

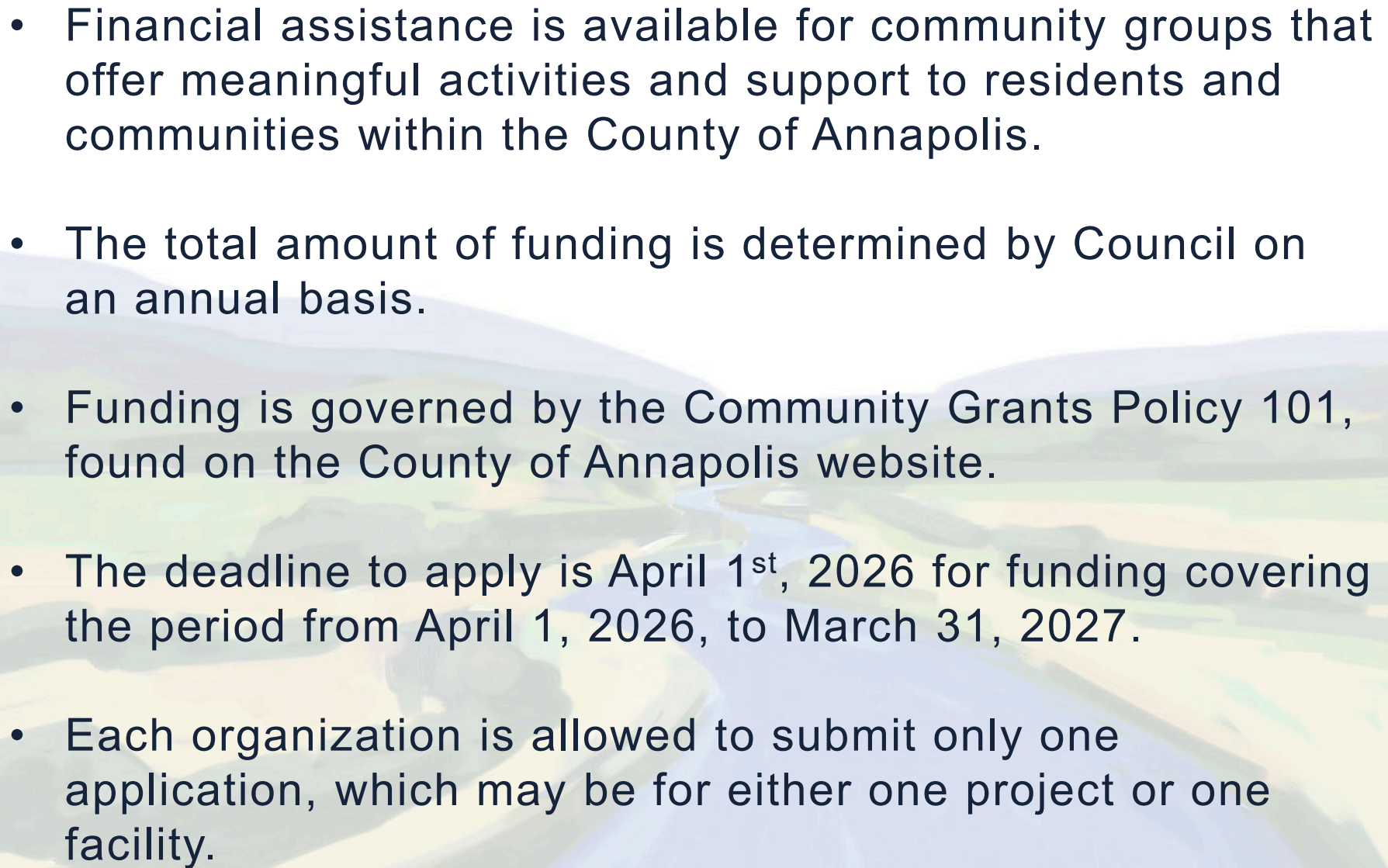


COUNTY *of* ANNAPOLIS

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GRANTS for Community Groups

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- Financial assistance is available for community groups that offer meaningful activities and support to residents and communities within the County of Annapolis.
 - The total amount of funding is determined by Council on an annual basis.
 - Funding is governed by the Community Grants Policy 101, found on the County of Annapolis website.
 - The deadline to apply is April 1st, 2026 for funding covering the period from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027.
 - Each organization is allowed to submit only one application, which may be for either one project or one facility.

Eligibility

Registered charitable, nonprofit, or not-for-profit organizations.

Excluding:

- Religious organizations (except when the hall is used for general community use)
 - Businesses
 - Political organizations
 - Labour unions,
 - Mass appeals (Fundraisers)
 - Levels of government
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If You Qualify

- Applications must show financial need and support the County's strategic priorities.
- The project/program is meaningful and enhances the well-being of Annapolis County communities and residents.
- Your application must demonstrate the ability to complete the project or program within the fiscal year and have a plan for future sustainability.
- Applications must show inclusion and demonstrate equitable opportunities to improve accessibility.

Two Streams

1. Community Facilities

2. Community Projects

Community Facilities

If you are a facility that is used for recreational, educational, environmental, cultural, community or social activities and is accessible to the general public, you may be eligible for a grant.

Community Facilities

Types of Community Facilities

- Halls and Community Centers
- Parks, Trails, and Recreational Areas
- Public Wharves, Lighthouses and Museums

Types of Projects

- Build new facilities
- Upgrade/repair existing facilities
- Install/replace equipment
- Improve accessibility

Application Process

- List all funding partners and required documents
- Grants up to **\$20,000**
- Must demonstrate 1/3 contribution to total project cost (cash, other funding sources, or in-kind donations)

Note: Everyday operation costs (e.g., heating, electricity) are not covered

Community Projects

Any project that
supports **community**
programs/events that
enhance the **well-being**
of our community.

Community Projects

Types of Projects

- Festivals and events that promote community partnerships and celebrate Annapolis County culture
- Recreational activities like community gardens and learning about food
- Physical activities for all, regardless of age or ability, such as local sports clubs, fitness programs for seniors, and programs that enhance accessibility
- Social support programs to help families, access resources for well-being, and address social-economic challenges

Application Process

- Grant funding will cover up to 50% of program costs, with a maximum limit of \$5,000
- Applicants must demonstrate active fundraising efforts to ensure the program's sustainability if needed

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Evaluation and Recognition

- Every application received will be reviewed by municipal staff to ensure it is complete.
- Applications requesting more than \$2,500 will be presented to Council for approval. Applications below \$2,500 can be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and updates will be provided to Council.
- Once your application is approved, you are required to submit a final report within 12 months.
- County of Annapolis must be mentioned in all promotional materials for the facility, project, or program. This includes printed materials and social media, to acknowledge our financial support. The organization must use the official County of Annapolis logos and messages, which need to be approved by the Municipality.

QUESTIONS

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Go to our website at AnnapolisCounty.ca. Look under the “**Community**” tab located at the top of the page and then select “**Grants to Organizations**”.
