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Alberta Blue Cross® announces return of Community Wellbeing grant program

Alberta Blue Cross is bringing back its very popular Community Wellbeing grant program for 2025, to support the diverse work of community organizations promoting the physical, mental and social wellbeing of Albertans.

"We were overwhelmed last year by the positive response to this program, with more than 650 applications from across the province," says Brian Geislinger, senior vice-president of Corporate Relations and Community Engagement with Alberta Blue Cross. "So, we're thrilled to be able to continue to provide this support again through 2025."

The Community Wellbeing grant program was launched in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of Alberta Blue Cross in 2023 and was extended into 2024 where it awarded 50 community organizations with a \$1,000 grant each to support wellbeing in their communities. Funding for the program is provided through the Alberta Blue Cross community foundation.

Until April 30, Alberta Blue Cross welcomes applications and nominations from [urban and rural Alberta-based organizations](#) (including Alberta chapters of national organizations) that promote the physical, mental or social wellbeing of community members. This includes organizations that support newcomers and refugees, seniors, families, vulnerable youth, children, LGBTQ2S+, individuals with disabilities, individuals requiring mental health support, Indigenous Peoples and visible minorities. Applications can be submitted on the Alberta Blue Cross website.

Each organization awarded with the grant helps Albertan communities thrive.

The 2024 Alberta Blue Cross Community Wellbeing grant recipients have incredible stories, highlighting their work, including the following:

Amy's House

Amy's House provides free accommodations for families travelling over 100 km to Edmonton for cancer treatment. The organization has 2 homes located 12 minutes from the Royal Alexandra Hospital, the University of Alberta Hospital and the Cross Cancer Institute for families to stay. The Community Wellbeing grant will help maintain their homes and ensure families can stay for free.

Autism Society of Edmonton Area

The Autism Society of Edmonton Area is the oldest autism organization in Alberta and offers life-enhancing programs and services for autistic individuals at all stages of life and diagnosis. The grant will support their purchase of new sensory-friendly features for their neuro-affirming space.



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Centre for Family Literacy

The Centre for Family Literacy offers a variety of free family and adult literacy programs that help thousands of adults and children improve basic reading, writing and numeracy. The Community Wellbeing grant will support program kits that provide the essential tools and resources needed for participants to fully engage and benefit from program initiatives.

The Edmonton region grant recipients also include

- Beverly Towne Community Development Society
- HIV Network of Edmonton Society

The full list of the 2024 Community Wellbeing recipients and their stories are available on the [community website](#).

As Alberta's largest provider of health and dental benefits, Alberta Blue Cross is committed to serving as a champion for wellbeing by promoting the health of Albertans.

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