

Manitoba Community Water Safety Grants Program 2010 - 2011

Drowning remains an injury prevention priority in our province. The Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters, its' member organizations together with the Province of Manitoba Department of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors 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:

- Lifeguard training
- improving signage at beaches and waterfronts
- training local swim instructors
- projects aimed at increasing supervision of young people near water
- offering boat operator training courses, or
- constructing barriers to protect the public from hazardous waterfront areas.

How much money is available?

Communities can receive a one-time grant for up to two thousand five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars. A hold back amount equal to 10% of the grant is applied to help ensure communities submit their final report.

What criteria are required?

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

- Meets an identified community water safety 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 September 2, 2011

What should I include in my application?

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

1. Name of Community
2. Community profile information: 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 an activity report to the Coalition upon the projects conclusion or no later than September 30, 2011.
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 your community / organization will receive 90% of the funds up-front. You will receive the remaining 10% once the project has been completed and the Coalition receives a concluding activity report. (See item 4 above). It is anticipated that funds for the projects will commence distribution in mid October 2010.

Who can I contact for more information?

Carl Shier (204) 956-2124

What is the application deadline?

September 3rd, 2010

Where do I send my application for this grant?

Mail your proposal, which becomes your grant application to:

***Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters
P.O. Box 2552
Station Main
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4B3***

It may also be sent via FAX to: (204) 944-8546