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FUNDING INDIGENOUS RESURGENCE IN EDMONTON

Grant Guidelines

The FIRE Grant program (Funding Indigenous Resurgence in Edmonton) provides funding assistance—up to $10,000—to Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) individuals and organizations to support projects that help tell important stories about our community.

The FIRE grant program is designed by Indigenous people for Indigenous people. This program supports Indigenous peoples' inherent right to self-determination and cultural resurgence, and we hope to provide folks with the support and resources to advance their brilliant work.

In 2022, we are looking for projects that **centre storytelling and/or art**: Storytelling and artistic practice are core to heritage. Applicants can choose a variety of forms including, but not limited to, writing, performance, visual, music, film, cooking, and textiles. If your individual or community project centres storytelling and/or art as an expression of heritage and relates to amiskwacîwâskahikan (Edmonton), we encourage you to apply.

Deadlines and Grant Amount

April 15, 2022 at 4PM (MST)
September 30, 2022 at 4PM (MST)
Up to $10 000

How to Apply

❑ Fill out the ***Google form***

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❑ Answer all the questions in a video recording (max 15 minutes) and send as an attachment to Indigenous Initiatives Lead Jessica Johns at ***jjohns@edmontonheritage.ca***

Additional information to support your application may be requested by EHC staff before final decisions.

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EDMONTON HERITAGE COUNCIL

Arts Habitat Edmonton

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Our Commitment

The Edmonton Heritage Council (EHC) is committed to connecting people with the stories of our city. We provide leadership, support and programs to help Indigenous people with a connection to Edmonton research, preserve, interpret, and advocate for our shared heritage.

With the establishment of the new FIRE Grant program, the EHC is committed to achieving the aims of ***Connections & Exchanges: A 10 Year Plan to Transform Arts and Heritage in Edmonton***, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. EHC has a mandate to help advance this work in the community and with its partners the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Arts Council, and Arts Habitat Edmonton.

What we offer FIRE grant recipients

- **Ongoing support** – our experienced team offers project mentorship throughout the entire application process
- **Connections** – we will facilitate connections with other grantees, professionals, and organizations that will advance your project, such as Arts Habitat Edmonton who will help in your search for venues and spaces in Edmonton to suit your project needs
- **Promotion** – we will use our platforms to share your story, spotlight your work, and inspire others
- **Continued relationship** – we will continue working with you to help build your capacity to apply for other grants, such as the EHC's Heritage Community Investment Program (HCIP) grants

Your Commitment

As grant applicants, you bring expertise and creativity to connect people and enhance heritage in Edmonton. In receiving a grant, you commit to:

- Keeping the EHC updated on project changes and key dates, including special events, launches, and press and media opportunities
- Acknowledging the EHC in all promotional materials
- Submitting a final report to EHC when the project is complete and by the deadline in your grant agreement

EHC is pleased to partner with Arts Habitat Edmonton for the FIRE project grant. Arts Habitat is a non-profit organization with a mission to advocate for, identify, manage and build appropriate and accessible spaces for the arts in Edmonton and area. They are committed to connecting with FIRE applicants to support their search for venues and spaces in the city that will suit their project needs.

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> **Would you like to have a phone call or Zoom meeting to chat about your grant application?** We can provide support throughout the application process including assistance with putting together a budget or project description and helping to explain any of the questions in the form. We can also answer any questions you have about required materials or your eligibility. Contact Indigenous Initiatives Lead Jessica Johns at ***jjohns@edmontonheritage.ca***

To be eligible for a FIRE Grant:

- ❑ The applicant must be a First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit person over the age of 18.

- ❑ The applicant cannot currently have a FIRE funded project underway. Applicants can only receive one FIRE grant per calendar year.

- ❑ The applicant must be up to date with final reports for other EHC-funded work, including returning any unused grant funds. Applicants who have been granted extensions on other EHC-funded work are also not eligible to apply

- ❑ The project must explore Indigenous history or heritage with a connection to arts and/or storytelling

- ❑ The project must have clear start and end dates with a specific scope of activities (if applying as a non-profit or collective, your project must be distinct from your organization's ongoing operations or programs)

- ❑ The applicant must be an individual, registered non-profit society, or collective of individuals whose residence, location of work, or proposed project is in the Edmonton metropolitan region

> **Please note**: if you are an Indigenous person living on a First Nations reserve or Métis settlement in Treaty 6 (eg. Kikino Métis Settlement, Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement, Alexander First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Paul First Nation, Maskwacis, Saddle Lake Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, Cold Lake First Nation, Frog Lake First Nation, Whitefish Lake First Nation, Heart Lake First Nation, Kehewin Cree Nation, O'Chiese First Nation, Samson Cree Nation, Sunchild First Nation, Michel First Nation, Papaschase First Nation) and have a heritage project relating to amiskwacîwâskahikan (Edmonton), **you are eligible to submit**.

FIRE Grants exclude educational institutions and government owned and/or operated facilities. Individuals employed by these institutions are eligible if they can demonstrate that the project is outside of their professional role within the organization.

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Eligible Expenses

The FIRE Grant will provide funding for all eligible project expenses. All costs related to planning, execution, and promotion of your project are eligible with the exception of:

• Expenses that have been incurred prior to notification of funding

Please note that grants are taxable income that must be reported when filing personal income taxes. If successful, the grant cheque will be made out to the organization or individual identified as the applicant on the grant application form. EHC is unable to distribute grant funds to multiple recipients or make grant payments in installments. EHC recommends seeking professional accounting assistance if you have questions about reporting this income.

Application Evaluation

The EHC reviews all applications for completeness and program eligibility, and a selected jury will evaluate all eligible applications. Final funding recommendations may be made to the EHC Board of Directors for authorization where required.

Application Timeline

The application process from the application deadline to the notification of funding can take up to eight weeks. Successful projects must be complete within one (1) year of notification of funding.

Application Submission

Complete applications must be submitted by 4:00PM on the deadline day. We accept both written and video submissions.

• Download and fill out the ***BUDGET FORM*** and submit with your application

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