

# Every Kid Can Play Grant Program

## Provincial Scope and Community-Level Non-Profit Organizations

Frequently asked questions (FAQ):

### Purpose

[The Every Kid Can Play Grant Program](#) (EKCP) addresses affordability and accessibility challenges for Alberta kids and their families to sport, physical activity, and recreation (SPAR) programs. Funding is available for non-profit organizations to reduce costs associated with the delivery, expansion, or enhancement of existing community-level programs that are currently operating across Alberta.

<p><i>What is the application period?</i></p>	<p>Application period will open on April 1, 2026, and closes May 21, 2026.</p>
<p><i>Where should I submit my program or application questions?</i></p>	<p>General inquires can be referred to <a href="mailto:SPAR@gov.ab.ca">SPAR@gov.ab.ca</a></p>
<p><i>Who is eligible for funding?</i></p>	<p>A registered non-profit organization that has been operating in Alberta for a minimum of one calendar year and is in good standing under one of the Acts identified in the grant guidelines.</p> <p>Applicant's grant history including reporting will be reviewed as part of the application assessment. Organizations are eligible to receive no more than two consecutive years of funding and priority may be given to applicants that have not received previous SPAR project grants.</p> <p>Community-Level Non-Profit Organizations may be required to provide confirmation of membership from their Provincial-Scope Organization.</p> <p>For additional information please refer to 3.1 Eligible Organizations:  <a href="#">Provincial Scope Organizations</a>                      <a href="#">Community-Level Organizations</a></p>
<p><i>What is the difference between Provincial Scope and Community-Level Organizations?</i></p>	<p>Provincial Scope Non-Profit Organizations are those organizations with local and regional member organizations delivering community level programming.</p> <p>Community-Level Non-Profit Organizations are those organizations that operate within a specific community aiming to address local sport, physical activity and active recreational needs for their participants.</p>

<p><i>Who is ineligible for funding?</i></p>	<p>The following organizations are ineligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizations not registered under one of the Alberta Acts deemed eligible;</li> <li>• For-profit organizations;</li> <li>• Government departments, public agencies, or other public institutions;</li> <li>• Municipalities;</li> <li>• Post-secondary institutions;</li> <li>• Schools or School Boards;</li> <li>• Organizations outside of Alberta;</li> <li>• Non-Profit Organizations that have received two consecutive years of funding through SPAR project grant programs</li> <li>• Organizations with outstanding reporting to the Ministry of Tourism and Sport and Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women; and</li> <li>• Individuals.</li> </ul>
<p><i>What is the possible funding amount?</i></p>	<p><b>Provincial Scope Organizations:</b> Eligible for a grant up to \$100,000/year for up to two years.  <b>Community-Level Organizations:</b> Eligible for a grant up to \$25,000 for one year.</p>
<p><i>What expenses are eligible?</i></p>	<p>Costs related to program delivery including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs for staffing associated with only the direct delivery of the specific program;</li> <li>• Training needs;</li> <li>• Facility rental costs;</li> <li>• Equipment costs;</li> <li>• Participant apparel (must not exceed 15% of the overall grant request);</li> <li>• Program promotion costs (must not exceed 5% of the overall grant request);</li> <li>• Local transportation costs (must not exceed 20% for community-level and 10% for provincial scope organizations of the overall grant request).</li> </ul> <p>For a complete listing of eligible expenses please refer to 3.4 Eligible Expenses:  <a href="#">Provincial Scope Organizations</a>                      <a href="#">Community-Level Organizations</a></p>
<p><i>What projects/programs and expenses are ineligible?</i></p>	<p>The following projects/programs and expenses are not eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any project that is deemed not to meet the Purpose of the program;</li> <li>• Costs associated for the development or launching of a new project or program;</li> <li>• Ongoing operational costs;</li> <li>• Management and or Executive Director costs;</li> <li>• Projects that include high performance or provincial team programming;</li> <li>• Projects that focus on events, competitions and tournaments at all levels;</li> <li>• Moving expenses; administrative costs and fees (e.g., legal fees, accounting/bookkeeping fees); volunteer expenses;</li> <li>• Projects linked to the delivery of core education, health and wellness, and social services programs;</li> <li>• Research projects;</li> <li>• Computer equipment, software and website development;</li> <li>• Facility upgrades, renovations, or construction;</li> <li>• Travel projects, projects or programs that do not provide a community benefit and projects, programs or services outside of Alberta; and</li> <li>• Projects that are fully funded through other sources.</li> </ul> <p>For a complete listing of ineligible expenses please refer to <b>3.6 Ineligible Expenses:</b>  <a href="#">Provincial Scope Organizations</a>                      <a href="#">Community-Level Organizations</a></p>



<p><b>Can I mail in my grant application, or does it need to be submitted electronically?</b></p>	<p>No.</p> <p>All applications must be completed electronically. If there are issues in completing your application, please contact <a href="mailto:SPAR@gov.ab.ca">SPAR@gov.ab.ca</a>.</p>
<p><b>How do I apply?</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Online Grant Application</a></p> <p>Applications must be complete and include all required and supporting documents to be considered.</p> <p>New Applicants  <a href="#">Click here</a> for more information on how to navigate the online application.</p>
<p><b>Who can apply on behalf of your organization?</b></p>	<p>Applications must be submitted through an <b>organization account in SMAppl</b>.</p> <p>The application must be created and submitted by your organization's <b>designated signing authority</b> (the person legally authorized to sign contracts and financial documents on behalf of the organization).  <b>Only one organizational account</b> should exist in SMAppl. Please do not create duplicates.</p> <p>Contact <a href="mailto:SPAR@gov.ab.ca">SPAR@gov.ab.ca</a> if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are unsure if you have an organization account or who is assigned as the primary administrator (designated signing authority) on your account.</li> <li>• You do not have an organizational account from previous reporting or applications.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Multiple collaborators can be added into SMAppl by the organizations primary administrator to help complete the application, but only the primary administrator is authorized to submit it.</p>
<p><b>What happens after my application is submitted?</b></p>	<p>Applications will be reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure applicant eligibility, program/project eligibility, and the submission is complete; and</li> <li>• Against the program purpose, criteria, and supporting documentation provided.</li> </ul> <p>Organizations may be contacted if further information or clarification is required.</p>
<p><b>When will I find out about my application outcome?</b></p>	<p>The review and decision-making process may take up to six months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your program/project and Organization are deemed eligible your application will be assessed</li> <li>• Applicants will receive written notification of the decision regarding their application.</li> <li>• All decisions are final, and no appeals will be considered.</li> </ul> <p>Priority may be given to applicants that have not received previous SPAR project funding.</p>
<p><b>Can I use funding for expenses incurred prior to the application deadline?</b></p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Program expenses that are incurred before May 21, 2026, are not eligible to be included in the project budget for funding.</p>

<p><b>Can I use funding for expenses prior to the grant approval?</b></p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>However, incurring expenses prior to the grant approval is at the applicant's own risk.</p>
<p><b>When and how will I receive funding if my application is successful?</b></p>	<p>Successful applicants:</p> <p>Will be informed and required to sign a grant agreement and will be bound by the program guidelines and the terms and conditions of the grant agreement; and will receive funding directly via EFT (electronic fund-transfer) or cheque upon the execution of a grant agreement.</p>
<p><b>How long do we have to spend the funds?</b></p>	<p><b>Provincial Scope Organizations:</b> Organizations will have 24 months from the time they receive funding to spend their grant on approved purpose and eligible expenditures.</p> <p><b>Community-Level Organizations:</b> Organizations will have 12 months from the time they receive funding to spend their grant on approved purpose and eligible expenditures.</p>
<p><b>Will there be any type of grant reporting required?</b></p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Reporting must be completed no later than two months after the project's completion. The Ministry maintains the right to request interim reporting at any time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reporting requirements will be outlined in the grant agreement;</li> <li>• Reporting templates will be made available to grant recipients; and</li> <li>• Provide a project summary of grant expenditures and if requested a copy of the Organization's audited financial statements</li> </ul>