



Community Benefit Fund Application

Stirling Wind Project has entered into an agreement with the County of Warner to establish a Community Benefit Fund. The fund will allocate a maximum of \$9,783.00 annually to community projects, events, or other one-time capital improvements which will benefit residents of the County of Warner. Funding will be allocated once per year through an open application process. This means applications will be submitted to the County of Warner, reviewed by County of Warner staff and Stirling Wind Project staff, with final allocation approval by the County of Warner Council.

Eligibility

All eligible organizations or parties will be based in the County of Warner and include:

- Registered charitable organizations,
- Registered or incorporated not-for-profit organizations,
- Schools,
- Other individuals or groups as deemed appropriate.

Funding Categories

Projects or events funded through the Community Benefit Fund have to fall within one of the following categories:

- Environmental Enhancement: projects, events or initiatives that improve environment quality, reduce environmental degradation, or increase community awareness of environmental issues.
- Social Welfare: projects, events or initiatives that provide support to at-risk groups or individuals within the community.
- Arts & Culture: projects, events or initiatives that celebrate local artists or culture or provide opportunities for groups or individuals to experience or create art.
- Health & Wellness: projects, events or initiatives that promote healthy lifestyles and choices and general community wellness.
- Education & Science: projects, scholarships, events or initiatives that support learning and use of technology and innovation to improve the community.
- Emergency Relief: projects, events or initiatives that support individuals or businesses to adapt or recover from emergency situations.
- Projects fulfilling more than one funding category will be given preference.

Approval Criteria

- Community enhancement/enrichment.
- Environmental protection/enhancement.
- Overall community impact.
- Efficient use of funds.
- Examples of eligible projects, organizations and parties: capital projects or equipment for the enhancement of community facilities, community events, art, or education programs.
- Examples of ineligible projects, organizations and parties: for-profit organizations, projects occurring outside of the County of Warner or surrounding area, sporting events, third party fundraisers, conferences (unless directly related to the funding categories), private foundations, expenses incurred before project approval.



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Guidelines & Accountability

- Funding is intended to fund projects, special events, not for ongoing operations or expenses.
- Funding should be utilized within an 18-month period from approval (extension requests may be submitted if the organization is unable to conduct the program, event or activity).
- An applicant that is allocated funds of \$1,000 or greater will be required to provide a report on the project including how the funds were expended and the benefits to the community and their participants.
- The program, event or activity will be undertaken without alteration from the description in the application.
- The entire amount of financial support provided has to be used exclusively for the program, event or activity identified in the application.
- The support of the County of Warner and Stirling Wind Project will be recognized during the program, event or activity in the way it is described in the application.

Deadline

The deadline for applications is annually on March 1st, with allocation decisions to be made by June 1st of that year.

For additional information on the application criteria or distribution please contact the County of Warner Administration office at 403-642-3635 or admin@warnercounty.ca.