



POLICY

Recreation & Culture

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Activity Subsidy Fund (formerly ALIVE Fund)

- 1 Through its fundraising activities, the Recreation Committee allocates limited subsidies to individuals requiring financial assistance to participate in community recreation and culture activities.
- 2 Funding will be considered for a variety of recreation and culture activities (e.g. soccer, baseball, music, dance, swimming, skating, etc.). School sports will not be considered.
- 3 Financial assistance may be provided if an application meets the following conditions:
 - a. A completed Activity Subsidy Fund application form is submitted to the Recreation & Culture Office including all of the required support documentation.
 - b. To be eligible for funding, this application must include one (1) completed **Confirmation of Financial Needs Forms** verifying that the applicant is in financial need of the subsidy. The form may be completed by
 - i. a representative of a social service agency (i.e. FACS, Community Living, Project SHARE, ODSP etc.), or by
 - ii. an official or other individual who is personally aware of the applicant's financial situation (i.e., Faith Leader, Social Worker, Teacher, School Principal etc.).

Please note: If option ii. is selected a brief interview with Recreation & Culture Staff may be required.
 - c. Applicants must be residents of Niagara Falls. Proof of residence may be required.
 - d. Subsidies are available to assist with the registration and basic equipment costs of recreation and culture activities. Funding, in part or full, is not guaranteed and will be considered up to a maximum of \$500/person/year.
 - e. Subsidies for recreation and culture activities in the non-profit or the private sector are eligible.
 - f. Applications will be reviewed (in confidence) by the Recreation Committee or appropriate designates.

- g. Upon approval of subsidy, whenever possible the cheque will be made payable and forwarded directly to the organization offering the recreation activity. In cases where the registration deadline has passed the family may be reimbursed directly.
 - h. In the event that the individual does not attend, the funding will be returned to the City, minus any required administration fee by the host of the activity.
- 4 Approval of request may be subject to any further conditions that the Recreation Committee may see fit to establish.
 - 5 A maximum of 50% of the funds within the Recreation Committee's Activity Subsidy Fund will be utilized in one year.

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