

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Emergency Assistance Fund for Community Organizations

Background

The Municipality of District of Lunenburg (“MODL”) recognizes that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, local groups and community organizations continue to have expenses to maintain important community halls and facilities. At the same time, they have not been able to host planned fundraising events and activities. The inability to hold these fundraising events and activities has resulted in significant financial hardship.

The Municipality has established this Emergency Assistance Fund to assist local groups and organizations in addressing the financial hardship caused by ongoing maintenance costs and the inability to host planned fundraising events and activities during the covid-related public health restrictions.

Application Guidelines

An Applicant must complete and submit the attached Application Form.

The Application Deadline is 4:30 pm on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. All applications must be received at the Municipal Office before the Application Deadline.

The Application Period extends from October 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Applicants can apply for emergency assistance for fundraising events and activities that were scheduled to take place during the Application Period but had to be cancelled because of the Covid-19 restrictions. **This includes annual and weekly events that had previously been but were cancelled or have not been planned because of the Covid-related public health restrictions.**

Local groups and organizations that receive emergency assistance through this program are still eligible to apply for regular municipal grants in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Emergency Assistance Fund for Community Facilities, the Applicant must be able to demonstrate the following:

- The Applicant must be a non-profit (or not-for-profit) community, charitable, fraternal, educational, recreational, religious, cultural or sporting organization.
- The Applicant must own and operate a community facility or hall that is used for hosting fundraising events and activities that are open to the general public and the community facility or community hall must be located within MODL or must serve MODL residents.

- Applicants that are located in Towns surrounded by the Municipality are eligible to apply providing they meet the other eligibility criteria and can demonstrate that they serve Municipal residents.
- Applicant organizations that are an auxiliary to a fire department, are eligible only if they are responsible for the maintenance and operation of a hall separate from the fire station.
- The Applicant must demonstrate that it has experienced a negative financial impact resulting from its inability to raise funds through planned fundraising events and activities that had to be canceled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Restrictions

Businesses are not eligible to apply for this emergency funding.

Fire Departments are not eligible for this emergency assistance. A separate process is being developed for Fire Department support.

An Applicant shall not request funding in excess of the estimated funds lost as a direct result of the cancellation of the planned funding raising event or activity that had to be cancelled because of covid-19 restrictions.

The decision on eligibility and the amount of funding awarded, if any, rests solely with the Council of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg. In addition, Council reserves the right to modify or reject any application and to approve funding amounts lower than the amount requested by the Applicant.

Funding Amounts

For this phase of community funding There is no longer a monthly cap on lost revenue. The Maximum Total Funding available to an Applicant is \$2,500.

Applicants who own or operate a community facility or community hall located in the Municipality are eligible to receive up to \$2,500 to replace lost fundraising revenue.

Applicants that are not located within the Municipality of Lunenburg are eligible to receive up to 60% of the Maximum Total Funding amount (\$1,500).