



2026

LOCAL LEADERSHIP GRANT

Applications Open

Sept 15, 2025 at 12 p.m.

Applications Close

Nov 24, 2025 at 12 p.m.

Questions? Email: communityfunding@toronto.ca or visit [Local Leadership Grant](#)

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Local Leadership Grant Information

Background

The [Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy \(TSNS\)](#) is the City of Toronto's action plan for building partnerships in Toronto's neighbourhoods so they can succeed and thrive. The strategy supports community well-being by working with local partners to invest in people, services, programs and facilities in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs) and Emerging Neighbourhoods (ENs), as well as other communities of focus.

What is the purpose of the grant?

The Local Leadership Grant is open to resident-led groups across the City of Toronto. The grant prioritizes the leadership and participation of Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Metis), Black and other equity-deserving groups within Neighbourhood Improvement Areas and Emerging Neighbourhoods. Learn more about the City's approach to [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#)

The [Local Leadership Grant](#) (LLG) supports place-based, resident-led projects that focus on the five domains of TSNS:

- Economic Opportunities (i.e. jobs skills workshop, certification workshop, employment forum)
- Healthy Lives (i.e. nutrition workshop, wellness day, gardening event)
- Participation in Civic Decision-Making (i.e. community speak out event, leadership training, civic action forum)
- Physical Surroundings (i.e. community beautification event, neighbourhood walking tour, community art event)
- Social Development. (i.e. educational workshop/forum, back to school event, neighbourhood festival)

Accessibility Supports, Accommodations and/or Different Format

If you would like accessibility support, accommodation and/or a different format, please call Diarra Hughes, Agency Review Officer at 647-888-2483 or email diarra.hughes@toronto.ca

Grant Information

What is the time frame?

- Grant Opens Monday **September 15, 2025**, at **12:00 p.m. (Noon)**
- Grant Closes Monday **November 24, 2025**, at **12:00 p.m. (Noon)**
- Activities must be a one-time event or completed within a six-week period.
- Activities funded by the grant must take place between **May 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026**

Note: This is the 2026 Local Leadership Grant Call and there will no applications open in 2026.

New Changes to Local Leadership Grant

- Applicants must register for a [Toronto Rebates, Incentives and Grants Portal \(TGRIP\)](#) Account to apply for the Local Leadership Grant. Submissions will only be accepted through TGRIP.
- Sports-related projects are eligible for the 2026 grant cycle in celebration of the World Cup coming to Toronto.
- Activities funded through the Local Leadership Grant will start in May 2026.

Advancing Equity

Applications will be given priority if they are:

- From resident-led groups from/ and or based in one of the 33 [Neighbourhood Improvement Areas](#) (NIAs) / 10 Emerging Neighbourhoods (ENs).
- Prioritizing the leadership and participation of Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Metis), Black and other equity-deserving groups

Application Process

How to apply?

The application process steps are described below:

1. Review these guidelines to ensure your group and project idea are eligible for funding.
2. Attend an optional grant information session and/or one of the virtual drop-in office hours to learn more about the grant program and/or ask questions about the application process.
3. Register your Group on the [Toronto, Grants, Rebates and Incentives Portal \(TGRIP\)](#) if you have not created a TGRIP account before. Review the instructions on [How to Register for a TGRIP Account](#) or watch the [TGRIP video](#) before you begin your application.
4. Complete and submit your LLG online application, including your project budget and workplan.

A copy of the Local Leadership Grant application questions can be found on the [LLG Webpage](#) or [Click Here](#) to access LLG Templates. Submissions will only be accepted through TGRIP. Resources are at the end of the document to help support your application.

Note: Only one Local Leadership Grant application per group is permitted.

Only eligible and completed applications submitted through [TGRIP](#) will be considered for funding.

TIP: We highly recommend that you draft your application in a separate document before filling out the online application form. Give yourself enough time to complete the application. While generally problem-free, technical errors can happen during this process and could result in you losing your responses before you are able to submit them.

TIP: Grant Writing Resources are listed in the [Resource Library](#) at the end of the application to help support you with your application.

Eligibility Requirements

The Local Leadership Grant aims to support community-led activities by resident-led groups in neighbourhoods across Toronto. To be eligible, applicants and projects must meet all the following criteria.

1. To apply, you must be part of a resident-led group with at least three members who do not reside in the same household. All group members must live in different households and be residents of Toronto.
2. The Group lead must be a resident of Toronto and must identify which Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy (TSNS) Community Network they live in. To determine which TSNS Community Network you live in, visit the [Local Leadership Grant Map](#)
3. Group projects must offer community-based activities that demonstrate alignment with the five domains (i.e., economic opportunities, healthy lives, participation in decision making, physical surroundings, and social development) of the [Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy](#).
4. The project proposed cannot be an existing program or service your group is currently providing. Considerations will be taken if you are applying to enhance your existing project by adding a new element. This can include adding new activities or workshops and/or redesigning the project to reach a new demographic. For example, redesigning a digital literacy workshop that was initially for youth but now updating it to be relevant and applicable to seniors. Expanding existing projects to new geographic areas are not eligible.
5. If you are serving food, one group member must have a Food Handler Certificate **OR** participate in training to receive a Food Handler Certificate. A free training session will be offered for groups recommended for funding on a first-come, first-serve basis.
6. To be in good standing and eligible to receive a grant from the City of Toronto, all groups must comply with the [Grants Policy](#). Your group must not be in debt with the City or be in default of terms and conditions of any agreement (including any previous grant agreement) with the City of Toronto
7. In order to apply for the Local Leadership Grant, your group must have a [Toronto Grants, Rebates and Incentives Portal \(TGRIP\)](#) Account. Visit [TGRIP](#) to register or see additional information in the TGRIP section.

Notes: To be eligible for the 2026 Local Leadership Grant, previously funded groups must have completed their 2025 project activities, and all funds must have been fully utilized and reported in your [Completion Report submission](#). You are still able to submit an application however, it will not be considered until we have received your 2025 final report. The 2025 Local Leadership Completion Report must be submitted by **January 31, 2026**.

[Click here](#) to submit your 2025 Local Leadership Grant Completion Report
(The link above is **Only** applicable to 2025 Local Leadership Grant Recipients)

Local Leadership Grant IS:	Local Leadership Grant is NOT:
- A grant that prioritizes the leadership and participation of Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Metis), Black and equity-deserving groups within Neighbourhood Improvement Areas, Emerging Neighbourhoods and other communities of focus. - Open to residents in ALL 158 neighbourhoods in Toronto. - Funding to support resident-led community groups to help them inspire their neighbourhoods with events and activities that support the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy. - A time-limited grant of \$5,000 per group to help support resident-led groups	- For non-profit organizations, self-employed Individuals, registered businesses, for-profit businesses, landlord/tenant and condominium boards, corporations, political parties, BIAs, private sports clubs. These groups may support resident-led groups with their decision making as long as residents are the leaders of the group and project - For agencies or community organizations, educational institutions to apply on behalf of resident-led groups - For projects where residents are only participating and not leading - For organizations with mandates and activities covered under provincial or federal legislation such as schools and universities, day cares, group homes, hospitals - For grant-making organizations, industry or trade associations, staff of the City of Toronto, members of City of Toronto Council. - For religious organizations with mandates that cannot show a clear separation between religious and community service functions. - For sports clubs to train participants to compete at an elite level

Ineligible applicants include:

1. Groups with all members living in the same household
2. Groups with less than 3 members
3. Groups with less than 3 members who do not reside in Toronto.
4. Non-profit organizations, self-employed Individuals, registered businesses, for-profit businesses, landlord/tenant and condominium boards, corporations, political parties, social enterprises (including BIAs), staff of the City of Toronto, members of City of Toronto Council.
5. Grant-making organizations, industry, or trade associations
6. Sports Clubs, Provincial Sport Organizations (PSO) and Multi-Sport Organizations (MSO) and groups affiliated with a Recognized PSO or MSO
7. Organizations with mandates and activities covered under provincial or federal legislation such as schools and universities, day-cares, group homes, hospitals
8. Religious organizations with mandates that cannot show a clear separation between religious and community service functions.
9. 2025 Local Leadership Grant funded resident-led groups that have not submitted their completion report for the 2025 Local Leadership Grant call.

Events/Activities cannot:

- Have a cost to participate and/or have a fundraising component
- Be connected to a pre-existing agency or City-run or Not-For Profit program
- Be for sports clubs to train participants to compete at an elite level
- Be a reoccurring, established or annual project
- Be private or invitation only

Locating your TSNS Community Network

The Local Leadership Grant is open to all 158 Neighbourhoods across the City of Toronto. However, applications for projects in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs)/ Emerging Neighbourhoods (ENs) will be prioritized. The grant prioritizes the participation of resident-led groups from/ and or based in one of the 33 [Neighbourhood Improvement Areas](#) (NIAs) / 10 Emerging Neighbourhoods.

To determine which TSNS Community Network you live in, visit the interactive map for [Local Leadership Grant Map](#) or visit [Neighbourhood Profiles](#) to learn more about the City of Toronto's 158 neighbourhoods.

Connecting with a Community Development Officer (CDO)

The City of Toronto has Community Development Officers (CDO) that can work with you, your neighbourhood group or organization.

If you'd like to connect with a Community Development Officer contact neighbourhoods@toronto.ca and indicate the TSNS Community Network your group lead resides in to find the most appropriate Community Development Officer.

Project Activities

Project activities must be related to at least one of the five domains of the [Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy.\(TSNS\)](#)

Project examples include:

FIVE TSNS Domains				
Economic Opportunities	Healthy Lives	Participation in Decision Making	Social Development	Physical Surroundings
• Job skills workshop • Certification workshop • Employment Forum	• Nutrition workshops • Wellness Day • Gardening Event	• Community Speak out Event • Leadership Training • Civic Action Forum	• Educational Workshops/ forum • Back to School Events • Neighbourhood Festival	• Community Beautification Event • Neighbourhood Walking Tour • Community Art Event

Events/Activities must:

- Be held within the geographic area of your Group Lead's TSNS Community Network
- Be a one-time event or series of events that are completed within a six-week period
- Be in person, free and open to Toronto Residents
- Occur in a public and accessible space
- Be held between **May 1st, 2026 – December 31st, 2026**

TIP: Permits are NOT required to be booked in advance to be eligible to apply for the Local Leadership Grant. Groups are encouraged to contact the relevant Community organization or City service to inquire about the Use of Space / Permit processing timeline. Understanding these details will help ensure your project timeline accounts for any necessary processing time. Trustees can work with successful groups to finalize event/activity locations. For more information please visit [Parks & Recreation Permit – No Fee Community Activations](#)

Eligible Use of Funds

The following list outlines eligible costs:

- Project costs and supplies (e.g., space rental, Interpretation and translation for events and communications)
- Project Coordination to support planning, organizing, and implementing your project. Compensation for the project team can be a maximum of \$1,500.
- Compensation for Elders and honoraria for People with Lived/Living Experience and volunteers
- Planning and development (e.g., trainings and certifications, team building retreats, project monitoring and evaluation, or cost related to the delivery of your project)
- Developing and supporting partnerships
- Delivery materials and participant-related costs (e.g., childminding, transportation, small capital costs, sports officials/referees)
- Project cost and Project equipment, such as art or office supplies for participants, is allowed. However, electronic equipment (e.g. computers, printers, phones, cameras) is not permitted. Rental of these kinds of electronic equipment is encouraged. Sports equipment, such as participant uniforms, balls and racquets are allowed. However, since unincorporated groups cannot retain ownership, any approved sports equipment purchases would be owned by the applicant group's trustee. Rental of sports equipment is encouraged.

Ineligible Use of Funds

Requests for the following purposes are **NOT** eligible for consideration.

- Fundraising events
- Subsidies for individuals (e.g., scholarships or educational bursaries)
- Donations to charitable causes
- Reserve Funds (e.g., dedicated savings funds set aside for future expenses or unexpected cost)
- Infrastructure / capital projects (updating sports courts, outdoor equipment and/or modifications/enhancements to public/private spaces)
- Debt repayment or deficit funding
- Political or religious activities
- Projects and activities outside of Toronto Unless specifically for Indigenous-based cultural activities outside of Toronto as per the City of Toronto Grants Policy
- Major capital costs. Note: Contact City staff about any capital cost line items prior to submitting your budget request as major capital costs are not eligible for funding.

Notes: Contact communityfunding@toronto.ca about any capital cost line items prior to submitting your budget request. Major capital costs are not eligible for funding. Minor capital expenses (e.g. equipment to support virtual activities, paint supplies for a beautification project) may be eligible, provided City approval and conditional on an incorporated non-profit owning the equipment after the project is completed)

Eligible Sports-related Projects for World Cup coming to Toronto

Visit [FIFA World Cup 26™ Community Activation Toolkit](#) to learn more about celebrating within your community. As planning continues and more details about World Cup coming to Toronto become available, updated editions of this toolkit will be released to reflect new information, expanded opportunities and additional guidance.

Celebrating World Cup coming to Toronto

There are many exciting and creative ways to engage with and celebrate the tournament while respecting intellectual property rights. Here are examples of compliant activities and messaging to help you plan successful and responsible activations. Visit [the FIFA World Cup 26™ Community Activation Toolkit](#) to learn more about approved branding and messaging.

Sports-related Project Activities

Sports projects that encourage physical activity and participation in sports, diversity and inclusion, and community celebrations.

Sports-related project examples include:

World Cup coming to Toronto				
FIVE TSNS Domains				
Economic Opportunities	Healthy Lives	Participation in Decision Making	Social Development	Physical Surroundings
• Certification Workshop • Coaching/Ref Certification	• Sports Related Events • Wellness Day	• Leadership Training • Making Sports Accessible	• Team Building Workshop • Sports Tournaments	• Community Beautification Event • Community Celebration

Eligible Sports-related Activities must:

- Be place-based and offered within the geography of the TSNS Community Network
- Be required to operate a sports related activities at a recreational (non-competitive) level. Programs may include activities from recreational to elite skill levels, but they must be designed to be free, age-appropriate and skill-based
- Include a capacity building component related to the five domains of the [Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy.\(TSNS\)](#)
- Must be in person, free and open to Toronto Residents

Ineligible Sports-related Activities cannot:

- Be designed for participants to compete at an elite level.
- Have a participation fee or fundraising component.
- Be connected to an annual event or an existing sports programs or sports clubs.

Eligible Use of Funds

- Equipment Rental Fees (i.e. sport-related equipment)
- Use of Space fees (i.e. facility bookings, permits)
- Sports-related Costs (i.e. Referees, Activity facilitators, group trainings)
- Honorarium for coaches

Ineligible Use of Funds

- Fundraising
- Purchasing equipment for one-time use
- Payment Membership fees or Subscriptions
- Physical Enhancements to public spaces (i.e., physical enhancements to public spaces, infrastructure repairs or replacements)
- Paying for individual sports-related training certifications or skill development (i.e. personal trainer sessions)

Notes: Contact communityfunding@toronto.ca about any capital cost line items prior to submitting your budget request. Major capital costs are not eligible for funding. Minor capital expenses (e.g. equipment to support activities, paint supplies for a beautification project) may be eligible, provided City approval and conditional on an incorporated non- profit owning the equipment after the project is completed)

Trusteeship

A trustee is an incorporated not-for-profit organization and/or registered charity with audited financial statements that becomes the "legal home" of your project. City staff will identify assigned trustees who will hold funds and disburse monies to your group, assume liability for project activities, and provide insurance, administrative supports and mentorship. Successful applicants will be required to work with one of the trustee organizations connected to the Local Leadership Grant.

Grant Review Process

Eligibility Review

Applications will be screened for eligibility by City of Toronto staff. Applications that are determined to be eligible will be further assessed by members of the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy Advisory Group to make funding recommendations to the Executive Director, Social Development Finance and Administration, for approval.

TSNS Advisory Group

The TSNS Advisory Group is made up of passionate leaders from Neighbourhood Improvement Areas and Emerging Neighbourhoods, the TSNS Advisory Group provides input on City-wide networking, engages in civic decision making and capacity building opportunities, and strengthens the connection between systems-level coordination and local community priorities throughout their membership term.

Managing Conflict of Interest

The members of the Grant Review Committee (GRC) will adhere to the City's Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy and will be trained by City staff. All GRC members must attest to their impartiality before the application review process begins. It is important to note that a conflict of interest also occurs when a community member's family, friends, or the organizations they support may benefit from decisions made by the panel members. If conflicts of interest are not declared and emerge once the review process has begun, the City reserves the right to revise the review process to ensure adherence to the policy.

How to Register for a TGRIP Account

In order to apply for any grants, your group must have a Toronto Grants, Rebates, Incentives Portal (TGRIP) Account. To register, [click here](#) for the website: [Toronto Grants, Rebates, Incentives Portal \(TGRIP\)](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR A VIDEO WALKTHROUGH: HOW TO REGISTER FOR A TGRIP ACCOUNT](#)

STEPS

1. Once on the TGRIP website, click [REGISTER HERE](#). Fill out the form accordingly and click submit. For grassroots, resident-led or youth-led groups, please provide your group's name in the Organization's Legal Name section. You will receive an email to complete your registration.

2. Once you log into your TGRIP account, the next step is to complete your organization profile. Click on the Organization Profile tab located in the top right-hand corner of your dashboard.

3. Please ensure you complete every tab. Remember to click **SAVE DRAFT** when moving from tab to tab. Once completed, click **SUBMIT**. Key things to flag:

- If you are a resident-led or grassroots organization, please select YES for the question: Is your group a resident-led group leading a project in your neighbourhood? under the Organization Info tab.

- Please download the Declaration of Discrimination form located in the Documents tab, sign and upload it.

4. Once your organization profile has been submitted, you can now apply for your funding opportunity (grant). Note: Once you have created an organization profile, you are able to add as many organization contacts as you like under the contacts tab.

Grant Information Sessions

Virtual Information Sessions

These virtual sessions will walk through the Local Leadership Grant guidelines and online application form, including the project work plan and budget. City staff will also provide some grant writing tips and best practices. The dates, times, and Microsoft Teams Meeting links are listed below. Attendance is optional and the same information will be shared at both sessions.

Information Session #1 October 2, 2025 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Join the meeting now Meeting ID (Access Code): 271 551 646 412 4 Meeting Password: 7M6iN6S5 Follow the instructions that appear on your screen Or dial in by phone: + 1 647-749-7152 Phone Conference ID: 510 087 982#
Information Session #2 October 16 th , 2025 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Join the meeting now Meeting (Access Code): 299 374 554 726 9 Meeting Password: 566R4vi3 Follow the instructions that appear on your screen. Or Dial in by phone: +1 647-749-7152 Phone Conference ID: 840 470 502#
Information Session #3 November 4, 2025 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Join the meeting now Meeting (Access Code): 227 407 662 226 6 Meeting Password: qe9h8qk6 Follow the instructions that appear on your screen. Or Dial in by phone: +1 647-749-7152 Phone Conference ID: 869 834 045#

Virtual Local Leadership Office Hours

Office Hours #1 November 11, 2025 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Join the meeting now Meeting (Access Code): 228 389 922 727 Meeting Password: CP68iR7K Follow the instructions that appear on your screen. Or Dial in by phone: +1 647-749-7152 Phone Conference ID: 845 424 242#
Office Hours #2 November 18, 2025 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Join the meeting now Meeting (Access Code): 217 508 786 741 2 Meeting Password: 6is7Xf6j Follow the instructions that appear on your screen. Or Dial in by phone: +1 647-749-7152 Phone Conference ID: 430 025 328#

Office Hours #3 November 20, 2025 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Join the meeting now Meeting (Access Code): 212 003 343 799 7 Meeting Password: w7PS9dd7 Follow the instructions that appear on your screen. Or Dial in by phone: +1 647-749-7152 Phone Conference ID: 580 802 369#
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Local Leadership Grant Resource Library

A collection of useful materials and resources to support your Local Leadership Grant Application.

Community Engagement Resources

- [Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy](#)
- [A Community Playbook](#)
- [Resident Engagement Workshop Toolkit!](#)
- [Youth Outcomes Framework Playbook](#)
- [TSNS Community Networks Map](#)
- [Find Your Neighbourhood](#)
- [Parks & Recreation Permits – No Fee Community Activations](#)
- [FIFA World Cup 26™ Community Activation Toolkit](#)

Grant Writing Resources

- Local Leadership Grant FAQs ([click here](#) to access the document)
- [City of Toronto Community Grants Policy](#)
- [Grant Writing Tips - Toronto Arts Council](#)
- [Toronto Grants, Rebates and Incentives \(TGRIP\) Portal](#)

A copy of the Local Leadership Grant application questions can be found on the [LLG Webpage](#) or [Click Here](#) to access LLG Templates. Submissions will only be accepted through TGRIP. Resources are at the end of the document to help support your application.

Key Dates

Local Leadership Grant Timeline:

	Date	Time
Grant Application Launch	September 15, 2025	12:00 p.m. (Noon)
Info Session #1 (Virtual)	October 2, 2025	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Info Session #2 (Virtual)	October 16, 2025	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Info Session #3 (Virtual)	November 4, 2025	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Office Hours #1 (Virtual)	November 12, 2025	5:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.
Office Hours #2 (Virtual)	November 18, 2025	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Office Hours #3 (Virtual)	November 20, 2025	5:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.
Grant Submission Deadline	November 24, 2025	12:00 p.m. (Noon)
Grant Application Review	December 2025 – February 2026	-
Grant Announcements	March 2026	-
Project Implementation	May 1, 2026 – Dec 31, 2026	-
Final Report	January 31, 2027	-

Need to get in touch?

We encourage you to get in touch to discuss your application.

If you have questions about your TSNS Community Networks, contact neighbourhoods@toronto.ca.

If you have questions about the grant guidelines, application contact communityfunding@toronto.ca

Appendix 1 - Sports-related Activity Examples

Example 1.

TSNS Domains: Social Development; Healthy Lives; Participation in Decision Making

Game On: Girls Rising in Soccer (4-Week Program) Game On Girls Rising celebrates the World Cup 26 coming to Toronto by creating safe spaces for young women in Rexdale to lead, play and thrive in soccer. Over four Sundays, starting May 3, 2026 to May 24, 2026 girls between the ages of 10 to 18 years will take part in soccer skill development activities and a variety of workshops. Game On: Girls Rising will give the participants the opportunity to attend hands on workshops facilitated by local community coaches and female athletes to share their lived experience on leadership skills in sports, teamwork and wellness guided by athlete mentors. A key component of the event will be the opportunity for participants to engage with a mentorship panel where women athletes and coaches share their experiences, inspiring participants to see themselves in sport and overcome barriers they may encounter along the way. Game On: Girls Rising participants will develop skills on and off the field to assist with the coordination of a youth-led mini-tournament and community showcase to celebrate Girls Rising and World Cup 26. At the conclusion of the program participants will create a scrapbook documenting their journey and accomplishment creating and a stronger sense of belonging for women in sports.

Example 2.

TSNS Domains: Healthy Lives; Social Development; Physical Surrounding; Participation in Decision Making

Birchmount Unity Cup: Community Multi-Sport & Wellness Festival (One-Day Event)

Birchmount Unity Cup will unite residents in South Scarborough through a multi-sport festival that blends active living, wellness, celebrates cultural pride to encourage residents to try a new sports activity. The event will feature culturally diverse sports led by coaches and instructors facilitating a variety of activities such as soccer, cricket, netball, pickleball, wheelchair basketball, Indigenous lacrosse, kabaddi and sepak facilitated by local community partners to introduce Birchmount families to new sports activities. The festival will offer a variety of intergenerational programs, offering a family-friendly games like domino, mah jong and road tennis. The Birchmount Unity Cup activities reflect the many cultures that call the neighbourhood home demonstrating how sport can bridge communities and generations. The World Cup 26 will also unify community members and community partners to celebrate with the City and showcase community pride through a variety of cultural activities and food that will unite the community. The coordination of the

Birchmount Unity Cup will allow community partners to promote place-based services and programs for community members. Local youth will have the opportunity to support the planning team and co-lead the festival activities, the event day will also include skill challenges, wellness booths on nutrition and mental health that embrace the diversity of the Birchmount community through sport and strengthens cultural belonging and unity.

Appendix 2 – Definitions

Indigenous-led organization	"Indigenous-led organizations" are broadly defined as organizations with a mandate to serve Indigenous communities, operate under Indigenous governance models, have executive and senior management who identify as Indigenous, are primarily staffed by Indigenous community members and/or follow an Indigenous service model.
Advancing Equity	The City will use an equity lens in considering how funding allocations will be tied to communities and their needs, particularly for equity-deserving and Indigenous groups. Also, grant panel members will consider grants from a community-based and equity lens to identify and remove barriers and seek guidance from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's: Calls to Action (2015) and the Toronto Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism (2018), among other resources. Learn more about to learn more about Equity Initiatives & Groups: https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/accessibility-human-rights/equity-diversity-inclusion/
Equity-deserving groups	"Equity-deserving groups" include but not limited to women, racialized groups, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, undocumented individuals, LGBTQ2S people, people of low income, and other groups the City identifies as historically underrepresented.
Non-Profit Organization	Community Organization that is incorporated and has charitable status
Resident-led Group	A majority of the group's leadership are residents of the City of Toronto
Youth-led Group	A majority of the group's leadership are youth between the ages of 15 to 29 years old.
Senior-led Group	A majority of the group's leadership are older adults between that are the age of 55+ years old.

Grant Priorities	Grant priorities are the themes, outcomes, and focus areas on the City's strategic plans and equity frameworks that guide funding decisions. Grant priorities reflect goals such as advancing equity, reconciliation, climate action, economic resilience, and community well-being. Listed in the grant guidelines are the priorities that link City-wide policies to the results expected from funded projects.
Group Lead	The Group Lead will serve as the primary point of contact for the project. This individual must reside in the neighbourhood where the proposed project activity will take place.
Place-based	Activities must take place within one of Toronto's 158 neighbourhoods. Visit Neighbourhood Profiles to learn more about the City of Toronto's 158 neighbourhoods.
Neighbourhood Improvement Area / Emerging Neighbourhood	In March 2014, the City of Toronto identified 31 Toronto neighbourhoods to be designated as Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs) under the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020 (TSNS2020). To support the work of TSNS 2020 in the 31 NIAs, the City produced Neighbourhood Improvement Area profiles for each of the 31 designated neighbourhoods. A detailed Methodological Report describes how the NIAs were created. For more information please visit the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods 2020 page .
Intellectual Property	Intellectual Property: Products developed by grant recipients, such as videos, toolkits, and other resources will remain their intellectual property; however, grant makers may require that the products developed are available for public benefit.
FIFA Intellectual Property	FIFA's intellectual property (IP) includes its logos, official marks (including phrases "FIFA World Cup™" or "FWC26™"), mascot, slogans, emblems, and branded designs. These assets are legally protected around the world and are critical to maintaining the integrity, value, and global identity of the FIFA World Cup™.
Grant Recipient Reports	The City will make efforts to coordinate around reporting template alignment and ask only for the required/needed data from grant recipients. The data will be used to (1) measure progress and document service results and grant funds disbursed; (2) support program development and improvement and (3) identify trends/issues affecting equity-seeking and Indigenous groups. Results will be shared with relevant stakeholders, including other grant recipients, whenever possible.