

Grain Farmers of Ontario District Grant Program

Grain Farmers of Ontario's District Grant Program supports the operation, activities, and local sponsorships of each district.

Grant Amount: \$10,000 per calendar year

Spending of the grant money is at the discretion of the elected delegates within each district, respecting the following recommendations/guidelines:

- January District Grain Committee meeting (hall rental, meals)
- Four district delegate meetings (hall rental, food)
- Support for community events (county fairs, safety days)
- Donations to community groups (4H, food banks)
- Other activities that support the mission and vision of the organization
- Payment of professional fees for external secretary/treasurer services when roles are not filled by an elected delegate or alternate

Note that delegate per diems, mileage, and expenses paid for attending district meetings and provincial meetings, as well as honorariums for chair, secretary, and treasurer, are paid directly by Grain Farmers of Ontario (via the expense claim process) and are not deducted from the District Grant.

If districts have special projects which require additional funding, a request for additional funds can be made to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

Payment of Grant

The District Grant is paid on a calendar year basis. It is a reimbursement of expenses that were incurred in the prior year (ie. the 2024 Grant is a reimbursement of expenses from calendar year 2023). Districts are required to submit a completed District Grant request form, receipts, and financial statement by February each year. There will be no carry-forward of unused Grant amounts to future periods.

A Grant advance payment of \$5,000 will be paid to all districts in December each year to help with cash-flow*. This is an advance of your reimbursement. If the amount claimed on the Grant Request Form is less than the advance paid, finance will reduce future payments.

The District Grant amount and terms of use are subject to review and change at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Note, in 2023 the advance will be paid in June to facilitate the increase of the grant amount to \$10,000.*