



2012 Kamloops Communities in Bloom Neighbourhood Beautification Grants



Communities in Bloom is a national competition to foster civic pride, environmental awareness and beautification by promoting involvement by every sector of the community. This program contributes to our community by fostering civic pride and growing a proud and confident community.

Purpose

This program has enabled the Communities in Bloom committee to offer an opportunity for community groups to improve street appeal of properties, enhance landscapes and activities, foster civic pride and grow a proud, confident and healthy community through a matching grant program.

Funding Categories

Applications will be reviewed on their individual merit based on the financial resources available and the objectives of the Communities in Bloom program. Grass roots projects to enhance neighborhood spirit.

Applications are encouraged that focus on one or more of the following eight judged categories: Tidiness Effort, Environmental Awareness, Community Involvement, Natural & Architectural Heritage Preservation, Landscaped Areas, Urban Forestry, Floral Displays, Turf and Groundcover Areas.

Funding Limitations of the Community Enhancement Grant

- Funds will be allocated to non-profit groups or community groups
- Funds are NOT available for operating/ongoing expenses, buildings, land acquisition, endowments or start up funds.
- Applicants may apply for funding to a maximum of 50% of project costs to a maximum of \$1,500.
- Matching funds will be considered under the following categories:
 - Cash
 - Labour (at current minimum wage)
 - Materials and Supplies
 - Equipment

Eligibility

1. A non-profit organization or community group within the City of Kamloops.
2. A business in collaboration with a non-profit organization or community group.
3. All applicants must include a component of community involvement.
4. Priority will be given to innovative sustainable projects that indicate initiative and self-help on the part of the applicants.
5. Projects must be completed or in progress by July 20, 2012.



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Application Procedure

1. Complete the funding application form, attached, including budget details.

Please Note:

The funding is limited so all eligible groups may not be recommended for funding.

2. Attach an accompanying proposal (no more than three pages);
 - a) Tell us who you are:
 - History and major accomplishments
 - Current programs and activities
 - The experiences that you bring in addressing the proposed project.
 - b) Describe your request
 - What do you want to do and where do you want to do it?
 - Why do you need this grant?
 - Who will benefit and how?
 - Will you be working on your own or in partnership with others?
 - What tasks are involved in completing this project?
 - How will your project be maintained?
3. Application Deadline is Friday, May 4, 2012.

4. Forward your application to:

Public Works Centre
c/o Communities in Bloom Committee
955 Concordia Way
Kamloops BC V2C 6V3

Attention: Neighbourhood Beautification Grants

For more information and to obtain an application form, please go to

www.kamloops.ca/cib

email: parks@kamloops.ca

phone: 250-828-3551

5. The CIB Committee will review the applications and make decisions on successful projects for 2012.

Follow-Up for Groups Receiving a Grant

If your group is successful in receiving a Neighbourhood Beautification Grant, we require that you complete the form (attached) and provide us with at least three (3) digital photos (300 dpi or better), before, during, and completion of project).



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Funding Application Form

Submission Deadline: Friday, May 4, 2012

Date of Application: _____

Project Title: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax _____

Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Budget Information:

Please identify what your total budget costs are to what you are asking for as applicants may apply for funding up to 50% of project costs to a maximum of \$1,500. Attach a detailed proposal stating who you are and describing your request, according to the Application Procedures listed in the Program Guidelines (three pages or less).

Total Project Detail		Funding Request Detail	
Labour	\$ _____	Labour	\$ _____
Materials	\$ _____	Materials	\$ _____
Equipment	\$ _____	Equipment	\$ _____
Other (specify)	\$ _____	Other (specify)	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	Total Funding Request	\$ _____



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Grant Evaluation Form

Please provide the following information (be as concise as possible)

Project start date: _____ Project end date: _____

Brief description of project/activity

Objectives

1. Please list each of your objectives (taken from your original application) and indicate whether you felt the objective was:
 - (i) achieved (ii) partially achieved (iii) not achieved
2. Who was your target group? Did your project reach your target group? How?
3. What obstacles or barriers did you encounter?
4. Do you intend to continue this project, and if so, how do you intend to fund it?
5. At completion of the project, please indicate whether you were:
 - (i) on budget (ii) over budget (iii) have surplus funds remaining
6. Please submit at least three (3) digital photos of your event/project (300 dpi or better).

These photos may be used to promote the Communities in Bloom program.

Please Note:

Submission of the Evaluation Form and photos is mandatory and if not completed may jeopardize the receipt of this grant in the future.