

# OMISTA Credit Union **Community Grant Program**

## Applicant Guide



# About the Program

OMISTA Credit Union provides a better way to bank. OMISTA's products and services are designed for New Brunswickers who want full-service, holistic banking and who care about making the place they live even better.

As a customer-owned and democratically controlled financial co-operative, our success is linked to the success of our communities. We are committed to enhancing communities through economic, social, and environmental objectives.

OMISTA Credit Union (OMISTA) is honoured to fund the Community Grant Program. The Community Grant Program will provide funding to community stakeholders whose values and activities align with our efforts to deliver social, economic, and environmental benefits to our members and their communities.

- The total value of the grant program will be a maximum of \$10,000.
- Applications will open on Thursday, November 16, 2023.
- The deadline to submit applications is 5 PM, Tuesday, December 5, 2023.
- Successful applicants will be notified no later than Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Funds will be distributed through direct deposit to the recipient's credit union account where possible and will otherwise be distributed by cheque.
- Grant recipient will be announced on the OMISTA website and social media channels. Recipient may be announced through press releases and other media outlets, at the sole discretion of OMISTA.
- Grant recipient will be required to complete a brief follow-up report describing the positive impacts of their project.

## Evaluation Criteria

Applicants are asked to complete all sections of the online application. Applicants must be prepared to answer questions concerning the following areas of consideration for their proposed projects:

- Purpose and Objective
- Partners
- Beneficiaries
- Planned Activities
- Timeline
- Results and Impacts

## Eligibility and Rules

The 2023 OMISTA Credit Union Community Grant Contest (the "Contest") is open to non-profit and charitable organizations in New Brunswick who apply between the dates of November 16 and 5 PM, December 5, 2023.

1. **Eligibility and Entry:** The 2023 OMISTA Credit Union Community Grant Contest (the "Contest") is open to non-profit and charitable organizations in New Brunswick who submit an application between the dates of November 16 and 5 PM, December 5, 2023.
2. **No Purchase Necessary:** No purchase of any credit union product or service is necessary in order to enter this contest.
3. **Entry Restrictions:** Application is limited to charitable and non-profit organizations. Entrants are permitted one entry only.
4. **Entry Deadline:** Entries will be accepted up to 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2023. Late entries will not be accepted.
5. **Prizes:** One (1) prize of \$10,000 will be awarded to a local charitable organization. For the purpose of the Contest, a "local charitable organization" is an organization located in the same province, New Brunswick, as OMISTA Credit Union. OMISTA reserves the right to withhold its final approval of a selected charitable organization, in the event that the selected charity is deemed to be in conflict with co-operative principles, or the association of the charity may cause harm or damage to the reputation of OMISTA, as determined by OMISTA in its sole discretion.
6. **Selection and Declaration of Prize Winner and Prize Distribution:** The selected entrant will be selected through an unbiased process by the OMISTA Sustainability Committee. The decision will be made by Tuesday, December 12, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. AST at the head office of OMISTA Credit Union, located at 1192 Mountain Road, Moncton, New Brunswick. The selected entrant will be contacted by phone following the decision. In the event the first attempt to reach a selected entrant is unsuccessful, a maximum of three additional attempts will be made within fourteen (14) days following the decision. If a selected entrant cannot be contacted in this manner, over this period, the entry will be considered void and disqualified. The individual will then have no recourse against OMISTA Credit Union. A new selected entrant drawn will be contacted, with application of the above notification process repeated. The odds of selection will depend on the total number of eligible applications received. Before being declared a prize winner, selected entrants must correctly answer a time-limited, skill-testing mathematical question, without mechanical or other assistance, and may be required to sign a Complete Release and Waiver of Claim. Prize winners must accept the prizes as awarded, which are not redeemable for exchanges or substitutions. Prize

winners will be required to visit OMISTA Credit Union in order to receive their prize.

7. **Terms of Entry:** By entering the Contest, entrants agree to abide by all Contest rules and regulations. By entering this Contest, entrants further agree to release and hold harmless OMISTA Credit Union, including, but not limited to, their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, sub-contractors, wealth management partners, and shareholders from any and all liability resulting from Contest entry, award, use, possession, or misuse of any prize, including any and all liability for injuries and loss or damage of any kind. No warranty or guarantee is given by the credit union surrounding the use of a prize.
8. **Prize Winner:** By entering this Contest, entrants agree that if they are declared a prize winner, their name, photo, and likeness may be posted at credit unions across Atlantic Canada and could be used for advertising purposes without additional compensation. Submission of an entry shall be treated as an entrant's express consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of their personal information, as noted above, if they are a prize winner.
9. **Applicable Law:** The contest is subject to all applicable federal, provincial, and municipal laws.
10. **Privacy:** All personal information collected in relation to the Contest will be destroyed immediately after the prizes are awarded, and will not be used for any other purpose, except where the entrant has expressly indicated their personal information may be used for future contact.

The Community Grant Program will not support:

- Private or personal events.
- Loss or debt of an individual, group, or organization.
- Travel expenses and long-term operational costs.
- Individual or group pursuits that do not have a broader community scope (ex: sports teams).
- Initiatives or projects that do not provide direct benefit to one or more New Brunswick communities.
- Organizations previously convicted of fraud or involved in illegal activity.
- Applications that go against OMISTA's values and purpose or that could compromise its ethical standards and integrity.

## How To Apply

Applicants who meet the conditions as outlined in the section above are eligible to apply. Please [click here](#) to access the application. Incomplete, unsubmitted, or late applications will not be considered.

Questions about the program?

Contact [info@OMISTA.com](mailto:info@OMISTA.com) for more information.

## Disclaimers

- Applicants will be contacted to verify identity and eligibility prior to processing applications.
- All information provided must be accurate, complete, and in no way misleading.
- OMISTA will not be responsible for any lost, delayed, misdirected, illegible, incomplete, damaged, or undeliverable applications, or any delay or failure to transmit, process, receive or consider applications, or technical failures of any kind.
- If for any reason OMISTA cannot run the program as planned, OMISTA reserves the right to cancel, modify, extend, or suspend without notice.
- OMISTA may at any time, at their sole discretion, disqualify any applicant who: does not meet the eligibility criteria, fails to comply with the rules, attempts to apply in any manner or through means other than described in these rules, or attempts to circumvent these rules.