COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
LETHBRIDGE + SOUTHWESTERN ALBERTA

Youth in Action Grant Guidelines

Every year, the Community Foundation dedicates grant funding to dynamic projects initiated by Southwestern Alberta's youth. Projects need to be developed, led, and organized by individuals or groups in Southwestern Alberta. Applicants must be 25 years of age or younger.

The purpose of the Youth in Action Grants is to empower youth by encouraging leadership on a project that will have a positive impact on their community. Through this experience, youth will have a greater appreciation of philanthropy by understanding the difference they can make in their community by giving back.

As the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta cannot give directly to individuals, applicants must collaborate with a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)-registered charity, school, or municipality to carry out their project.

Youth in Action Grants **are not** intended to support existing programs or services being offered by charities or schools.

What you need to know before applying:

- You can apply for a maximum of $2,000 in project funding;
- If you are applying with a school, only one application per school will be considered per year;
- One person, or group, may apply (all must be 25 years of age or younger);
- Applicants must partner with a CRA-registered charity, school, or municipality.
    - The charity, school, or municipality must be willing to partner with the applicant and administer the grant on their behalf.

Projects will not be considered if they:

- Involve direct religious activity, involve partisan political activity, or directly benefit an individual (such as a scholarship);
- Include travel expenses or honoraria;
- Have already occurred (retroactive funding);
- Involve funds being re-directed to activities beyond Southwestern Alberta (for example: disaster relief in another country); and
- Are a direct fundraising campaign.

How to apply:

Our next application deadline is October 15, 2026. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss project ideas, please email our Grants coordinator, Caitlin Gajdostik at grants@cflsa.ca.

Applications must be completed through our online granting system.