TWN Community Society Application Guidelines 2026

Welcome to the TWN Community Society

TWN Community Society (TWNCS), led by a volunteer Board made up primarily of səlilwətaɬ members, supports səlilwətaɬ community well-being through member-led projects in culture, education, health, environment, and recreation.

Individual Tsleil-Waututh Nation members may apply for up to $5,000 during the current fixed five-year period, ending March 31, 2030. Teams made up mostly of Tsleil-Waututh Nation members may apply for up to $5,000 during the same period. Teams are encouraged to fundraise, as TWNCS grants are meant to supplement team costs.

Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed monthly and approved by the TWNCS Board. Please apply well before your project starts, ideally at least two months before funds are needed.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must be registered TWN members aged 19+ who live on or off reserve. Parents may apply for minors under 19; the primary caregiver receives approved funds on the youth's behalf. One guardian and a second adult must sign. For youth ages 13–18, we recommend the youth also signs the application to show their interest and agreement.

Projects must fit within one of the five project categories:

Categories	Examples
Education	Tuition, course fees, books, and required supplies.
Art and culture	Cultural events or places, hən̓q̓əmin̓əm learning, and art/cultural supplies that are not for business use.
Health and wellness	Therapeutic courses, workshops, retreats, programs, wellness practitioner training, and certification.
Environment	Environmental awareness events, cleanups, recycling, invasive species removal, research, and gardening.
Sport and recreation	Recreational sports, training clinics, events, team equipment, entry fees, and related team costs.

Any questions, please contact the Society at **twncommunitysociety@twnation.ca** or **236-501-9821**.

Financial Information

Key funding rules

Topic	What Members should know
Maximum amount	Up to $5,000 per project, per member, during the current fixed five-year period. Full $5,000 grants are exceptional and may be limited if demand is high.
Teams	Teams may access up to $5,000 during the same period and are encouraged to fundraise.
Payments and reporting	Grants are usually paid in two payments. Receipts and reports are required to complete the project and qualify for future funding.
Active projects	Members may have only one active project at a time. Projects with multiple activities may be limited to one activity or category at a time.
Budget changes	Funds may only be used for approved activities. Contact the TWNCS before making payments if project costs change.
Unspent funds	If you spend less than budgeted, you may request to add activities related to your project. Otherwise, unspent funds must be returned.
Final decision	The Board's approved grant amount is final. The TWNCS may ask questions about expenses or recommend budget changes.

Examples of funding in the current 5-year fixed term

	Grant approved	When they can apply again
Individual receives full amount	$5,000 in August 2025	April 1, 2030, after required reporting and receipts are complete.
Individual receives partial amount	$1,000 in February 2026	May apply for up to $4,000 until March 31, 2030. Full $5,000 eligibility resets April 1, 2030.
Team receives full amount	$5,000 in October 2027	April 1, 2030, after the project is complete.

The current fixed five-year period runs from July 7, 2025 to March 31, 2030. The next cycle runs from April 1, 2030 to March 31, 2035.

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Eligible expenses and budget guidelines

Expense type	Limit or note
Most project costs	Eligible if directly related to an approved project.
Electronic devices	No more than two per household over the fixed 5-year term.
Attire	Up to $500 for individual applicants and $1,000 for teams over the fixed 5-year term.
Travel	Request and submit a TWNCS Travel Form with the application.
Budget support	Submit screenshots or images of expected expenses at regular price, and include tax and shipping, if applicable.

Ineligible expenses

Expense type	Limit or note
Reimbursements	Anything you have already paid for before your application was approved is not eligible for a TWNCS grant.
Ongoing administrative costs for teams	Such as printing, wages, or space rental.
Private or personal benefit items	Such as vehicles, motorized boats, household items, rent or mortgage, utilities, food at home, debt payments, wages, and honoraria.
Home maintenance or repairs	Such as renovations, appliances, cleaning supplies, yard work, ground leveling, or similar costs.
Business or commercial	Any activities related to paid work or conducted while you are compensated for work.
Activities already funded by TWN	Please check with other TWN departments first to confirm your project is not eligible under existing programs (e.g., Recreation, Education, Health, FNHA, or social assistance), and include any related staff communications with your application. The TWNCS may also make enquiries or referrals on your behalf, including for sensitive applications.

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Reporting

The TWNCS generally requires two short reports: a progress report and a final report. Reports are due within 30 days of required milestones or project completion. Deadline dates will be provided in your agreement for the TWNCS grant funds. Templates will be provided, and staff can help by phone or in person.

You will be required to submit reports and copies of receipts to complete your project. Only Members with completed projects may apply again, once eligible.

Special requirements

Some projects may have special requirements for safety, such as a criminal record check, research ethics or confidentiality agreement, or first aid certification. Contact the TWNCS before applying if this may apply to your project.

Waiver of Liability

The TWNCS does not assess whether funded equipment or activities are appropriate or safe for the applicant or intended user. Use or participation is at the user's own risk.

The TWNCS is not liable for property damage, personal injury, or injury to others related to funded equipment or activities. A signed waiver of liability is required for all projects.

If you have any questions about the TWNCS application process or guidelines, please contact us at twncommunitysociety@twnation.ca or 236-501-9821.



Thank you for your interest in the TWN Community Society.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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