

Grants Newsletter

December 2009

Upcoming Deadlines:

- ◆ Community Spirit Program Donation Grant December 31, 2009
- ◆ Community Facility Enhancement Program January 1, 2010
- ◆ Community Initiatives Program January 1, 2010
- ◆ Alberta Museums Association, Project Grants February 1, 2010

Proposal-writing tip:

Be positive! Nobody wants to give money to an organization that looks like it is going nowhere. Sad stories just don't help. Present your organization as a group that lacks only one thing: enough money to make your plans take flight. So show off your strengths and highlight your successes – boast a little!

Charitable Status: not just useless paperwork!

Does your group have charitable status with Revenue Canada? If not, find out if you are eligible and apply. Charitable status helps with:

- ◆ Soliciting more donations because you can offer a tax receipt;
- ◆ Applying for grants from sources that only give to registered charities;
- ◆ Appearing on websites like Canada Helps, where your group can solicit online donations.

Check it out at <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/chrts/pplyng/menu-eng.html>. You can find the application online and be registered in as little as 3 months!

Need some FREE and EASY ways to get your organization out in front for donations? SEE BELOW...

Canada Helps

If your group is already a registered charity, visit Canada Helps, www.canadahelps.org/.

Canada Helps posts information about your group and enables online donations—directly to your group! Your organization name will appear as soon as your charitable status is complete, but you need to register online to provide other details that will sell your group and your projects to donors!

Call the Grants Manager for more information!

Alberta's Promise

Does your group help children in some way? Do you provide programs for children? Do you have time, money or goods to give to organizations that work to help children?

If so, your organization should apply to become members of Alberta's Promise. Visit their website, www.albertaspromise.org/.

By appearing on this website, your group can be matched with donors or programs from around the province.

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