the event must:

- Take place in Markham;

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- Be sanctioned by an appropriate, recognized organization (PSO, NSO, International Federation (IF), etc.)
- Be identified as part of the PSO's and/or NSO's Canadian Sport for life implementation plan.

Funding requests for the following are **NOT** eligible:

- Events that are unconfirmed or still in the bidding process;
- Sports festivals or participation focused events;
- York Region Elementary, Middle, and high School Championship events;
- Hosting multi-sport events (i.e. multi-sport Games);
- Sport development/training camps;
- Provincial, national or international conference, congresses, symposiums, Annual General Meetings, Etc.;
- Capital Expenditures, gifting and prize money.

Event Criteria And Assessment:

Please ensure to clearly demonstrate the impact the event will have on the sport, community and tourism in the application.

- The event has a defined connection with the sport system (PSO sanctioned and CS4L identified) and provides a valuable competitive opportunity within the high performance development pathway for athletes, coaches and officials;
- The event provides a strong contribution to increasing the capacity of the Municipal, Regional, and Provincial sport system and develops skills and experience of volunteers, technical officials and event organizers;
- The event has the potential to generate measurable economic impacts, tourism benefits, and legacies while providing a valuable sport development opportunity for athletes, coaches and officials;
- There is a significant community support demonstrated for the event and potential for audience reach.

C. SENIORS' CLUBS

The goal is to provide annual funding support to seniors' clubs that deliver social, cultural, physical, recreational and educational activities to senior residents in the City of Markham. These activities reduce isolation and promote social interaction; promote physical and mental well-being; support the participation of seniors in their communities and recognize their contributions; and strengthen friendships and community connections.

Eligibility:

- Clubs must be not-for-profit organizations that are open to senior residents of Markham and have a 75% residency rate.
- Clubs must have a mandate to deliver programs and services that benefit seniors in Markham.

Eligible activities include the planning, organization, implementation and evaluation of annual events and programs, such as: Wellness and active living; bingo; volunteer recognition; celebration of seniors and holiday concerts.