



# Youth Entrepreneur Micro Grant Program

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## Is the Youth Entrepreneur Micro Grant Program a good fit for you?



Do you have an entrepreneurial spirit and have the idea to create your own seasonal job this summer but do not have access to cash to get it started? The Emblem Community Development Corporation's Youth Entrepreneur Micro Grant Program is designed to help you put those wheels in motion! This program gives youth aged 15 to 29 the opportunity to start their own seasonal business by providing \$1000 to start your business and test your concept!

Funds will be distributed in \$500 increments; one to help start up your business and one at the end of your seasonal employment with approved receipts. Funds can be used towards supplies, permits, equipment and marketing as approved by the program coordinator.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be located in the Municipality of Grassland
- Be a Canadian Citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada
- Be a minimum of 15 years of age
- If under 18, must have permission of a parent or guardian
- Complete an application form and provide a business plan for a viable business
- Own and operate at least 51% of the business



# Program Objective

The Micro Grant program is intended to support business plans that contribute to one or more of the following goals:

- Promote the success of entrepreneurs: proposals will be submitted by youth (15-29) entrepreneurs who will own and manage at least 51% of the business.
- Promote the sourcing of products, services, or materials in the Municipality of Grassland: preference will be given to applications who either source product or service directly from the Municipality of Grassland or research the opportunity to source product or service in Grassland.
- Promote the patronage of community markets or research opportunities to sell product or service to a local market
- Promote a viable business: be a seasonal business with plans to open for multiple seasons or expand into a permanent structure in the future





# Ready to apply? Fill in our easy application!

**Applications are available on-line at [www.grasslandmunicipality.ca](http://www.grasslandmunicipality.ca) or paper copies are available at the Economic Development Office at 209 Airdrie Street Hartney.**

**For questions / assistance or to obtain a physical application contact our Economic Development Officer at 204-858-2536; [rec.edo@mglgov.ca](mailto:rec.edo@mglgov.ca)**

Emblem Community Development is focused on developing entrepreneurial mind sets within the Municipality of Grassland. To encourage youth entrepreneurs to take the first step at developing their business, Emblem CDC has developed a grant program appropriate for individuals who are looking for a non-repayment option to get their seasonal small business off the ground. We expect that this approach will ensure that positive outcomes are reached for potential entrepreneurs which, in turn, will benefit our communities who rely on small businesses.

The CDC is offering a total of \$3,000 annually in Micro Grants for youth individuals to a maximum of \$1000 each, in non repayable seed funding. In addition, participants who are looking for higher start-up amounts may qualify for programs through Community Futures Westman.

This funding will be a three-year pilot project starting in 2022.