

Caisse populaire La Prairie Ltée

Sponsorships & Grants

Through our Community Sponsorships and Grants, we support a variety of community events, projects and programs that contribute to the social, economic and environmental well-being of the communities where we live and work. In order to request a sponsorship or grant, a written application must be submitted. The application form is ***available on line or at your local Caisse La Prairie branch.***

While we would like to support every worthwhile cause, with limited resources we cannot honour every request. However, we will ensure that every application is reviewed carefully and evaluated against set criteria.

Community Sponsorships & Grants

Our Community Sponsorships and Grants, up to \$1,000, give us the opportunity to sponsor events that benefit our communities and provide Caisse La Prairie with recognition and profile. We support:

- **Community Fundraising Events and Campaigns**
 - To support our members in their efforts to raise funds
- **Community Arts and Cultural Events**
 - To support our artistic and cultural community
- **Community Festivals**
 - To encourage community connections and pride
- **Community Development Programs**
 - To foster self-reliant sustainable communities

Who is eligible to apply for this program?

- Non-profits, registered charities, cooperatives and social enterprises (a business that has a social, environmental or cultural purpose and reinvests all its profits in the community or back into the business)
- The mission and values of the organization must be consistent with the guiding principles of Caisse La Prairie

We give preference to:

- Smaller organizations that do not have substantial budgets or many other sources of funding
- Community economic development organizations
- Community-based arts organizations
- Social purpose organizations benefiting marginalized members of our community
- Environmental organizations working for positive solutions to environmental concerns
- Active members of Caisse La Prairie

We do not sponsor:

- Individuals
- Political parties and affiliated activities

Limitations and Conditions:

- You must submit an application along with supporting materials at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of your event (***application available on line or at your local Caisse La Prairie branch***)

Community Projects Grants

Our Community Projects Grants, up to \$10,000, give us the opportunity to support projects that help foster sustainable communities and provide Caisse La Prairie with recognition and profile. We support:

- Long-term community projects with merit for and in our communities
- Community projects benefiting as many people as possible in our communities
- Projects encouraging local economic development to promote community building

Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

- Non-profits, registered charities, cooperatives and social enterprises (a business that has a social, environmental or cultural purpose and reinvests all its profits in the community or back into the business)
- The mission and values of the organization must be consistent with the guiding principles of Caisse La Prairie:
 - o Community building
 - o Economic self-reliance
 - o Ecological responsibility

We give preference to:

- Smaller organizations that do not have substantial budgets or many other sources of funding
- Active members of Caisse La Prairie

We do not provide grants for:

- Individuals
- Political parties and affiliated activities
- Operating expenses

Limitations and Conditions:

- You must submit an application along with supporting materials by May 31 or November 30
(application available on line or at your local Caisse La Prairie branch)

Scholarships

Caisse La Prairie is proud to offer a Student Bursary Program aimed at students enrolled in a study program at a college, university or training institution granting a recognized certificate, diploma or degree. We grant eight (8) \$500 bursaries yearly to students enrolled in post-secondary education and also offer a \$1,000 bursary to 3rd and 4th year students enrolled in Business/Commerce, Agri-Finance or a field related to the financial industry.

Who is eligible to apply?

- The applicant or one of the applicant's parents must be a member of Caisse La Prairie
- **Apply by June 1**

We give preference to:

Preference will be given to applicants showing leadership and community involvement

Limitations and Conditions:

- You must submit an application along with your most recent school transcript and supporting materials (*application available on line or at your local Caisse La Prairie branch*)

Guiding Principles for Sustainable Community Investment

We have three principles that guide our community investments.

Community Building

As a community-based financial institution our long-term success depends on the health and strength of the communities where our members and employees live and work.

We welcome the opportunity to support programs and projects that help build strong and vibrant local communities. Examples include programs and projects to:

- Encourage community dialogue to find solutions to local concerns
- Create safe, clean, 'green' and attractive communities
- Design communities around the needs and visions of local residents
- Build community skills, knowledge, leadership
- Build community identity and pride
- Foster cooperation, goodwill and social connections among area residents

Economic Self-Reliance

We believe in an approach to economic development that reduces dependency, builds capacity and strengthens economic links in the local community. Examples include programs and projects to:

- Develop the local economy
- Increase access to affordable housing and adequate shelter
- Build economic and financial literacy
- Encourage production and purchase of local goods and services
- Develop cooperative and social enterprises
- Promote local investment, socially and environmentally responsible investing, buying and consumption

Ecological Responsibility

We know that our long-term social and economic well-being depends on the well-being of life-supporting ecosystems locally and globally.

We welcome the opportunity to support programs and projects that contribute to the creation of positive solutions to environmental concerns.