



2017 GRANT GUIDELINES

Application form will be **open starting May 19, 2017**

Application deadline is **FRIDAY, JUNE 9** at midnight (11:59 pm)

The Purpose of the Neighbourhood Micro Grants Program

Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy 2020 (TSNS 2020) is the City of Toronto's action plan for making sure that each of our 140 social planning neighbourhoods can succeed and thrive.

Residents and agencies from 39 identified neighbourhoods have come up with a list of changes they want to see in their own neighbourhoods – called the TSNS Actions.

The \$1,000 grants are for use by resident-groups to support those TSNS Actions in local communities!

What is the City's Neighbourhood Micro Grant program?

The Neighbourhood Micro Grants program will make available small grants of \$1,000 to resident-led groups to help them inspire their neighbourhoods with events held between August and December.

Funding will be available for events that take place in the 31 Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIA) and the 8 Emerging Neighbourhoods between August and December, 2017.

Up to two (2) groups from each of the 39 neighbourhoods will be funded for events that advance TSNS 2020. (Application for events held next year will open in the fall.)

The Neighbourhood Micro Grants program aims to support the delivery of local actions identified by residents and community partners involved in TSNS 2020.

Is my group eligible?

If you are able to answer **Yes!** to the questions below – you are welcome to apply!

Is your group:

- A Resident-led community group (your group is not a business or a social enterprise)?
- A resident-led group from Neighbourhood Improvement Area (NIA)/Emerging Neighbourhood?
- Made up of at least 5 residents (or more) who live in the same neighbourhood (but from different households)?

Do you have an event or activity that:

- Takes place in one of the 39 identified neighbourhoods?
- Supports one of the Neighbourhood Actions?
- Is free and be open to all (not just members of your group)?
- Is held between August 15, 2017 - December 31, 2017?
- Is a one-time event or an activity to be held within one week?

Is your group able to:

- Have one or two of your group members attend a Pitch & Advice Meeting at Neighbourhood Table to share your event idea (special date in May – contact your local CDO to get the dates or check back to this website for dates/locations)?
- Sign-on a local Neighbourhood Planning Table member as your mentor/coach?

Your event must be supported by the local Neighbourhood Planning Table. Funded projects are invited to share their experiences and lessons learned at a reflection event upon project completion.

Please note that up to 2 projects per neighbourhood will be selected in this first round. Look out for the second round of Neighbourhood Micro Grants funding opportunities in Fall 2017 - for events/activities to be held in February – July 1, 2018!

How do I apply?

Follow this 3-step process:

Step 1: Attend a Pitch & Advice Meeting in May

You **MUST** attend a mandatory Pitch & Advice meeting that takes place in your neighbourhood, where:

- you will pitch your event idea to the Neighbourhood Table,
- learn about the TSNS Actions that your event can support, and
- meet your potential community mentor/coach who will advise and provide guidance for your project.

If you missed the Pitch & Advice Meeting, please contact your local Community Development Officer (CDO) to connect you with the local Neighbourhood Table and its members. [Click here](#) to get the CDO's contact information.

Step 2: Review the Application Questions with Your Group to Plan Your Event.

[Click here](#) to download a sample copy of the questions you will be asked.

- Most questions are multiple choice
- 3 of the questions need long answers (100 words maximum)
- Take a look at the budget question at the very end – you will need to plan on how to spend the \$1,000.

Step 3: Apply!

Applications will be **open starting May 19, 2017.**

Deadline: submit your application is **June 9, 2017 at midnight (11:59 pm).**

This link to the application will open on May 19:

Link to the application: <http://cityoftoronto.fluidsurveys.com/s/MicroGrants/>

Grant Decision Made by Local Residents

Applications that meet the eligibility requirement will reviewed by a panel of residents from the TSNS Residents Advisory Table and recommend the projects for funding.

For More Information

If you have questions about:

- The Pitch & Advice Meeting
- Community Mentor/Coach
- Local Action Plans

Contact your local Community Development Officer (CDO). Find your local CDO by clicking this link:

<http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20of%20Toronto/Social%20Development,%20Finance%20&%20Administration/Shared%20Content/Grants/PDFs/List%20of%20Eligible%20Neighbourhoods%20and%20staff%20list.pdf>