



Regional Community Coordinator

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Neighbourhood Small Grants North Okanagan

Neighbourhood Small Grants is guided by the following principles:

Everyone has gifts: Anyone can offer their ideas, talents, skills, experiences and contacts to build a strong community

Small is powerful: Small amounts of money have the potential to bring powerful changes in community in forms of new relationships, increased self-confidence, leadership development, stronger sense of place and creation of local traditions

Local decisions are best: Community members from diverse backgrounds and experiences get an opportunity to make decisions on who should get the grants in their community

Where we live matters: the grants enable anyone to team up with their neighbour and come up with a project that they can carry out within an area of where they live and based on what they think works best in their community

We learn together: There is no single right way to build community so anyone involved in the program will have many opportunities to learn, share, reflect, exchange and capture knowledge, skills and information that they can use within and beyond the program

Everyone is invited: The program is accessible and inclusive to anyone living in an NSG area no matter their age, ethnicity, income, cultural background, gender, ability and sexual orientation

Terms & Conditions: Responsive Neighbourhood Small Grants Program

Who can apply?

Please note the Terms and Conditions below have been modified for this year (2021) in line with the Province of British Columbia public health guidelines to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Grants of up to \$500 will be available to **residents of communities in the North Okanagan region** to carry out small community building projects that adhere to the public health requirements of social/physical distancing.
- Face-to-face projects can be carried out by groups of ten or fewer.

- Projects must take place **from or close to** your own home in order to accommodate the self-isolation public health requirements.
 - Registered charity organizations and businesses are **not eligible** to apply.
 - Service delivery and emergency relief programs supporting low-income and other vulnerable people are out of the scope of NSG.
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What are eligible projects?

- Projects that can ease social isolation of vulnerable people with physical distancing in mind are eligible. *Example: Dropping off care packages to elderly or other vulnerable people from a safe distance.*
 - Projects that use, share and exchange local assets/gifts using online platforms such as **(ZOOM, FaceTime, Skype)** are eligible.
Example: Arts and culture workshops, cooking demonstrations, storytelling or yoga and meditation sessions.
 - Projects about health and wellness information and workshops are eligible.
 - Projects involving psychotherapy and counselling support **are not** eligible.
 - number of people for face-to-face interactions are **NOT** eligible.
 - Projects about health and wellness information are eligible.
 - Projects that take place at public parks or spaces with social distancing in mind are eligible.
 - Community garden projects that have a social distancing element are eligible.
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What additional information do you need to know about the Responsive Neighbourhood Small Grants?

- Applicants must read the BC Provincial Health Orders and agree to abide by its rules.
 - Please visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>
 - Applicants will be informed of the grant committee's decision within four weeks of applying.
 - Awards take up to six weeks to process. Plan your event for July onwards.
 - Events cannot take place on holidays (July 1, August 2, September 6, October 11, October 31, November 11)
 - Projects must be **completed by November 30, 2021**.
 - Your project must be free to attend and participate in. We encourage applications for projects that are accessible to people with disabilities and inclusive of all people.
 - You may not fundraise for other projects and/or organizations. However, we encourage you to seek donations or gifts in kind from local businesses to help support your project.
 - You can apply for **one** NSG project at a time and as soon as you complete your project and upon the submission of your project story and expenses to the NSG coordinator, you can **reapply for another grant**.
 - You must begin your project after the grant decision is made. Projects are not supported retroactively.
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What do you need to think about when you are estimating your project costs?

Grant requests for projects are expected to be under \$500.

The budget and project plan will indicate that the applicant has considered how to protect and ensure the safety of the participants they plan to invite (sign-up sheet, hand sanitizer stations, spacing).

Grant money may be used to pay people for services (also called honorariums) to help with the project. An honorarium is a small fee paid to someone for their in-kind skills or knowledge contributions. Examples: an artist sharing skills and talent.

Total honorarium(s) may not be more than **\$350 per project**. The final honorarium amount for the project is **at the discretion of the Neighbourhood Grants Committee (NGC)** that reviews grant applications.

Applicants **are eligible to receive an honorarium** for sharing their skills and talents through online workshop formats.

What do you do after you receive the grant money?

1. You will receive the **Project Leaders package** that includes ideas to help make your project even better, the expense form, and other resourceful links.
 2. To inspire other people to do similar projects, please document your project with photos, videos or by writing short summary and share them with the NSG Coordinator as soon as you are done with your project.
 3. Responsive NSG is a province-wide initiative supported by the Vancouver Foundation. Project leaders are encouraged to share their R-NSG story at <https://neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca/>
 4. Once you submit your project story, you are eligible to apply for another grant.
 5. **Community Foundation North Okanagan** and the **NSG logos should** be acknowledged by displaying appropriate logos on your project promotional materials. These logos are located in the NSG Project Leader's Package.
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Your Community Coordinator – *Kim English*

Kim supports grant applicants and project leaders living across Central and Northern Okanagan. This includes Kelowna, Peachland and Vernon and area.

Contact Kim if you have questions or feedback on Neighbourhood Small Grants.

Paper applications are also available — please get in touch with her to ask for one.

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