



### **What is Community Funding?**

Community Funding encourages tenants to take an active role in improving the quality of life within their NRH community by providing the financing necessary to take on community-led special projects or activities.

### **Who can apply for Community Funding?**

Tenant Associations and tenant groups can apply. Community Program Coordinators (CPCs) can apply on behalf of the community for a community initiative.

### **How will funding be decided?**

A committee of two CPCs and two Property Administrators (PAs) review applications and make recommendations to the Manager of Community Programs. The Manager of Community Programs will determine if funding can be awarded.

### **What will the committee and manager consider when reviewing the funding request?**

The following may be considered:

- Does the proposal have the support of the community?
- Is there a need in the community? (ie. will it improve the quality of life in the community or provide a new service or program?)
- Has the group received funding in the past? (groups that have not received funding will be given higher priority)
- How will the tenants support the activity they have requested the funds to complete? (ie. will tenants contribute through fundraising, volunteer hours etc.?)
- Is the activity enjoyable/accessible to a majority of the tenants?
- Is the amount of funding requested reasonable?
- If the funds are for the purchase of an item, will the tenants be able to maintain it? Is the item being purchased necessary for a program or does it enhance the program or service?
- Does the tenant group have a history of successful projects?

Please note that, in the event that the request requires more funds than are available, the CPCs will speak with the group to find a solution.

**What are some examples of projects that may qualify for Community Funding?**

- Starting a tenant association
- Meeting supplies
- Communicating among tenants
- Speakers to attend meetings for educational purposes
- Equipment to support recreational and social activities
- Fundraising supplies

**What are some examples of projects that do not qualify for Community Funding?**

- Capital items (such as furniture that does not contribute or enhance a program).
- Social only (ex. casino trips, dinner at restaurant)

**When are applications due?**

Applications are to be received by CPCs by February 28, May 31 and September 30. Decisions will be made in March, June and October.

**What if the application does not receive funds?**

Applications that are not accepted the first time may be re-submitted at the next due date. CPCs will meet with groups whose proposal were unsuccessful to provide suggestions for future proposals.

**What if the application is successful?**

Successful groups will be expected to maintain accurate financial records, including receipts that show that funds were used as agreed in the proposal.

Please send your written proposal ([click here for application](#)) to your Community Programs Coordinator at:

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Thorold, Ontario  
P.O. Box 344  
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