

## EventHostBC grants - FAQs

### **Q: What is the purpose of this funding?**

A: To assist non-profit organizations that are not otherwise eligible for provincial funding to produce small-scale, volunteer-driven events that build community spirit and attract people to locations throughout British Columbia.

### **Q: What is the total budget for this initiative?**

A: \$250,000

### **Q: How much can one organization apply for?**

A: Up to 75% of the total cost of the event to a maximum of \$5,000.

### **Q: Who can apply?**

A: B.C.-based, non-profit organizations that meet the eligibility guidelines outlined within the application form may apply. Non-profit organizations should have a broadly-based membership and be able to produce constitution, bylaws and financial statements for the organization.

### **Q: What constitutes “an event”?**

A: For the purpose of this program, an event is defined as a gathering of people for a specific purpose at a specific location for a continuous, condensed and defined period of time.

### **Q: When will organizations be notified if they are successful in their application?**

A: Prior to July 31, 2015.

### **Q: When will successful applicants received their grant money?**

A: Prior to Aug. 14, 2015.

### **Q: Is there a deadline for when an event must be held?**

A: Yes. The event must be held prior to Sept. 15, 2016.

### **Q: What is the application deadline?**

A: Applications may be submitted from 9 a.m. on May 19, 2015 to 4:30 p.m. on June 30, 2015.

**Q: If an event receives municipal, regional or federal funding is it ineligible for this funding?**

A: No. It is only ineligible if the event is supported by other provincial funding.

**Q: How do organizations apply?**

A: Application forms will be available online as of 9 a.m. on May 19. Organizations should complete and sign the application form and attach supporting documentation as instructed, then email it to: [EventHostBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EventHostBC@gov.bc.ca)

**Q: How do you determine the amount each organization will receive if not the full \$5,000?**

A: Until the overall \$250,000 is allocated, the amount each successful applicant will receive will be based on the request from the organizations and that the amount is 75% or less of the total event budget.

**Q: Can one organization apply for more than one event?**

A: No.

**Q: Can multiple organizations from one community apply?**

A: Yes, as long as the applications are not for the same event.

**Q: Are these one-time grants or is this an ongoing program?**

A: This is a one-time only opportunity.

**Q: Are the applications adjudicated, and if so, what criteria will be used?**

A: Applicants must meet established guidelines as outlined in the **Eligibility Guide** and **Application Form**. Grants will be issued to eligible organizations based on a first-come, first-served, regional basis.

**Q: Why first come, first served instead of best proposals?**

A: This initiative is designed to provide broad access to funding for small-scale volunteer-driven community events that do not receive other provincial funding.

**Q: Why can't the event include fundraising for the organization?**

A: The intent is to support grassroots community events rather than an organization's growth.

**Q: Do these events have to have free admission or can admission be charged?**

A: Admission can be charged to cover costs but effort should be made to ensure the event is accessible to the broader community.

**Q: Do these events have to have to be “family friendly” with child-appropriate content only?**

A: Yes. Events should be family-friendly and appropriate for all community members.

**Q: Can non-profit organizations with paid staff apply?**

A: The program is intended to increase volunteerism and the event must be driven by volunteers. However, non-profits with paid staff may apply.

**Q: How many events will this program fund?**

A: The total budget for the initiative is \$250,000 and the maximum grant per event is \$5,000. We anticipate funding a minimum of 50 events with 8-9 events in each region. However, depending on the nature of the applications and the amounts requested, the number of events funded could be greater than 50.

**Q: How will the funding be allocated throughout the province?**

A: Grants will be awarded on a “first come, first served” basis, distributed evenly across B.C.’s six regional tourism districts. Each region will have an allocation of \$41,666. If a region does not have a sufficient number of events to exhaust its funding allocation, the remaining funds will be reallocated to address regions that are most heavily oversubscribed.