



2024 ALBERTA WILDFIRES RECOVERY GRANTS Program Guidelines

OVERVIEW

In support of those impacted by the 2024 Alberta wildfires, the Canadian Red Cross invites proposals for Recovery Grants from community organizations who are directly supporting community recovery and navigating their own organizational recovery needs.

Recovery Grants are available to community organizations as they provide contribute to community recovery, scale and adapt their services to meet increased needs for support, and strengthen their capacity to deliver recovery-focused work.

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.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Community organizations play a critical role in recovery from disaster events. Those organizations responding to the ongoing recovery needs of wildfire-impacted communities and who may also be navigating their own recovery are invited to submit a proposal.

Eligible organizations include registered charities and non-profit organizations, municipal and regional entities, and Indigenous governing bodies 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 communities and individuals 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

WHAT THIS FUNDING CAN SUPPORT

The 2024 Alberta Wildfires Recovery Grants program will mobilize funding to community organizations to support scaling and adapting their services to meet increased needs for support, and strengthen their capacity to deliver recovery-focused work.

Funding is available for activities that occur between October 1, 2024, and November 30, 2026. The amount of funding available is generally between \$10,000 and \$200,000 depending on the type of initiative and duration.

Eligible activities



Community recovery: Providing critical recovery supports and services to those affected by the 2024 Alberta wildfires by adapting their service offerings to meet recovery needs or scaling service provision to meet the increased demand.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Community strengthening initiatives
- Mental health supports and services
- Provision of direct services to those impacted by wildfires
- Restoring outdoor community or cultural spaces
- Specialized supports to meet the recovery needs of children and youth, seniors, people with disabilities, Indigenous people, people of colour, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people



Organizational recovery: Building the organization's capacity to provide critical recovery supports to those impacted by the 2024 Alberta and to support community recovery overall.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Specialized recovery training for staff and volunteers
- Reestablishing lost service capacity
- Volunteer engagement initiatives
- Other initiatives that build the capacity of your organization or adapt your services to support ongoing community recovery needs

Meeting with the Canadian Red Cross prior to submission of your proposal is required. Granting staff will discuss your initiative, review the program guidelines and criteria with you, and can help navigate how best to present your project for funding. Staff will remain available throughout the proposal process to answer questions and provide any guidance or feedback, as needed.

Note that:

- The above examples are not exhaustive and other eligible activities will be considered.
- Recovery Grants can fund *new* or *existing* and ongoing activities that are critical to community recovery.
- Grants in this program will generally range between \$10,000 and \$200,000 depending on the initiative, however, please do reach out to discuss your funding needs with us.

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 not related to the 2024 wildfires in Alberta
- Activities that take place outside of Canada
- Initiatives where a profit is being made by the organization
- Fundraising or revenue generation activities
- Activities that do not adhere to the [Fundamental Principles](#) and humanitarian values of the Canadian Red Cross
- 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
- Construction of housing or shelter structures
- Activities that are illegal

HOW TO APPLY

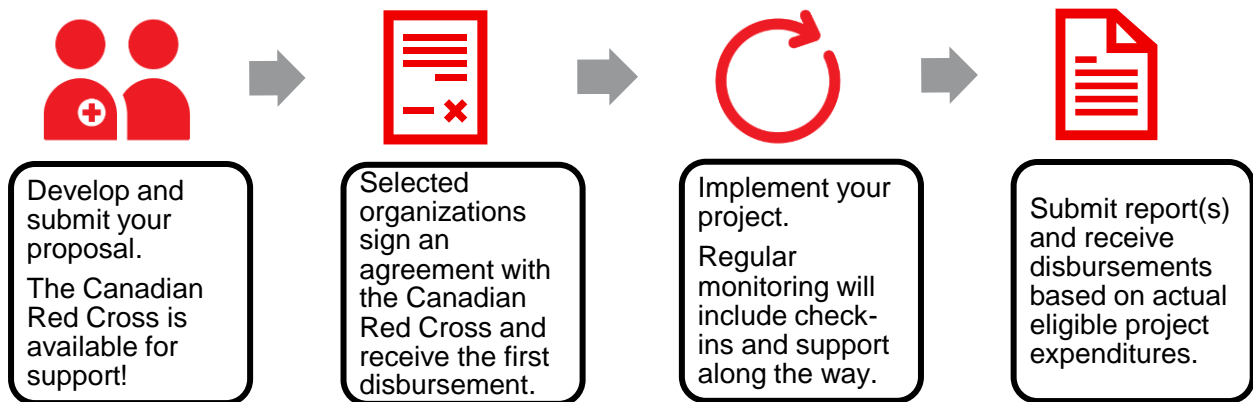
The Canadian Red Cross team is available for application support, and we encourage you to discuss your funding needs with us as you develop your proposal. There may be other resources available alongside or in lieu of Recovery Grants.

Invited organizations are asked to:

- ✓ Complete the proposal form outlining:
 - the impact of the 2024 Alberta wildfire event on the community and/or organization
 - current and emerging recovery priorities
 - planned activities and rationale for how this work will support community recovery
- ✓ Complete the budget template, aligning with the Eligible Costing Guidelines.
- ✓ Email completed applications to: CRCgrants@redcross.ca.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis against available funding and the Canadian Red Cross' understanding of community needs and recovery priorities. The Canadian Red Cross may not be able to fund all proposals or fund proposals to full amount requested.

IF YOUR PROPOSAL IS SELECTED FOR FUNDING



If your proposal is selected for funding, your organization will be asked to sign a Grant Agreement with the Canadian Red Cross. This document outlines the project's purpose, planned activities, and approved budget, along with the requirements of the funding.

Funded organizations will be required to provide narrative and financial reports. Supporting documentation for the latter may include a general ledger, time sheets, procurement documentation, and/or invoices and receipts for purchases of goods and services. The Canadian Red Cross will provide the templates for these.

From drafting your proposal to the time you report, Canadian Red Cross staff are available to support your efforts.

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