



South Markham Community Action Grants 2026 Resident/Grassroots Groups Application Form

Steps to Apply:

- Review the South Markham Community Action Grants information on the United Way Greater Toronto website. Be sure to read the Resident / Grassroots Groups Grant Guidelines, which explain the grant goals, who can apply, and how to apply: <https://uwgt.org/south-markham>.
- Ensure your resident-led or grassroots group is based in South Markham and has at least five community members to be eligible to apply for Community Action Grants through the Residents/Grassroots Group Stream.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a virtual Information Session on June 17 (register [here](#)) and/or a Resident Grant Writing Session on July 9 (register [here](#)). These sessions provide important guidance and will help you prepare a stronger application.
- Applicants should connect with United Way Greater Toronto staff before submitting an application. You can discuss your project idea or ask questions by emailing **CAG@uwgt.org** or by attending one of the Office Hour sessions offered in July or August. Details about Office Hours are available on the website.
- Complete the application form below, either electronically or by hand, and submit it by email to CAG@uwgt.org no later than 5 pm on September 11, 2026.
- For more information, questions about the Community Action Grants, or technical support, contact CAG@uwgt.org using the subject line "South Markham Community Action Grants". You can expect a response within two business days.

- 1. Group Lead Contact Information:** Projects must assign two resident leaders from South Markham as Primary Leads or key people who we would call to ask questions about the application or to inform regarding the application results. Please ensure that their direct contact information (email and phone) is included. This information will be validated as part of the grantee selection process.

Primary Lead 1 - Name	█
Resident of South Markham	Y/N █
Address (<i>Street Address, City, Postal Code</i>)	█
Phone	█
Email	█
Key roles and responsibilities of primary lead for project	█

Primary Lead 2 - Name	█
Resident of South Markham	Y/N █
Address (<i>Street Address, City, Postal Code</i>)	█
Phone	█
Email	█
Key roles and responsibilities of primary lead for project	█

- 2. Are you submitting on behalf of a local grassroots group? (Refer to Appendix B of [Resident/Grassroots Group Grants Guidelines](#) for definition of ‘Grassroots Group’)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, indicate the name of the group and your group’s mission statement:
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Name: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Mission Statement: <input style="width: 200px;" type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> No

3. Provide us with the contact information of up to 5 members of your group.

Briefly also explain how the listed members will be involved in leadership roles in the development and/or implementation of your project:

- Each group member must live in a separate household and not be related to one another
- Responses to this question should not include primary lead project residents already stated in Q. 1
- Ensure all individuals listed below have been informed and given their consent to be part of the project.

Name	Resident (Y/N)	Address	Email/Phone (This individual may be contacted to confirm involvement)	Roles and Responsibilities
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4. What is the geographic focus of your project? If your project focuses on a specific local area (i.e. intersection/location) within South Markham include that information.

5. Will your project work with a specific population (e.g., youth, seniors, 2SLGBTQ+, a specific ethno-cultural community)? If so, list which population(s).

6. Briefly describe your group’s experience working in South Markham.

Include details about projects you have implemented in the past, and any experience you have working with other partners or groups in the South Markham community (maximum 200 words).

7. Indicate the key Grant Focus Area that your project addresses. Refer to the [Resident / Grassroots Groups Grant Guidelines](#) for more information on Grant Focus Areas. Please select one:

Grant Focus Area	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employment and Economic Stability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing Stability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vibrant Spaces
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Health and Well-Being
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Safety & Violence Prevention

8. Project name:

9. List your project start and end dates? (Make sure that your response to this question matches the dates listed in your project plan under Q.13)

Note: All projects are expected to be delivered over a period of 6 months or less and completed by August 31, 2027.

10. Project Description (maximum 300 words):

Please provide an overview of your project. Your overview should help someone unfamiliar with your project understand it well. Your response should clearly describe:

- What the project will do (key activities)
- Who the project is for
- Where and when activities will take place
- Why this project is needed in South Markham
- How the project will be delivered (approach, partnerships, or methods).

11. What do you hope your project will accomplish? (maximum 200 words)

Tell us what your project is trying to change or improve in your community and how it connects to the Grant Focus Area you selected. Refer to the [Resident / Grassroots Groups Grant Guidelines](#) for more information on Grant Focus Areas. Please describe:

- the main goal of your project
- who will benefit and how
- the changes or results you hope to see because of this project

Use clear, simple language and focus on what matters most to your neighbourhood.

12. Describe how you will reach and involve residents in your project (maximum 100 words).

Tell us how you plan to share information about the project and invite residents to participate. Please include:

- how many residents you expect to reach overall
- how many residents will be actively involved as participants

Your goals should be realistic and based on your past experience organizing in your community.

12a. Are you working with other partners in the community to implement your project?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No

12b. If yes, indicate the following:

- i. Who are these partners?

- ii. **How will they be supporting your project? (What is the role of the partner)**
- iii. **Have you already spoken with the listed partners before applying?**

Examples of partners: community services, libraries, recreation centres, schools, building management, or faith organizations (i.e., Mosques, churches, temples, or synagogues)

13. Project Plan: Describe the steps you will take in organizing and delivering your event or activity. *(Include how you will inform community about your project and any other steps in marketing your project.)*

Steps <i>(What activities will be implemented)</i>	Who will be doing it? <i>(Will this task be completed by resident(s) listed in the application, a project partner or other?)</i>	When will it be completed? <i>(Timeframe for completion. Can be a specific date or range i.e., January 2027)</i>
<i>Example: Create a flyer to post on social media and print to share in community.</i>	<i>Example: Resident Team Members</i>	<i>Example: March 2027</i>
<i>Example: Book a venue and secure a workshop facilitator.</i>	<i>Example: Resident Team Members in partnership with Milliken Library</i>	<i>May 25th, 2027</i>

14. How will you know if your project was successful? (maximum 200 words)

Describe how you will understand whether your project achieved what you hoped it would. Explain how you will listen to and respond to feedback from the community, and how you will address any challenges that come up during the project.

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15. Evaluation Plan:

Use the table below to share how you plan to evaluate the impact of your project. Make sure that the project goals and how you will collect the information match the Grant Focus Area you are applying for. *Note: a minimum of 2 goals/measures are required for resident/grassroots group applications.*

<p>What are your project goals and how do they relate to the Grant Focus Area you selected in Q.7?</p> <p><i>Examples: Increased safety in neighbourhood; Increased civic engagement of children; Improved recreational opportunities for residents</i></p>	<p>How will you know if you've achieved your project goals? (Identify targets or indicators that will help demonstrate that you are meeting your project goals)</p> <p><i>Examples: Number of youth participants who express interest in volunteering for a community organization; Number of residents who use new equipment/park; Percentage of residents who report feeling safer</i></p>	<p>What information do you need to collect to demonstrate that you've met your project goals? How will you collect this data?</p> <p><i>Examples: Participant questionnaire, surveys Group or individual interviews with participants; Recording observations; tracking usage or attendance</i></p>

15. Total Amount Requested (Your total grant request may not exceed \$20,000)

Total Amount Requested	\$ <input type="text"/>
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16. Complete a project budget

Instructions for budget completion:

- Review the list of eligible and ineligible expenses in the [Resident/Grassroots Group Grants Guidelines document](#).
- Use the budget table provided to reflect what is needed from the Community Action Grant and what expenses you can get covered through other sources.
- Under 'In-kind/Other Resources' column, indicate donations, grants, etc. from other funding sources, groups, or individuals.
- Be as specific as possible in the 'Description' column to give a picture of what and when the money will be used for.
- Add additional rows as necessary for your project budget.
- Your expenses should be related to your activities in your project plan.
- 10% should be included as a trustee support fee to support your project.
- The budget must be balanced (i.e. your revenue through in-kind resources and Community Action Grant request must add up to the total costs of the project).
- Your request can be up to \$20,000 over a maximum timeframe of 6 months.

Proposal to be signed by lead contact persons for the project (Refer to Q1):

I agree that by signing this application I will:

- Attest that the information provided in the application is true and correct
- Use funds only for the purposes approved and granted
- Work with ACSA Community Services as a grant trustee to maintain records, project activities, and costs, including informing them of any changes to the project that differ from the project plans approved by UWGT.
- Work with project team members as indicated in the application.
- Complete all reporting requirements for the Community Action Grant.

Primary Project Lead (1) Name:	
Signature: (Electronic Signatures Accepted)	
Date:	

Primary Project Lead (2) Name:	
Signature: (Electronic Signatures Accepted)	
Date:	

Deadline: Please submit your completed application to United Way Greater Toronto at CAG@uwgt.org with the heading “South Markham Community Action Grants Application” by September 11th, 2026, at 5pm.

If you require more information or have questions, please reach out to CAG@uwgt.org.