

Strathcona County values the importance of social connections while keeping the safety of residents top of mind. The Community Connection Grant is an initiative to encourage residents to engage in local activities that promote social opportunities and community connections in a way that meet Alberta Health Services [COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, as stated on the Strathcona County website](#). **Micro-grants of up to \$350** are available to supplement a diverse range of neighbourhood and community-focused gatherings, events or activities

Successful applications will demonstrate how the grant supports residents to connect and engage with each other.

Applications must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Applicants must be residents of Strathcona County.
- A minimum of TWO applicants, not from the same household, are required.
 - *The recipient receiving the cheque must be over the age of 18 years old and will be responsible for signing the application, receiving the funds and completing final reporting.*
- One application per household.
- The activity or event must be held in Strathcona County.
- One application per event.
- Recipients or events already funded through a 2021 Community Connection grant are not eligible.
- Applicants must have no outstanding grant reports due to Strathcona County Family and Community Services.
- Businesses are not eligible for funding.
- Grant funds must be used for a public purpose and may not support or promote political activities, private interests or proselytizing.
- The event or activity must take place between **September 1 - December 31, 2021**.
- A final report is required upon completion of your event or activity.
- Successful recipients will sign a financial declaration on page 5 of this application. Recipients must retain receipts for seven (7) years and be prepared to share them if requested.
- When possible, organizers are encouraged to support local businesses and purchase materials in Strathcona County.

Collection and Use of Personal Information

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- As Strathcona County is not the organizer of the event or activity, it is not appropriate to feature Strathcona County's logo on event-related material. Grant recipients are encouraged to use the phrase "funded in part by a Strathcona County Community Connection Grant".
- The Family and Community Services Grants team may visit your event.
- Refer to the website for additional information.

Application Deadline: Friday, August 27, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
Late applications may not be considered.

If you require additional information, check the website at strathcona.ca/grants or contact us by phone at 780-464-4044.

If you require additional information on COVID-19, please visit www.ahs.ca/covid

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EVENT DETAILS

Name of Event/Activity																					
Planned Date and Time of Your Event/Activity																					
Address where the Event/Activity will take place																					
In two sentences, describe your proposed event or activity.																					
In two sentences, describe how your event or activity will enhance community life.																					
Approved applicants can spend grant dollars in the following categories.	Check all applicable boxes to indicate how you plan to spend your grant dollars: <table style="margin-left: 20px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Food</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-left: 20px;">Supplies/Advertising</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 20px; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Rentals</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Entertainment</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Insurance/permits</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Prizes</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Virtual platform</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Other(please specify)</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black;"></td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-left: 20px; font-size: small;">Ineligible items include alcohol/cannabis, capital items (office furniture/equipment), private gain, or as a fundraiser for other projects.</p>	Food	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplies/Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rentals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance/permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prizes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Virtual platform	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other(please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
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Please provide any additional relevant information:

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Applicants cannot be from the same household)

Applicant #1 Full Name * recipient who will receive the funds	
Address with Postal Code	
Contact Information	Daytime phone number: _____ Evening phone number: _____
	Email Address: _____

Applicant #2 Full Name	
Address with Postal Code	
Contact Information	Daytime phone number: _____ Evening phone number: _____
	Email Address: _____

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By submitting your application, you agree to abide by the statements below. Successful applicants will be notified by email.

- ❖ *I agree that for seven years I will keep the receipts for all expenses paid for with the Community Connection grant dollars, and that Strathcona County may ask to see those receipts as evidence of purchase. If Strathcona County asks for those receipts I will produce them within 30 days. If I cannot produce the receipts, I understand that I may be required to repay the grant dollars to Strathcona County.*
- ❖ *If my event/activity does not occur by December 31, 2021, I will contact Family and Community Services to either return the grant dollars or discuss alternatives.*
- ❖ *In accordance with the guidelines set forth in this application, I declare that the project identified adheres to all local laws and bylaws with required permits and liability insurance in place.*
- ❖ *Furthermore, I declare that I will monitor and abide by all COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines as directed [by Alberta Health Services and Strathcona County](#) at the time of using the grant dollars.*

Signature

Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

Signed applications can be emailed to familyandcommunity@strathcona.ca or mailed to:

Strathcona County Family and Community Services

2001 Sherwood Drive
Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3W7

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