



GENERAL RENAISSANCE FUNDING INFORMATION:

Renaissance's mandate is to offer "modest seed funding and limited administrative support to **new** community initiatives", and the Board has decided that generally, support should be for only three years. By limiting the length of time that each organization is supported, Renaissance is freeing up money and administrative support time to help other new initiatives get off the ground.

All community groups need to be thinking, when they begin their first Renaissance-supported project, about where they are going in the future and how they might raise the money to fund further projects, as it is expected that once a community group is established and operating effectively, that they will become self-sustaining. Some of the groups that Renaissance has supported in the past have become incorporated and are now able to apply for funding through sources that were originally only available under the umbrella of Renaissance, and/or they have come up with their own creative fundraising ideas.

Also, the Town of Sackville offers "Grants other than Sports" for Community Groups, and we feel that many of the groups that Renaissance has been supporting, with demonstrably valuable contributions to make to the quality of life in Sackville, have a good chance of receiving such a grant. If you wish to request grant money for next year, you should do so before mid-October of the current year. Application forms are always advertised during September and October, and cheques are usually sent out to approved groups in the first or second week of March the following year.

As the list of achievements that Renaissance has put together attests (http://www.renaissancesackville.ca/s_17.asp), the cooperation between Community Groups and Renaissance has been incredibly successful since 1994, with a huge commitment from volunteers, and we look forward to many more equally successful years.

CRITERIA FOR RENAISSANCE AWARDS:

- Renaissance Sackville is funded by the Town of Sackville. Funding awards from Renaissance & the Town of Sackville (including events funding from Tourism or Community Development) are all funded out of the community's tax contributions: successful applicants can expect to receive funding from only ONE of these sources.
- Awards shall primarily be made to those organizations whose activities are seen to have the greatest benefit to the community or which clearly respond to a significant need
- Awards are primarily made for NEW initiatives or to build capacity in new or already existing organizations
- Priority shall normally be given to non-profit activities
- Awards to any organization shall not normally be made for more than three consecutive years unless:
 - o After all new awards have been made, funds are still available OR
 - o The organization seeks funding for a new activity OR
 - o The organization's activities remain highly desirable
- The awards are made for specific projects or activities: Except in exceptional circumstances, no single award shall exceed 20% of the total annual funds available

FUNDING IS NOT USUALLY AWARDED:

- To individuals not representing some organization
- For advocacy purposes
- To support ongoing operating costs
- To cover deficits or to retire debts
- To endowment funds
- To sectarian, religious or political activities
- In response to annual fund raising
- To organizations which are totally government funded

ONCE FUNDING HAS BEEN APPROVED:

- How to get the money:
 - o Hand in invoices for the services and/or products you have been approved for to Renaissance at the Town Hall – ORIGINAL COPIES ONLY – this is the preferred way for funding to be paid out.
 - o If you have had to pay for products and/or services yourself, give receipts to Renaissance at the Town Hall.
NB. Credit Card Customer Copies are NOT acceptable – an original receipt identifying the product or service and the business or service provider MUST be handed in.
 - o If requested, spreadsheets of your funding status can be provided throughout the year.
- Funding should be spent by the end of the year in which the funding is awarded if possible
- It is expected that recipients of Renaissance Sackville funding will submit a brief written evaluation report upon completion of the project.
- All products bought with Renaissance funding remain the property of Renaissance Sackville. However, this would usually only be an issue if your organization ceases to exist, in which case Renaissance would reassign the products to another local organization

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