

The City of Edmonton Community Investment Operating Grant (CIOG) provides operating assistance to Edmonton’s non-profit organizations, including recreation/amateur sport, whose activities result in benefits to the citizens of Edmonton. These grants enhance the existing programs and services of local sport organizations and enable them to expand their operations to include new participants.

Prior to 2001, the City of Edmonton’s CIOG program was allocated to three distinct silos: social services, multicultural, and sport and recreation sectors. In 2001, these silos were merged. While the Edmonton sport community was concerned with this, to its pleasant surprise, the total awards to sport increased by 65%. Since then, the Edmonton Sport Council has:

1. Worked with the Community Services Advisory Board and others to increase the pool of funding available.
2. Encouraged changes to the grant criteria which was favourable to smaller organizations and sport.
3. Encouraged Edmonton sport organizations to apply.

This work has resulted in a significant growth in the number of Edmonton sport organizations receiving funding, an increase in the total dollars awarded to sport, and a decrease in the difference between the average grant and the average sport grant.

Year	Total \$	\$ to Sport	% of \$ to Sport	Total # of Groups	# of Sport Groups	% Sport	Total \$ Average	Sport \$ Average	Variance % from Average Award
2000	800,000	119,000	14.9	Three funding silos					
2001	800,000	195,756	24.5	126	35	27.8	6,349	5,593	-11.91
2019	3,617,775	1,489,898	41.2	294	122	41.5	12,305	12,212	-0.76

The average 2019 CIOG award increased slightly from 2018, due to the small increase in funds distributed (+2.0%), and a similar number of grants awarded (increased from 292 to 294). The maximum grant available was unchanged from 2018.

Sixty-eight sport groups received more than \$15,000 while 22 groups received less than \$5,000. Only 5 sport groups received less than \$1,000. Sport organizations received 41.2% of the total money awarded under this program, a small decrease of 0.6% from 2018. Eighteen new sport groups received funding from the CIOG Program in 2019, while 15 sport groups that received funding in 2018 did not receive an award in 2019.

The breakdown of value of awards to sport groups is:

2015 # of Awards	2016 # of Awards	2017 # of Awards	2018 # of Awards	2019 # of Awards	VALUE
63 [^]	72 [*]	65 [^]	65 [#]	68 [#]	\$15,000 - \$17,500
12	9	12	15	17	\$10,000 - \$14,999
14	4	19	27	15	\$5,000 - \$9,999
5	3	9	11	17	\$1,000 - \$4,999
2	1	2	3	5	\$1 – \$999
96	89	107	121	122	

* max \$17,500; ^ max \$17,000; # max \$16,500

In addition to sport organizations, in 2019:

- six dance organizations received a total of \$58,163 (6 dance groups received \$33,891 in 2018)
- eight active recreation organizations received a total of \$108,535 (6 active recreation organizations received \$64,167 in 2018)

Although the number of sport groups receiving awards from the CIOG program was virtually unchanged from 2018 to 2019, the total money received increased by 0.6%. The City of Edmonton increased the funding for this grant program in 2019 (+2.0%), while the number of applications was only slightly higher. Local sport groups are encouraged to apply (and re-apply), as most complete applications are successful.

The application deadline for the CIOG program is in October each year. Individual consultations are offered by Edmonton Community Services well in advance of the deadline to assist groups with their application.