



## COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

Are you a registered charity with a game-changing idea that has the potential to create positive, lasting change in our region?

The CFSEA's Community Impact Award offers one grant, up to \$35,000, designed for agencies with innovative project ideas that show creativity and leadership in supporting a vibrant, healthy, and caring community.

**Applications Open Monday, January 6, 2025**  
**Deadline for applications is Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm.**

**Thinking of applying? Contact our Community Engagement Coordinator to talk about projects you have in mind! [grants@cfsea.ca](mailto:grants@cfsea.ca) or 403.527.9038.**

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### **Project Eligibility:**

Using information from CFSEA's [2023 Vital Signs Report](#), projects that address the following priorities are invited to apply:

**Work & Economy | Connection & Belonging | Basic Needs – Food, Health, Housing**

The Community Impact Award will support projects that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- A new and creative project that provides a social service.
  - Foster cooperative, collaborative, and innovative approaches to the challenges facing organizations and our community.
  - Address an identifiable community need or opportunity.
  - Enhance community leadership.
  - Have an impact across the Southeastern Alberta region.
  - Leverage other funds and partnerships.
  - Show evidence of sustainability.
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### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:**

CFSEA integrates an equity-based (fair and impartial) lens throughout the entire granting process, including application review and final reporting. Equity requires the consideration of individual and group identities, marginalized communities, and spatial and systematic barriers. To honour oral practices and to accommodate technical or physical barriers, CFSEA may support the grant writer with:

- Technological support such as one-on-one instructions for individuals unaccustomed to digital platforms.
- Recorded oral applications, conducted virtually. CFSEA will be accountable for typing the answers into the online grant portal.

***If you require accommodations, please connect with CFSEA for support as soon as possible.***

## Completing your grant application:

1. Apply through [CFSEA's grant portal](#).
  2. The Community Leadership Committee will then review all applications and consider up to three (3) finalists to submit further information including a presentation to the committee.
    - If asked to present, a completed budget for the project will be required.
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## Please Note:

- A final report will be due within 18 months of receiving the grant.
  - The recipient will have an opportunity to present the impact of their project at the following year's Vital event.
  - Applicants are permitted to apply for both the Community Impact Award and Community Grants only if they are for different projects.
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## CONTACT US

Grant applicants are invited to contact the CFSEA office with questions at any point during the application process – we are here to help!

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