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City accepting applications for LGBTQIA2+ Community Fund

(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie is accepting applications from community organizations for up to \$7,000 in one-time funding for LGBTQIA2+ programs and initiatives, including Pride Celebrations and anti-bullying programs that benefit the Barrie community.

In May, Council approved \$14,000 in funding for LGBTQIA2+ initiatives, including the installation of a rainbow crosswalk across Simcoe Street at Meridian Place. The crosswalk was installed at a cost of \$7,000, funded by private donations. The City is investing an additional \$7,000 to support LGBTQIA2+ programs through one-time community grants.

Eligible organizations are encouraged to apply for the following two grant streams:

1. **Investing in Community Organizations Grant** – funding for existing, not-for-profit organizations dedicated to improving the lives of LGBTQIA2+ youth and families. Funding must be for either a new program or resource, or to scale an existing program to meet an identified need in the community.
2. **Building Community Grant** – funding for existing or new organizations who are seeking to establish or grow the LGBTQIA2+ members or services in their community. Funding must be for a campaign, program or resource to be deployed within their community. Priority will be given to those organizations serving Indigenous/First Nations communities, New Canadians, and Youth at Risk. If the applicant organization is not a registered not-for-profit, they must apply in partnership with a registered not for profit organization. The City of Barrie encourages community partnerships for this grant program.

A jury of individuals from outside of Barrie with expertise in LGBTQIA2+ issues will be recruited to review the submissions and make recommendations on the awards. Individuals affiliated in any way with the organizations submitting proposals will be ineligible to participate on the jury.

Applications are being accepted until August 9, 2019. For more information, including the application form and guidelines, visit barrie.ca/CulturalGrants.

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