

Application to Receive Funds

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$1 million to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora. Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application.

Funding Criteria and guidelines;

- Individual applicants and community groups must demonstrate financial hardship or a limited means to retain funds in another manner. Individual applications demonstrating financial hardship will be kept confidential.
- Individuals and organizations may not receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- Funding requests for more than \$5,000 in a calendar year will not be accepted.
- Funding requests for more than 50% of an initiative will not be considered and applicants must demonstrate how the remaining funds will be or have been obtained
- Applications should demonstrate a benefit to the residents of the Town of Aurora that receiving the funding will provide
- Successful applicants will be required to report back in any way they deem appropriate regarding the utilization of funds within six (6) months of receiving funds

Name of Individual or Community Group *

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What percentage of your organization's clients reside in Aurora? *

80%

Address

Street Number and Name *

50 Victoria St

City/ Town *

Aurora

Province *

Ontario

Postal Code *

L4G 1R3

Contact Information

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On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.



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Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic – Program Grant Application

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Organization Type: Not-for-profit

Event Address: 50 Victoria Street, Aurora, ON L4G 1R3

Program Name: Aurora Together: First Lunar New Year Celebration

Requested Amount: \$5,000 CAD

Program Description:

The “Aurora Together: First Lunar New Year Celebration” is a multicultural, intergenerational community event hosted by the One Canada Multicultural Alliance (OCMA). It will be held on January 25, 2026, at the David Simone Performance Hall in Aurora Town Square, with an expected attendance of 250–300 participants, including newcomers, families, seniors, and youth.



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The celebration aims to mark Aurora's first-ever official Lunar New Year event, promoting inclusion, cultural sharing, and social connection during a meaningful festive season. Programming includes:

- Traditional and contemporary Lunar New Year music and dance performances
- Interactive cultural activities such as calligraphy, paper crafts, and intergenerational storytelling
- Asian-themed refreshments and community volunteer participation

Alignment with Mayor's Charity Golf Classic Goals

We are respectfully requesting \$5,000 from the Mayor's Charity Golf Classic fund to support:

- Venue rental and performer honorariums
- Refreshments to maintain an accessible and inclusive environment
- Volunteer coordination and community outreach efforts

This event is thoughtfully designed to foster a welcoming, inclusive, and vibrant Aurora, in line with the Mayor's commitment to equity, cultural celebration, and social well-being.

Financial Need Statement

The One Canada Multicultural Alliance (OCMA) is a grassroots, not-for-profit organization that began receiving project-based federal funding only in 2025. While we are currently supported through the **Celebrate Canada** and **New Horizons for Seniors** programs—**both funded by the Government of Canada**—these grants are limited in scope and do not fully cover the costs of producing the “Aurora Together: First Lunar New Year Celebration”



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OCMA operates on a modest annual budget and does not maintain long-term financial reserves. As a newly funded organization, we are facing financial hardship and have limited access to alternative funding streams to support the full scope of this event.

This \$5,000 grant is essential to ensuring that the celebration remains open, inclusive, and free to all Aurora residents. As the first official Lunar New Year celebration in Aurora, this initiative holds symbolic and social significance. It will help promote civic engagement, cross-cultural understanding, and contribute meaningfully to Aurora's growing cultural identity and vibrancy.

Geographic Area Served:

The One Canada Multicultural Alliance (OCMA) primarily serves the Town of Aurora. Currently, OCMA has approximately 200 active members, with 80% residing in Aurora.

The One Canada Multicultural Alliance (OCMA), based in Aurora, Ontario, is a not-for-profit community organization dedicated to fostering multicultural understanding, social inclusion, and community engagement among residents from diverse backgrounds.

Guided by the values of unity, compassion, and collaborative development, OCMA seeks to improve the quality of life for newcomers, seniors, youth, and underrepresented groups through programs that promote cultural exchange, integration, and mutual respect.

◆ Our Mandate

OCMA is committed to:

- Empowering newcomers by helping them settle successfully, build community, and develop a strong sense of belonging.



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- Promoting Canada’s cultural diversity, with a focus on celebrating underrepresented voices and traditions.
- Fostering intergenerational and intercultural dialogue through inclusive events and partnerships tailored to Aurora and York Region’s unique demographics.
- Building resilient and connected communities by creating platforms for meaningful participation, civic engagement, and cultural collaboration.
- Responding to the need for community infrastructure that not only welcomes diversity but also celebrates it as a vital part of Aurora’s identity.

◆ Vision

The vision of the One Canada Multicultural Alliance (OCMA) is to help build a vibrant, inclusive, and unified Canada—a nation where the cultural richness of every resident is embraced as a key contribution to our shared identity.

We envision a society where:

- People from all backgrounds feel safe, respected, and connected.
- Cultural differences are celebrated as opportunities for learning and collaboration.
- Newcomers thrive and actively contribute to shaping their communities.
- Diversity is embraced not only as a principle, but as a practice—through shared spaces, community decision-making, and meaningful cultural celebrations.

At OCMA, we are not just promoting diversity—we are cultivating authentic inclusion. Our vision goes beyond passive acceptance toward active participation and collaboration.



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Please describe how the initiative seeking funding will serve the Aurora community

“Aurora Together: First Lunar New Year Celebration”, hosted by the One Canada Multicultural Alliance (OCMA), is designed to directly benefit the Town of Aurora by fostering inclusion, cultural understanding, and multigenerational connection during the winter season.

This initiative creates a meaningful opportunity for residents of all backgrounds to come together in celebration of cultural heritage, community spirit, and shared Canadian values.

Key Community Benefits:

1. Promoting Cultural Awareness and Diversity

The event will showcase live multicultural performances—featuring music, dance, and traditional storytelling—by cultural groups representing Aurora’s growing ethnocultural population. This inclusive platform enables community members to share, learn, and appreciate each other’s heritage in an engaging and welcoming environment.

2. Encouraging Community Participation and Belonging

With anticipated attendance of 250+ people, the event offers a space for residents—especially newcomers, seniors, and youth—to feel connected and valued. Through interactive, inclusive activities, the initiative nurtures civic pride and combats isolation by bringing people together.

3. Supporting Local Talent and Economic Activity

By hiring local performers, project assistants, food vendors, and suppliers, the celebration supports Aurora’s creative and small business economy. Involving local service providers helps circulate funding within the town and promotes collaboration with Aurora-based businesses.

4. Fostering Intergenerational Connections

The program is designed to be family-friendly and inclusive of all age groups. Interactive activities such as cultural games and storytelling will be co-hosted by seniors and youth, aligning with Aurora’s strategic objective to support multigenerational engagement.



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5. Enhancing Social Cohesion and Civic Pride

The celebration will act as a vibrant, symbolic gathering for all of Aurora. It encourages cross-cultural dialogue and shared celebration, reinforcing community values such as kindness, respect, and inclusion. This strengthens Aurora's social fabric and supports the Town's long-term vision for multiculturalism, equity, and active citizenship.

Intended Target Audience

This event is open to everyone in the community and is designed for all age groups:

- Children (0–11): Fun activities like crafts, games, and performances.
- Youth (12–17): Opportunities to volunteer, perform, and learn about culture.
- Adults (18–54): Involved as performers, organizers, and guests.
- Older Adults (55+): Honored guests and participants in cultural displays and storytelling.

Anticipated attendance:

300-350 People

Please list and explain which pillars of Town of Aurora's Strategic Plan are being addressed by your initiative/organization, and how your project supports these pillars.

"Aurora Together: First Lunar New Year Celebration", presented by the One Canada Multicultural Alliance (OCMA) strongly aligns with the objectives outlined in the Town of Aurora's Strategic Plan.

Under Objective 3: Celebrating and Promoting Our Culture, the Gala highlights diverse cultural performances, cuisine, and traditions from Aurora's growing multicultural population, directly fulfilling the town's goal of promoting inclusive and coordinated cultural services. OCMA collaborates with local artists, performers, and volunteers to co-create an event that reflects



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Aurora's diverse community identity. These partnerships underscore the town's commitment to grassroots cultural initiatives. By welcoming residents of all backgrounds—including newcomers, seniors, children, and families—the event strengthens Aurora's cultural fabric and creates opportunities for meaningful community bonding through shared cultural experiences.


Under Objective 4: Encouraging an Active and Healthy Lifestyle, the event promotes mental and emotional well-being by reducing isolation, particularly among seniors and newcomers, through joyful and inclusive holiday programming. It is designed to encourage families to attend together, with programs suitable for all ages, fostering cross-generational participation and understanding. The initiative also promotes physical activity through dance and performance and encourages civic engagement through volunteering and organizing, contributing to a socially active and healthy lifestyle.

By aligning with these strategic pillars, the OCMA Gala meaningfully contributes to Aurora's long-term goals of inclusion, cultural vibrancy, and community resilience. It also reinforces the town's reputation as a welcoming, progressive, and culturally rich community.

For more information about our organization and activities, please visit our website and social media:

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