

RICHMOND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION 2026 GRANT PROGRAM

Apply
now!

Receive up to \$2,000 in funding
to create an event that connects
residents and builds community.

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



APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026



For more information,
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RICHMOND CELEBRATES SOCCER

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

**Are you interested in hosting
a fun, soccer-themed event
in your community?**

Apply to the Richmond Celebrates Soccer stream of this year's Community Celebration Grant!

Eligibility:

- Event must take place between **June 11 and July 19, 2026**;
- The grant applicant can apply for up to **\$2,000**; and
- Event must celebrate soccer in Richmond.

These conditions, along with the existing Community Celebration Grant criteria, must be met in order to be eligible for the grant program.

As with other Community Celebration Grants, Richmond-based non-profit groups, Richmond-based non-profit faith-based groups, Richmond-based Parent Advisory Committees and Richmond-based Student Councils are eligible to apply for this stream.

Organizations may only apply for one (1) grant stream per application.

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ONE COMMUNITY.
MANY CULTURES.
GAME ON.

OBJECTIVES:

The Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program is designed to provide funding support for Richmond-based not-for-profit organizations, Richmond-based not-for-profit faith based groups, Richmond-based Parent Advisory Committees and Richmond-based Student Councils for hosting free public events that connect and build community in Richmond.

The 2026 program will:

- support participatory activities reflective of the theme of connection;
- encourage collaboration amongst not-for-profit organizations and school-based groups to animate neighbourhoods, local business districts, parks and open spaces; and
- support free public events that facilitate intercultural interaction and promote intercultural understanding.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Richmond-based not-for-profit community organizations/groups
- Richmond-based not-for-profit faith-based groups
- Richmond-based Parent Advisory Committees
- Richmond-based Student Councils

INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Individual applicants
- Political parties or organizations
- Events that have funding from another City of Richmond grant program or fund
- For-profit organizations or businesses
- City of Richmond staff or Council members with a direct, indirect or perceived conflict of interest
- Events associated or delivered in partnership with political parties or groups

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ELIGIBLE PROJECT EXPENSES:

- Supplies and materials (e.g., craft supplies, name tags, etc.)
- Rental of event infrastructure (e.g., tents, tables, chairs, etc.)
- Food
- Artist fees/honorariums
- Sustainability initiatives
- Marketing materials
- Event insurance
- Volunteer support (e.g., snacks, water, sun protection supplies, high-visibility safety 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, etc.)
- Purchase of games/activities that will not be made accessible to the community post-event (e.g., board games, sports equipment, etc.)
- Proposals that primarily fund or award other groups or individuals
- Political activities or events
- Travel costs (e.g., bus passes, gas, etc.)
- Ongoing operational expenses for organizations, including staffing costs/wages for regular operational purposes
- Capital projects, building construction and repairs
- Office administration
- Fundraisers
- Events deficit reduction
- Events held outside of Richmond
- Bursaries or scholarships
- Giveaway prizes/”swag” items
- Alcohol
- Events that are restricted to or primarily serve the organization or group

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

2025 Community Celebration Grant recipients who apply for a 2026 Community Celebration Grant must submit their 2025 Final Report by **January 11, 2026 at 11:59pm** in order to be considered for funding this year.

Event is required to:

- take place in Richmond
- take place between June 1 and December 31, 2026 **OR** between June 11 and July 19, 2026 for the Richmond Celebrates Soccer stream
- demonstrate alignment with program objectives including creating events that build community in Richmond
- be inclusive, accessible and demonstrate engagement of community members from diverse backgrounds
- take place outside of regular working hours to ensure a diverse range of people are able to attend
- be free and open to the public
- primarily benefit Richmond residents
- encourage the collaboration and/or participation of Richmond-based artists, makers and/or entertainers

Applications/Applicants must:

- demonstrate capacity to safely host the proposed event outlined in the application and provide a realistic estimate of resources needed and total budget required
- demonstrate commitment to incorporate sustainability initiatives
- if required, complete the online Richmond Event Approval Coordination Team (REACT) Event Application, which is subject to REACT approval. Further information regarding the REACT Event Application can be found at richmond.ca/EventApplication

POST-EVENT DELIVERABLES:

- Two photos of the event with signed photo waivers
- Final Report, including copy of receipts, within four weeks of event completion (expense report to be included)
- Refund cheque to the City of Richmond (for successful 2026 grant applicants that have more than \$50.00 of grant funding leftover)

APPLICATION TIMELINES:

- Opens: **Monday, January 12, 2026**
- Closes: **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 11:59pm**
- **Note:** Event is required to take place between **June 1 and December 31, 2026** or **June 11 to July 19, 2026** for the Richmond Celebrates Soccer stream

WEB LINKS:

- Apply online: richmond.ca/CelebrationGrant
- 2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant recipients: Find instructions for submitting your 2026 Final Report at richmond.ca/CityGrants
- Information about the Richmond Event Approval Coordination Team (REACT) Event Application: richmond.ca/EventApplication

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- If you are interested in hosting a block party in your Richmond neighbourhood, visit richmond.ca/BlockParty starting March 30, 2026 to check if you are eligible to apply for the 2026 Richmond Neighbourhood Block Party Fund.

Applications open on March 30, 2026.

For additional information, contact event staff at RichmondHasHeart@richmond.ca or call 604-247-4689.

