



## RECREATION & CULTURE FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION 2019

The City of Lethbridge Fee Assistance Program is administered by the Recreation and Culture department. It is to provide Lethbridge residents with the opportunity to participate in Recreation and Culture programs and activities at a subsidized cost. Confidentiality will be maintained.

To qualify for this program you must:

1. Have proof of being a Lethbridge resident (utility bill, bank statement, government issued mail showing name and address)
2. Have proof of qualifying income status:

- AISH recipient
- Lethbridge Housing Authority or other housing program member
- Provincial Income Support program recipient
- Refugee Status
- Current EI recipient
- **AND** show gross household income that is below Statistics Canada's Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) (see chart) *(For example, if one spouse is on EI but the other spouse's income is higher than the LICO, OR if the EI and the other spouse's income combined is higher than the LICO, the household does not qualify for subsidy)*

**Low Income Cut-Offs**

# of people in family	Gross income
1	21,354
2	26,583
3	32,681
4	39,680
5	45,004
6	50,758
7+	56,511

Funding is available **for one program/activity to a maximum of \$150 per person from January – June** and **one program/activity to a maximum of \$150 per person from July – December, while funds are available.**

Activities that qualify must:

- Be eligible for federal tax credits under the former Physical Activity or Arts and Culture tax credit guidelines
- Be a Lethbridge organization
- Be a minimum of 4 days/classes in length, be a camp, or used for a membership

This program *cannot be used for reimbursable fees* (ie fundraising or uniform deposits), travel to out of town competition, or program of three days or less).

Applications are processed by appointment. Please contact Lori at 403-360-1720 (phone or text) or [lori.harasem@lethbridge.ca](mailto:lori.harasem@lethbridge.ca) to set up an appointment time.

Recreation and sport activities can also receive funding support through Kidsport (5-18 yrs of age) and Jumpstart (4-18 yrs of age) and Comrie's Sports Equipment Bank (children/youth). Please ask for more information.





# Verification of Qualifications

**A. I am a resident of Lethbridge and have proof:**

- Bank or Credit Card Statement
- Government Issued Letter or Notice
- Current bill from a utility provider such as home phone, gas, cable, energy provider

**B. I have provided proof of qualifications:**

- I am on AISH- please provide a current Medical Service Card
- I am a client with Lethbridge Housing Authority or other such housing program – please provide letter
- I am on Income Support – please provide Direct Deposit Statement
- I am a Refugee – please provide copies of Refugee Protection Claimant document
- I am currently on EI – please provide Direct Deposit Statement
- I have a recent pay stub or Tax Notice of Assessment showing income below the Low Income Cut Offs

The personal information requested on this form is being collected under the authority of Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 33c and is protected under the Act. It will be used for the administration of the City of Lethbridge's Recreation and Culture Fee Assistance Program. If you have any questions about the collection of this information contact 403-320-4716.

The City of Lethbridge reserves the right to refuse access to these funds to anyone who provides false information. In the event that any false information is discovered after an application has been approved will result in no further applications being accepted.

**I AM A HOUSING FIRST CLIENT/FAMILY** (please check this box if this applies to you)

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Application Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Besides financial, what other obstacles/barriers do you face in participating in community activities?*

Childcare \_\_\_\_\_ Lack of Time \_\_\_\_\_ Transit/Transportation Costs \_\_\_\_\_ Lack of Transportation/Transit \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**City of Lethbridge Staff Use Only:**

**Photo ID checked** \_\_\_\_\_ **Proof of Address (Utility Bill, Bank Statement, or Government Issued mail)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proof of Qualification Provided:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved or Declined (please give reason for being declined)**

**Organization notified:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Finance notified:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City staff name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City staff signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_