

## **Beem Credit Union – Spruce Community Impact Grant Grant Guidelines**

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This grant program is managed through the Prince George Community Foundation in partnership with Beem Credit Union as an ongoing legacy of Spruce Credit Union.

### **Eligibility**

- Prince George community organizations that are registered charities or qualified donees under the Income Tax Act with the Canada Revenue Agency.
- Organizations which are not registered charities or qualified donees can be eligible to apply for grants from the Foundation through formalized partnerships with an agency that is a CRA registered charity. The registered charity must agree to having their charitable registration number used on the application and accept any flow-through funds on behalf of the applicant. Finally, a letter must be included in this application stating their willingness to partner with your organization.
- Grants are not made to individuals or businesses.

### **Grant Cycle Deadline**

Applications open: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Application Deadline: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Results will be announced in December 2024.

### **Grant Details**

Approximately \$60,000.00 is available through the 2024 Spruce Credit Union Legacy Grant program. Partial funding may be considered depending on the number of applicants and quality of prospects.

Spending of granted funds can begin upon approval, and the project must be completed within 12 months of the declared start date on the application. Final reports are due 3 months following completion date.

### **What we Fund:**

- Aligned with one of Beem’s main objectives/pillars:
  - **Existing**
    - Empowering parents of young children
    - Maintaining mental wellness through all stages of life
    - Maintaining social connection with age and building age-friendly communities
    - Supporting a strong, cooperative local economy
  - **Emerging**
    - Financial Inclusion – Ensuring all people feel welcomed and supported with equitable access to financial services
    - Sustainable Local Economies – Helping local business and social enterprise thrive in an increasingly complex market

- Housing Affordability – Working to create affordable housing because success starts with a safe place to call home
- Support and be located in the Prince George community

Projects must demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Financial sustainability
- Provides a service to the community
- Approaches a community challenge in an innovative fashion
- Enhances the physical, mental and/or emotional health and wellness of members of the community
- Strengthens the social, cultural and/or environmental structure of the community
- Demonstrates inclusivity, accessibility, diversity and equality of the community
- Recognizes the abilities, skills and resources that exist in our community
- Involves collaboration between individuals, groups and organizations in the community
- Builds on the community's social capital and civic vitality
- Creates systemic change

**Ineligible Requests:**

- **Must not be an ongoing program, looking for new initiatives**
- Operational costs are limited to 15% of total application request
- Any expenses that predate project approval during the grant cycle are ineligible for reimbursement
- Covering deficits or retiring debts or mortgage payments
- Providing for or establishing endowment funds
- Travel costs
- Benefit one individual or family
- Activities for religious organizations that serve primarily their membership and/or for direct religious purposes
- Benefit "elite" sports teams like "all-star", "rep", "select", or "travelling" teams
- Annual funding drives
- Improvements or additions to land or property which might revert to private ownership