

Manitoba Water Safety Community Grants Program 2009 / 2010

Drowning remains an injury prevention priority in our province. The Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters together with Manitoba Health and Healthy Living are making grants available to community organizations who want to help reduce drownings by improving water safety in their communities.

What types of activities will be considered?

A wide range of water safety activities as identified by the communities would be considered for the grant. **Some ideas are:**

- training lifeguards
- improving signage at waterfronts
- training swim instructors
- projects aimed at increasing supervision of young people near water
- offering boat operators courses, or
- building barriers to protect the public from hazardous waterfronts.

How much money is available?

Communities can receive a one-time grant for up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars.

What criteria are required?

Applications for water safety grants will be assessed using the following criteria:

- Meets a community - identified need.
- Priority will be given to those applications that address water safety in the higher-risk population (as per Manitoba Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Strategy) which have been identified as:
 - Toddlers (1-4 years of age)
 - Boaters
 - Aboriginal people
 - Males
 - New Canadians
- Projects / programs must be completed by August 31, 2010

How do I apply?

FAX or mail a grant application to:

Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters

P.O. Box 2552

Station Main

Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4B3

FAX: (204) 944-8546

What should I include in my application?

Your application should be ***no longer than 2-3 pages*** and should include the following information.

1. Name of Community
2. Community profile: population, proximity to water
3. Describe the project: (What do you plan to do? What problem or hazard will the project be addressing? How will the community benefit? How many people will be reached? Will you receive other funding for this project? What is the project's timeline? Please include your budget.
4. Include a statement that you agree to provide a brief activity report to the Coalition by September 30, 2010.
5. Please include the following contact information:
 - Name of Contact Person
 - Organization Making the Application
 - Mailing Address
 - Postal Code
 - Phone
 - Fax
 - E-mail

When do we get the money?

If your application is successful you will receive 90% of the funds up-front. You will receive the remaining 10% once the project / program is complete and the Coalition receives an activity report from you. It is anticipated that funds will commence distribution in October 2009.

Who can I contact for more information?

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What is the application deadline?

September 18, 2009