



# 2024 Alberta Wildfires Summer Recovery Grants Program Guidelines

## Overview

In support of those impacted by the 2024 Alberta wildfires, the Canadian Red Cross invites proposals for **Summer Recovery Grants** from community organizations operating in impacted communities or in nearby communities where displaced residents have temporarily settled. These one-time grants are available to support **community recovery** from the wildfires through **time-limited activities** that foster **community connectedness and wellbeing**.

For more information on how the Canadian Red Cross is supporting individuals, families, and communities affected by the 2024 wildfires in Alberta, please visit our website: [www.redcross.ca/albertawildfires](http://www.redcross.ca/albertawildfires).

## What funding is available?

The amount of funding available is between **\$1,000** and **\$25,000** for **each project** that supports:

- ✓ **new programs or activities** that serve the community in response to the impacts of the 2024 Alberta wildfires, or
- ✓ **existing programs or activities**, provided they demonstrate efforts to **scale** or **adapt** programming to better meet the evolving recovery needs of the community in response to the 2024 Alberta wildfires.

To support community recovery from the 2024 wildfires through time-limited activities that foster community connectedness and wellbeing.



### Summer Activity

Inclusive and engaging summer activities and programs

Expanded summer programming for children and youth

Health and wellness programs to improve physical and mental wellbeing

On-the-land activities or reconnection with sites of cultural or communal value

Activities occur

**June 1 - September 1**

Apply by:

**August 1, 2025**



### Commemorative

Community gatherings, events, or activities in remembrance of the 2024 wildfires event

Commemorative community gatherings or ceremonies marking the first year following the 2024 wildfires

Activities, such as community action days or on-the-land activities

Activities occur:

**July 1 - September 1**

Apply by:

**July 18, 2025**



### Back-to-School

Initiatives that support educators, families, and the broader school community transition back to school

Welcome back celebrations  
Mental health and education support activities

Expanded family support initiatives to help children transition smoothly and confidently back to school

Activities occur:

**August 1 - October 15**

Apply by:

**September 12, 2025**

## Summer Recovery Grant Streams

Organizations may apply for more than one stream provided they have **three separate projects** that each align with the intent of a different summer grant stream.

Please note the grants **cannot** be combined to support the same project

### Eligible activities

Project submissions for the Summer Recovery Grants **must** be:

- ✓ supportive of community recovery and connectedness;
- ✓ free of charge; and,
- ✓ inclusive and open to all members of the community.

## Ineligible activities

While the Canadian Red Cross aims to be as flexible as possible to respond to community-identified recovery needs, there are some activities that we are unable to fund. The following activities are generally **ineligible** for funding:

- Activities that are not related to the 2024 wildfires in Alberta
- Sponsorships of existing events or activities
- Subsidies for membership or registration costs for individuals
- Fundraising or revenue generation activities
- Initiatives where a profit is made by the organization
- Activities that take place outside of Canada
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- Activities that support direct or indirect partisan political activities
- Activities that would unnecessarily duplicate existing services or initiatives
- Initiatives that would result in double recuperation of funds, for example for items or services covered by insurance, other funding, or government assistance
- Activities that do not adhere to the [Fundamental Principles](#) and humanitarian values of the Canadian Red Cross

*Note: Direct aid to individuals, such as the standalone purchase of materials or supplies, is **not eligible** for funding unless it is clearly linked to a defined activity or program. Proposals must clearly demonstrate how requested materials support specific, time-limited activities aligned with the grant objective to foster community connection.*

## Who can apply?

Eligible organizations include registered charities and non-profit organizations, municipal and regional entities, Indigenous governing bodies, and schools or school boards who meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Registered and in good standing with the appropriate federal or provincial body
- ✓ Were in operations on or before January 1, 2024
- ✓ Operate in an Alberta fire-impacted community or in a nearby community where residents have temporarily settled
- ✓ Provide services to community members impacted by the 2024 Alberta Fires

The following types of organizations are ineligible for grant funding by the Canadian Red Cross:

- Individuals
- For-profit organizations or businesses
- Political organizations
- Organizations that are not headquartered or incorporated in Canada

## How do I apply?

Interested organizations are asked to reach out to Canadian Red Cross for a preliminary discussion to determine if their proposed idea aligns with the goals of this grant program and meets all the criteria. Please email [CRCgrants@redcross.ca](mailto:CRCgrants@redcross.ca) for more information.

Please note: organizations may apply for all three summer grant streams, provided they have three distinct project ideas. The **same** project **cannot** be considered for all grant streams, nor may the grant streams be combined to support one project.

## Important Dates

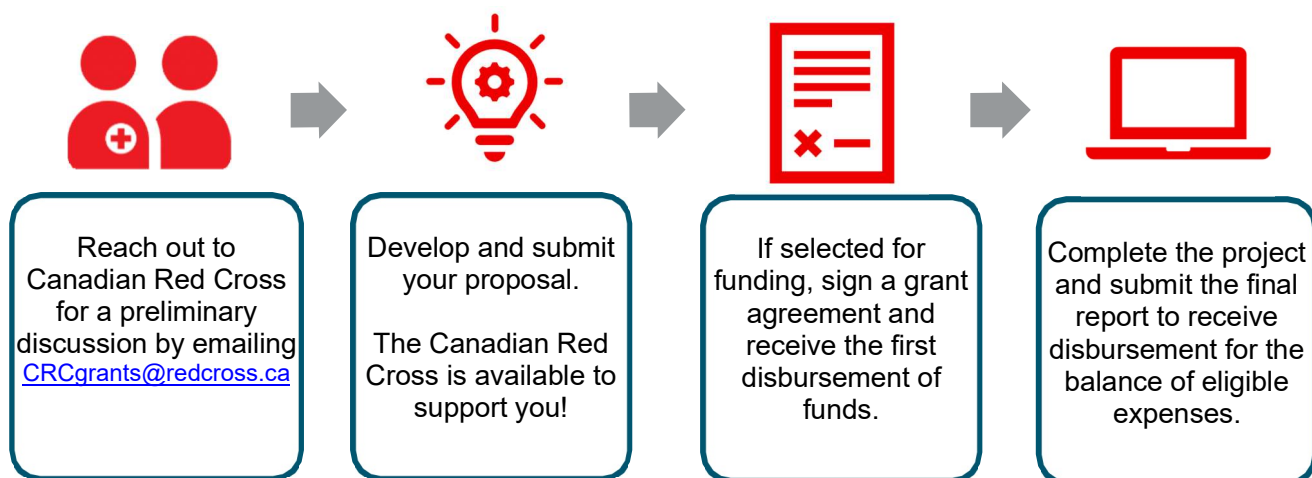
Grant	Summer Activity	Commemorative	Back-to-School
Proposal submission deadline	August 1, 2025	July 18, 2025	September 12, 2025
Dates activities may take place	June 1 – September 1	July 1 – September 1	August 1 – October 15

If you require additional time to complete and submit your proposal, please contact us.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until each program deadline. The Canadian Red Cross may not be able to fund all proposals or fund proposals to full amount requested.

The Canadian Red Cross recommends that grant applicants consider how they might include support for mental health in their projects. One way is to communicate with the municipality of Jasper regarding their Pathfinders program: [Municipality of Jasper - Pathfinders](#).

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