

RICHMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOCK PARTY PROGRAM 2026

Receive up to \$500 in funding to
host a block party that connects
your Richmond neighbourhood
richmond.ca/BlockParty

**New for
2026 only:**
Richmond
Celebrates Soccer
grant stream.
See inside for
more details.



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RICHMOND CELEBRATES SOCCER

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in hosting a fun, soccer-themed Block Party in your community?

Apply to the Richmond Celebrates Soccer stream of this year's Neighbourhood Block Party Program!

Eligibility:

- Event must take place between **June 11 and July 19, 2026**;
- The grant applicant can apply for up to **\$500**; and
- Event must celebrate soccer in Richmond.

These conditions, along with the existing Neighbourhood Block Party Program criteria, must be met in order to be eligible for the grant program.

Applicants must be two Richmond-based residents living in the same neighbourhood, street or block (two individuals not living in the same household) and/or a strata. Richmond-based Block Watch Programs are also eligible to apply for this stream.

Each applicant can submit one application for one grant category.

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OBJECTIVES

The Richmond Neighbourhood Block Party Program provides an opportunity for neighbours to apply for up to \$500 in funding to host a block party that connects residents in their neighbourhood/strata.

This year's program will:

- Foster neighbourhood connections
- Create a sense of community
- Enhance safety and awareness in neighbourhoods

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

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- Richmond-based Block Watch program

INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- School organizations/
Parent Advisory Committees
- For-profit organizations & businesses
- Political parties
- City of Richmond staff or Council members

INELIGIBLE EVENTS

- Birthday parties
- Garage sales
- Business-focused events
- Political events
- Private gatherings solely between friends and/or family members
- Fundraisers
- Events that have funding from another City of Richmond grant program, including the 2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program

ELIGIBLE PROJECT EXPENSES

- Supplies and materials for activities (e.g., craft supplies, name tags, etc.)
- Rental of event infrastructure (e.g., tables, chairs, games, etc.)
- Food
- Artist fees/honorarium
- Sustainability initiatives
- Marketing materials
- Event insurance
- Food permit
- Road closure resources (e.g., barricade rentals, etc.)
- Safety supplies (e.g., cones, reflective vests, etc.)



INELIGIBLE PROJECT EXPENSES

- Expenses that have already been incurred at the time of the application
- Purchase of event infrastructure (e.g., tents, tables, chairs, games, etc.)
- Proposals that primarily fund or award other groups or individuals
- Bursaries or scholarships
- Giveaway prizes/"swag" items
- Alcohol

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Application demonstrates alignment with program objectives by proposing a Block Party that connects residents in a Richmond neighbourhood
- Block party must be free to the residents in that neighbourhood, street or block
- Applicants must demonstrate capacity to safely host the proposed event and provide a realistic estimate of resources needed and total budget required
- Application demonstrates a commitment to implementing sustainable practices in the delivery of the event
- If required, applicants must complete a REACT application and are subject to REACT approval

POST-BLOCK PARTY DELIVERABLES

- Two photos of the Block Party with Photo Waivers
- Post-Block Party summary and expense report within **two weeks** of the party
- Copy of all expense receipts

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from **March 30, 2026** to **September 13, 2026**
- **Note:** Proposed Block Party date must be between **May 15 and October 12, 2026** in order to be considered for funding
- Applications to be submitted a minimum of **6 weeks** prior to proposed Block Party date

WEB LINKS:

- **Apply online at:** richmond.ca/BlockParty
- **Richmond Neighbourhood Block Party Planning Guide:** richmond.ca/BlockParty
- **Richmond 7 Steps to a More Sustainable Event Guide:** richmondsustainableevent.ca

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