



Northern Lights provides youth with small grants to undertake projects that build a sense of community and encourage neighbourliness.

Northern Lights small grants are available to residents of the communities of Castleridge, Coral Springs, Falconridge, Martindale, Saddle Ridge, Sky View Ranch and Taradale.

Northern Lights small youth grants are:

- Between \$50 and \$350
- Granted year round
- Reviewed by a committee of local youth

Projects are as diverse as the residents who live in the North of McKnight communities.

Project ideas include:

- Neighbourhood multicultural sports afternoons
- Outdoor community film nights
- Park clean up days
- Neighbourhood theatre creation and presentation
- Community murals
- Dance marathon to raise funds for a local charity
- Neighbourhood discussion circles
- Sew or knit homemade blankets to people in need
- And much more

GRANT CRITERIA

Project Must Be:

- Located in the North of McKnight communities
- Directly benefit many youth who live in Calgary or the surrounding area
- Planned and implemented by youth
- We give priority to youth-initiated projects, although adult support is welcome
- We give projects up to \$500 per school year
- Project must be independent, meaning funds cannot be passed onto another organization.

We do NOT Fund:

- For profit ventures or individuals
- Conference fees or tuition costs for individuals or groups



We are looking for projects that

- Are started by, led by and involve local youth residents in any or all of the seven neighbourhoods
- Benefit the neighbourhood(s)
- Involve as many local residents as possible
- Strive to involve residents who haven't been involved before

This grant cannot be used for salaries, capital costs, wages or alcohol. If your project is awarded a grant you must keep and submit receipts at the end of the project and share your project story with the community. We cannot fund events that occur prior to the grant decision. The grant should be spent within six months of being received.

How can I apply?

You must be a resident of Castleridge, Coral Springs, Falconridge, Martindale, Saddle Ridge, Sky View Ranch or Taradale to be eligible for a Northern Light small youth grant.

Fill out the attached application form and email it to Tony at tony@antyx.org or fill out our online application.

Local youth volunteers from the seven North of McKnight communities will review applications.

Deadline

There are no deadlines. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Please allow six weeks for a decision on application.



APPLICATION FORM

Name of Group or Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Name of Project: _____

Residing Neighbourhood: _____

Amount Requested (Maximum of \$500): _____ **Date of Project:** _____

What are you planning to accomplish?

Who will benefit from your great idea?

How will you accomplish your goals?

How are youth involved in the planning and running of your project?

What is the timetable of your project? What happens when?



What outcomes are you expecting? How will you measure your success?

Do you have any other sources of funding?

How will the Northern Light Youth Grant be recognized (i.e. acknowledgement on printed materials, banners at events, etc.)?

List each item in your budget as follows: Item, Description/Purpose, and Amount.

How did you hear about this grant opportunity?