Co-op Community Spaces FAQ's

When is the application period?

- The application period opens February 1st and runs until the first business day in March at 5:00 PM (CST).

What can I do to help prepare my application before the application period?

- A sample application will be posted in early January, review this and begin generating ideas.
- In preparation for the application period, gather relevant data for your project, get letters of support, secure quotes, create site plans/drawings, etc.
- Evaluate whether your project falls under one of the three funding categories (recreation, environmental conservation or urban agriculture). Must be available and accessible for the community to use to learn, play, grow and share.

What type of projects are eligible?

- Projects must align with one of the three funding categories (recreation, environmental conservation or urban agriculture).
- Projects must be available and accessible for the community to use to learn, play, grow and share.
- Please provide relevant documents such as detailed project budgets, non-profit certificate of incorporation, project drawings/schematics, contractor quotes, proof of land acquisition agreements.

Can Municipalities apply for funding?

- Municipalities are not eligible to apply for the Community Spaces program. Charities, non-profits, and Community Services Co-operatives are the only groups eligible for funding.

We are a non-profit partnering with our municipality, but on the application, it only says registered non-profit what do we select?

- Select the registered non-profit option and upload your letter of support in the document section of the application.

What is a third party fundraising campaign?

- A third-party fundraiser would be an organization hiring and paying an external source/consultant to lead their fundraising efforts. If an organization is applying on behalf of a non-profit with intent to do all their fundraising efforts, they would be ineligible for funding.

Can schools apply to this grant?

- Schools can apply for this grant through their school board as long as the school board is registered as a non-profit or charity.

What are capital costs?

- Capital costs are fixed, one-time expenses incurred on the purchase of land, buildings, construction, and equipment used in the production of goods or in the rendering of services.

What percentage of funding do we need to raise?

- There is no specified amount an organization must have raised to apply for funding.

Can I set up a call to discuss my project?

- Unfortunately, due to the high volume of applications, we are unable to provide feedback to and discuss individual projects over the phone. Refer to the eligibility criteria and information provided on the Co-op Community Spaces website.

I sent my application in before the deadline when will I find out the status of my application?

- All applicants will be notified by June with the status of their application.

Have you received my application? Will I receive a confirmation email?

- Upon submitting your application, you should receive a confirmation email. This email ensures your application has successfully been submitted and is awaiting review.

My project was not selected, can I get some feedback on what can be improved?

- Unfortunately, due to the high volume of applications, we are unable to provide feedback to individual projects. For the best success with this program, refer to the website and application information as it outlines the criteria thoroughly. Only the applications that meet all the criteria included at the time of submission are eligible.

My project was not selected for funding this year, can I apply again next year?

- Yes, projects are encouraged to apply again if they are not selected for funding in the current year. For the best success with this program, carefully review the website and application information as it outlines the criteria thoroughly.

More questions?

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