



100 John West Way
Aurora, Ontario
L4G 6J1
(905) 727-3123
aurora.ca

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 *

Équipe Francobotique - FLL#44642

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

58% of team members; Team based in Aurora; Serve Aurora community at APL and with robotics workshops

Address

Street Number and Name *

City/ Town *

Province *

Postal Code *

Contact Information

Email Address *

Phone Number *

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.



100 John West Way
Aurora, Ontario
L4G 6J1
(905) 727-3123
aurora.ca

Community Partnership Grant Application

- All individuals and community groups seeking financial assistance from the Community Partnership Grant are required to complete this application form.
- There are two application deadlines: **December 1 and April 1 annually.**

I have read the policy from the community grant webpage *

Yes

Section A: Applicant Information

Is this application on behalf of an organization? *

Yes

No

Name of Organization *

Équipe Francobotique (FLL TEAM #44642)

Is this organization a non-profit or charitable organization? *

Yes

No

What geographic area is served by this organization? *

Équipe Francobotique is a FIRST LEGO LEAGUE team based in Aurora. Team members live in York Region.

Please include the percentage of members living in Aurora *

10 team members & 2 coaches: 7 in Aurora, 1 Newmarket, 1 Richmond Hill, 2 Maple, 1 Mount Albert

What is the mandate/vision/purpose of this organization? *

We are Équipe Francobotique, a French-speaking FIRST LEGO LEAGUE Challenge team located in Aurora. We are a minority francophone not-for-profit community team, representing l'Association des francophones de la région de York (l'AFRY).

The FIRST LEGO LEAGUE Challenge program is geared to children in Grades 4 to 8. It introduces students to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. FLL Challenge teams, guided by their imaginations and adult coaches, discover exciting career possibilities and, through the process, learn to make positive contributions to society.

Our team's mandate is to provide an opportunity to all French-language students who live in or near Aurora to participate on an FLL team. We are an inclusive team, and believe in giving back to our community by hosting FLL showcases at the APL and providing robotics workshops to local schools. This is our 7th year as an FLL team.

Our highly decorated team started out as an afterschool STEM club, participating in the FLL Explore program (Grades 1 - 3). Since, we have evolved into a regional, provincial, national and INTERNATIONAL champion FLL Challenge team! We are always learning, and improving, while also having fun working as a team.

For the fourth year in a row, we have been selected to represent Canada on the world stage. This year, our team is heading to the Mexico International Open Championship in Guadalajara, Jalisco from May 26 - 30, 2026! As you can imagine, travelling to Mexico for a 4-day competition with 11 team members is financially very difficult. As an inclusive not-for-profit community team, we must seek out sponsors and offer community workshops to raise enough money to be able to attend.

Last year, we achieved a perfect score in the robot game at the international competition (earning us the 1st Place Robot Performance Award) and won the Engineering Excellence Award. Our team was also chosen by the international judges to present our innovation project during the closing ceremonies in front of thousands of spectators from all over the world. It was a magical moment for our team, but also for Canada.

This year, we hope to return to the world stage and show once again what Canadian students can accomplish when they work together and persevere. We won the 1st Place Robot Performance Award at the Ontario Provincial Championships in January and currently hold the highest robot score in Canada. We have also created an innovation project that is solving two global problems with one solution.

What makes our Aurora-based FIRST LEGO LEAGUE team special isn't winning awards. It's the impact our team makes on the world around us with our carefully chosen environmentally-friendly innovation projects, our commitment to give back to our community by offering showcases at our local library and robotics workshops to local students, and our ongoing desire to lead by example. We're not a fancy private school, nor a well-funded for-profit extracurricular program. We're just a minority francophone community team with team members from both French-language school boards, mentored by past Équipe Francobotique team members and coached by volunteers. With the help and support of our community, our little team has surpassed everyone's expectations and has put Aurora, Ontario and Canada on the map. None of our exploits would have been possible without this tremendous support behind us.

You can find out more about our team on our website: <https://sites.google.com/view/equipefrancobotique/>

Main Contact *

Renée Northrup

Street Address *

Town *

Province *

Postal Code *

Phone Number *

Email Address *

100 John West Way
Aurora, Ontario
L4G 6J1
(905) 727-3123
aurora.ca

Town of Aurora Logo

Community Partnership Grant Application

- All individuals and community groups seeking financial assistance from the Community Partnership Grant are required to complete this application form.
- There are four application deadlines: **December 1, March 1, June 1, September 1 annually.**

Section B: Financial Details

Amount of funds requested (up to \$10,000.00) *



3000

Total projected budget for the project, including anticipated costs *

25000

What are the Operating Costs of your organization? *

28000

Please list and describe what other funding sources are currently being sought/secured, for your initiative, including amounts. *

Our regular FIRST LEGO LEAGUE season operation costs are approximately \$3000. Our team families typically divide these costs. However, when our team is selected at the Ontario Provincial FLL Championships to represent Canada at an international FLL competition, we must fundraise additional funds to cover these expenses. Our team is an inclusive not-for-profit community team. Some of our team member families are unable to pay for this international travel. We work together and travel together. As such, we make a big effort as a team to find sponsors and to raise money for our participation in an international competition.

We have asked for sponsorship from other York Region municipalities, a few businesses who have supported us in past years, and donations from individuals in our community.

You can find a list of our current and past sponsors on our team website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/equipefrancobotique/sponsorship>

We are also planning 8 robotics workshops for students in two different French-language schools in Aurora and Oak Ridges in March and April. These workshops will allow us to share our expertise with our community, and also fundraise for our participation in the Mexico International Open Championship from May 26 - 30, 2026.

We are requesting \$3000 from the Aurora Community Partnership Grant as we believe this is a sum the Town may be able to offer us, and at the same time will greatly help us towards our goal of \$25 000 to travel as a team of 11 team members to Mexico for the 4-day international competition.

Section C: Project Information

Title of the project or initiative that funding is being requested for? *

Équipe Francobotique representing Canada at the Mexico International FLL Championship

Date of the initiative *

5/26/2026



Provide an itemized budget outlining what the funds will be used for, including dollar amounts. *

International Tournament Registration Fees \$2,720
Team Equipment (project materials, presentation materials, costumes, team flag and banner, business cards, pit decor) \$1,000
Flights (11 people) \$11,000
Transportation to and from airport \$1,000
Tournament Accommodations (5 nights) \$6,000
Team meals for 4 days (11 people) \$2,200
Shipping of Team Equipment \$500
TOTAL: \$24,420.00

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

This is the 7th year for Équipe Francobotique as a not-for-profit French-language FIRST LEGO LEAGUE team. Over the past 7 years, we have earned a reputation for excellence in robotics. Our team has won FLL championships at the regional, provincial, national and even international levels. We have brought pride to Aurora as a highly decorated FLL team. The international community of FIRST LEGO LEAGUE robotics know where of Aurora, Ontario and Canada, and speak of Équipe Francobotique as "The French team from Canada" with high esteem. We have also encouraged other FLL teams to form in and around Aurora.

In our first year of FLL competition, our team designed a new recreation centre for the Town of Aurora. We presented this recreation centre and our research behind it to Town Hall. During the pandemic, our team offered the COVID-Buster program to the residents of Aurora to encourage the community to remain active. The following year, we created the Waste-Buster phone app to help residents adopt circular economy and reduce waste. The year after that, we designed a renewable energy solution for Upper Canada Mall, and presented this solution to the Upper Canada Mall administration, as well as Aurora Council. Two years ago, we created an inclusive low-cost piano to allow for music education in all schools. Last year, we created a new autonomous water quality measurement system to allow for more data collection on our lakes and rivers. This year, we created classroom crates filled with a year's worth of activities to teach mathematics with the adventure of archaeology. Our ArchéoMath crates address the problem of decreasing math scores in Canada and worldwide, as well as the need for more awareness of archaeology and its importance. Every year, we choose to work on an innovation project that will have a big impact on our community and beyond.

In addition, for the last three years, we have offered an FLL showcase at the Aurora Public Library and much-needed French-language robotics workshops to local students.

By helping our team participate in the Mexico International Open Championship in May 2026, you are helping us show the world what students from Aurora, Ontario, Canada can do when they work together. Last year, we achieved a perfect score in the robot game at the WAFFLE International Championships in Worcester, MA (earning us the 1st Place Robot Performance Award) and won the Engineering Excellence Award. Our team was also chosen by the international judges to present our innovation project during the closing ceremonies in front of thousands of spectators from all over the world. It was a magical moment for our students, but also for Canada. This year, we hope to return to the world stage and bring pride to our community. We won the 1st Place Robot Performance Award at the Ontario Provincial Championships in January and currently hold the highest robot score in Canada.

Please include the intended target audience (Select all that apply) *

Child (0 to 11)

Adult (18-54)

Youth (12-17)

Older Adults (55+)

Anticipated attendance *

Over 2000 people will be in attendance at the Mexico International Open Championship, and more will be following the live feed from countries all over the world.

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.

Please explain here *

The Town of Aurora's Strategic Plan starts with the slogan "Today, Tomorrow, Our Future Together". This slogan is actually a perfect summary of what our team strives to accomplish. Équipe Francobotique is coached by volunteers and supported by so many others in our community and beyond. Both French-language school boards, AFRY (an association that represents the francophones of York Region) and all municipalities of York Region support our not-for-profit community team. So many people are investing their time in our team members of today so that they may inspire the students of tomorrow and become the leaders of the future.

Our team engages actively and consistently with the community. We purposely select our innovation project annually to be environmentally friendly and to have the biggest possible impact on our community and beyond. Our team encourages high quality education, learning and STEM participation.

We promote youth engagement, partner with the Aurora Public Library and other Town departments, and showcase what Aurora can do at an international level.

Please describe how this funding will assist in furthering the mandate/mission of this organization or initiative. *

Without financial support, our inclusive community not-for-profit FLL team would not be able to represent Canada at an international championships. The costs associated to travelling as a team to a destination outside of Canada for several days with all of our team equipment are too great to pay on our own.

With the assistance of the Town of Aurora, and our other sponsors, as well as the fundraising efforts of our team members, we are able to offset the costs of international travel to allow our team to reach for the stars and see what they can achieve. Every year we attend an international competition such as this one, we learn from other international champion teams and bring that knowledge back to Aurora.

We cannot thank the Town of Aurora enough for being an important partner and supporter of our team for the last 7 years. None of our accomplishments over the years would have been possible without your support.

100 John West Way
Aurora, Ontario
L4G 6J1
(905) 727-3123
aurora.ca

Town of Aurora Logo

Community Partnership Grant Application

- All individuals and community groups seeking financial assistance from the Community Partnership Grant are required to complete this application form.
- There are four application deadlines: **December 1, March 1, June 1, September 1 annually.**

Section D: Report Back

You will be required to submit a final online report that provides the Town with metrics related to your initiative, including a summary of your initiative and use of funds.

Failure to complete the form within 60 days of your event, will impact your eligibility for future funding.

Section E: Additional Information

Enter any additional information you would like to share regarding your request for funding.

Thank you for considering our application for a Community Partnership Grant.

Our international competition is from May 26th to May 30th, 2026. We would appreciate knowing as soon as possible if our grant request has been approved.

You can find additional information about the Mexico International Open Championship here:

<https://www.firstlegoleagues.mx/international/>

You can find out more about our team on our website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/equipefrancobotique/2025-2026>

And you can read our Sponsorship Information Package here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aREiPPa04yIzblmE0kX4LJyADjXzv3FK/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=108284106360145516649&rtpof=true&sd=true

Merci beaucoup,
Équipe Francobotique