

Inclusion and Belonging Grant

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be led by a group of residents (formal or informal) within a neighbourhood
- Ability to demonstrate follow through on the project
- Project/event must take place within one year of the grant approval
- Must be located in the City of Kitchener
- Priority is given to new initiatives
- Application will only be considered if the group has not been awarded another City of Kitchener grant

Maximum Amount of Grant:

- Maximum of \$2000 per proposal for one time initiatives/events with ties to a City of Kitchener Neighbourhood Association or established community organization/group
- Maximum of \$1000 per proposal for one time initiatives/events for an individual or an informal collaborative group

Process:

- Grants will be accepted on an ongoing basis
- To be considered in October, applications must be submitted by September 15th.
- Granting decisions will be made the second Thursday in May and October annually
- Special circumstances requiring decisions outside of this timeframe will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- All proposals will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Safe and Healthy Community Advisory Committee. Those selected for investment will be brought to the full Safe and Healthy Community Advisory Committee for final approval.
- Successful proposals will be assigned a City of Kitchener Liaison to follow up with the group to ensure the project's completion
- Successful proposals will be required to submit a brief report in writing to the Safe and Healthy Advisory Committee upon completion of their project/event, including a breakdown of how the money was used