



# RIPPLES

Community Building  
Grant

***Bowness • Greenwood Village • Montgomery***

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### What is Ripples?

The Ripples Community Building Grant (Ripples) is a community grant program focused on resident-led projects for those living in Bowness, Greenwood Village, and Montgomery. With grants of up to \$1000, the program aims to build vibrant and resilient neighbourhoods through supporting residents and their ideas; ideas that can create ripples throughout the community.

### What kinds of projects does Ripples support?

A small resident-centred grants program, Ripples is looking for projects that seek to build community in ways where residents can:

1. have greater social connections to their neighbours and community
2. increase their capacity and leadership skills
3. create or enhance welcoming and inclusive community spaces or projects

Applicants can apply under one of the following three Grant streams:

Stream	Stream Description	Project Examples
<b>Skill-sharing</b>	Offering a workshop, class or program to share and build skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Organizing a writing workshop</li><li>● Piloting a weekly cooking class</li></ul>
<b>Gathering</b>	Organizing a community event or activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Seed exchange</li><li>● Repair-a-thon</li><li>● Scavenger hunt</li></ul>
<b>Placemaking</b>	Creating or enhancing a welcoming and inclusive community space or project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Creating a lending library</li><li>● Working with local artists to paint benches</li></ul>

### Can Ripples be used for political advocacy?

No. We can help direct you to other sources of funding.

### Who manages Ripples?

Established in 2011, it was administered by BowWest Resource Centre, now Rise Calgary, with support from the Bowness Community Association and funding from the United Way of Calgary and Area. In 2023, the program moved to administration by the Bowness Community Association (BCA) with support from the Community Hubs project: a partnership between The City of Calgary and United Way of Calgary and Area. The BCA is one of five Community Hub sites (Bowness Hub).

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### **How much funding can I get?**

If approved, you can receive up to \$1000, at the discretion of the Granting Committee.

### **Who can apply?**

Here is a list of who may or may not apply.

List of Eligible Applicants:

- Residents of Bowness, Greenwood Village and Montgomery.
- If the primary applicant is under the age of 18, the secondary applicant is an adult willing to supervise the primary applicant and the entire project.

List of Ineligible Applicants:

- Anyone who is not a resident of Bowness, Greenwood Village or Montgomery.
- Any business or organization.
- Any applicant who is applying to further the purposes of their business or organization.
- Any applicant who is applying for the purposes of political advocacy.

**When can I expect my application to be reviewed?** The Granting Committee aims to meet every 4-6 weeks and applicants will be notified shortly after of decisions. We will endeavour to post these meeting dates with as much notice as possible on [mybowness.com/ripples](http://mybowness.com/ripples). We ask applicants to submit at least one week in advance of these meetings to ensure their application is reviewed at the next meeting.

### **Who makes the decision on my application?**

The Ripples Granting Committee is made up of volunteer community members in Bowness, Greenwood Village, and Montgomery read and make decisions on each application through a consensus process. This committee is open to residents volunteering at any time. Please contact the Ripples Facilitator if you're interested in joining.

### **Are there any restrictions on what items are covered with a Ripples grant?**

Here is a list of what you can and cannot expense.

List of Eligible Expenses includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

- Supplies & materials
- Promotional materials
- Food and non-alcoholic refreshments
- Rental fees
- Honourariums for services by an individual, business or organization (ex. henna artist, musician, Elder blessing, etc.)
- Tobacco if it is to be used as an Elder offering

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- Capital items\* that will remain available in perpetuity to the communities of Bowness, Greenwood Village and/or Montgomery (ex. cookware, sports equipment, infrastructure, etc.)\* and make up no more than 50% of the budget.

List of Ineligible Expenses includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

- Alcoholic beverages or cannabis
- Salaries or wages
- Personal education
- Emergency basic needs
- Capital items\* that will not remain available in perpetuity for the communities of Bowness, Greenwood Village and/or Montgomery, for example (ex. personal phones and computers, software) and make up more than 50% of the budget.

\*If the application includes capital items at the end of the project, they must not be kept for personal use. You must inform and seek approval from the Facilitator what they plan for the capital items, which would be one of the following options:

- offer capital items to their local community centre or another not-for-profit organizations in Bowness, Greenwood Village or Montgomery so that the capital item remains for community use OR
- continue the activities or conduct other community-related activities that will have a benefit for the community using the capital items, and once these activities are completed offer capital items to their local community centre or other not-for-profit organizations in Bowness, Greenwood Village or Montgomery so that the capital item remains for community use.

#### **Where can I find resources for borrowing or sourcing donations for equipment, supplies and other needed items, before I request funding to purchase?**

Check with your local community centres, non-profit organizations, or on social media and networking pages such as Facebook groups or Next Door. You can find some of these and other resources using the Bowmont Resource Guide at [mybowness.com/communityresources](http://mybowness.com/communityresources). You can also check in with the Ripples Facilitator who may be able to help.

#### **I'd like to purchase capital items with Ripples funding, like cookware or sports equipment.**

#### **What happens to these items after the project is completed?**

If the application includes capital items at the end of the project, they must not be kept for personal use. You must inform in your application your plan for the capital items, which would be one of the following options:

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#### **I've received Ripples funding for the same or a similar project, can I apply again?**

Yes, but the project will be evaluated according to the current grant criteria. It may also only be eligible for a portion of their project budget, including other sources of funding and in-kind donations, up to the maximum allowable Ripples funding amount, and at the discretion of the Granting Committee.

#### **Can I apply for more than one grant in a year?**

Yes, but those awarded funding must complete their first project before applying for another grant.

#### **How can I apply?**

Applicants can apply in two ways, whichever works best for them:

1. Submit by email: Download a fillable PDF copy at [mybowness.com/ripples](https://mybowness.com/ripples) and send to [communityhub@mybowness.com](mailto:communityhub@mybowness.com) (you can type right in the PDF or print this off and fill it out with a pen)
2. Submit a paper application: Copies and be picked up and dropped off at the Bowness Community Association office at 7904 43 Ave

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**Have more questions or need help with applying?** Contact the Ripples Facilitator, Tess Van Den Bosch at [communityhub@mybowness.com](mailto:communityhub@mybowness.com) | 403-288-8300 | 7904 43 Ave NW