

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 organizations which help advance the goals and outcomes of the City Plan and the priorities of the Social Development branch.

The CIOG program awarded \$3.65 million to Edmonton non-profit social service, sport, and recreation organizations in 2022. The average award (\$11,851) decreased from 2021, due to the increase in number of grants awarded (283 to 308). The maximum grant available (\$16,500) was unchanged from 2021.

Since most sport and recreation organizations’ financial statements (revenues and expenditures) were negatively affected by COVID, this decreased the CIOG financial support for which they were eligible.

As a result, the 2022 CIOG program awarded \$1.61 million to sport groups in 2022, or 44.1% of the total money awarded under this program. While the number of recipients increased from 131 to 139, this represents \$50,364 less than what was awarded to sport organizations in 2021. Only 68 sport groups received more than \$15,000 while 29 groups received less than \$5,000. Only 4 sport groups received less than \$1,000.

Twenty-five new sport groups received funding from the CIOG Program in 2022, while 18 sport groups that received funding in 2021 did not receive an award in 2022.

The breakdown of value of awards to sport groups is:

2018 # of Awards	2019 # of Awards	2020 # of Awards	2021 # of Awards	2022 # of Awards	VALUE
65	68	77	79	68	\$15,000 - \$16,500
15	17	9	12	17	\$10,000 - \$14,999
27	15	23	24	25	\$5,000 - \$9,999
11	17	11	12	25	\$1,000 - \$4,999
3	5	2	4	4	\$1 - \$999
121	122	122	131	139	

In addition to sport organizations, in 2022:

- four dance organizations received a total of \$25,604 (5 dance groups received \$44,965 in 2021)
- nine active recreation organizations received \$101,184 (6 active recreation organizations received \$83,146 in 2021)

The Edmonton Sport Council will continue to provide the sport and active recreation community with information regarding the reimagined Community Investment Operating Grant program as it evolves. Relevant workshops will be offered to assist organizations with their applications to ensure clarity, relevance and completeness.