

FCC 4-H Club Fund

2023-2024 Guidelines



4-H Canada and [FCC](#) are pleased to announce a new year of the FCC 4-H Club Fund for 2023-2024 to support shared priorities, growth, and increased engagement of the 4-H movement in Canada. These funds are available to all 4-H clubs, districts, and regions across Canada.

Financial support from the Club Fund can be directed towards volunteer capacity building, promotion and advertising of the 4-H movement, eliminating barriers to entry, developing existing programs, covering the costs associated with local events, supporting volunteers, or purchasing various resource materials. Together with FCC, we are supporting the development of responsible, caring, and contributing youth leaders across Canada.

Funding available

A total of \$100,000 will be available in grants of up to \$500 per 4-H club, district, or region. Funding requests are encouraged but not limited to focusing on one of the following strategic priorities: growth, inclusion, volunteer capacity building.

Eligibility

- Applications must be from a registered Canadian 4-H club, district, or region in good standing.
- All reporting from previous years must be complete for a club, district or region to be eligible for new funding in 2023-2024.
- Every club that receives funding must agree to track your involvement and progress with the FCC 4-H Club Fund by:
 - indicating how the club proposes to recognize and engage local FCC representatives in events supported by this fund
 - engaging local FCC representatives in a way that is mutually agreed upon, where possible
 - posting photos and experiences on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using #FCC4HClubFund and tagging both @4HCanada and @FCCagriculture
 - emailing photos of your events, activities, and updates to knorris@4-h-canada.ca

Activities eligible for funding include, but are not limited, to:

- ***NEW*** costs associated with promotion and advertising, such as promotion of community based 4-H club and new member registration;
- ***NEW*** costs associated with eliminating barriers to entry, such as ASL training for members;
- ***NEW*** costs associated with registration fees for leaders to attend 4-H conferences or seminars;



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- ***NEW*** volunteer capacity building (first aid training, mental health first aid);
- costs associated with developing existing programs and activities;
- costs associated with events, such as transportation costs and entrance and admission fees;
- costs associated with club participation in club trips;
- developing or purchasing resource materials (leader, volunteer, activity materials);
- volunteer support and recognition;
- speaker fees and recognition (virtual or in person);
- seed money for local club fundraising;
- purchase of equipment and supplies (achievement day, sports equipment, activity supplies, outdoor equipment, trophies, and recognition of members);
- purchase of equipment and supplies for protection against the spread of COVID-19 (PPE, plexiglass barriers, directional signage, hand sanitizer, and masks)

Exclusions

This grant will not support:

- programs and/or projects that benefit one individual;
- capital projects/capital expenditures (machinery, buildings and refurbishment costs, other);
- program registration fees for conferences or seminars (apart from provincial or national volunteer capacity building conferences or seminars).

Applications

Applications will open on Aug. 1, 2023 and must be submitted online at apply.4-h-canada.ca.

Applications must be received by 4-H Canada no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on Oct. 31, 2023. 4-H Canada does not assume responsibility for any computer errors. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that their application has been submitted. The application system will send the applicant a confirmation email of receipt upon successful submission.

Successful applicants will be notified by Nov. 18, 2023, and public announcements of recipients will be made in December 2023.

Reporting

Projects are expected to be completed no later than June 30, 2024. A post-participation report must be submitted at apply.4-h-canada.ca within 30 days of project completion. Further reporting details will be provided upon confirmation of funding.

For more information

For questions or more information on the FCC 4-H Club Fund, please contact Kelsey Norris, Grants Manager at knorris@4-h-canada.ca.

