



Community Gaming Grants Program



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Community Gaming Grants Program Guidelines



<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants>

Introduction

1. Program Overview

- Fair and equitable access to funding for eligible not-for-profit organizations directly delivering programming in their communities
- Four primary elements of eligibility: Organization, Program, Financial and Compliance
- Six sectors:
 - Arts and Culture
 - Sport
 - Parent Advisory Councils/District Parent Advisory Councils
 - Environment
 - Public Safety
 - Human and Social Services
- New in 2017: Capital Project Grant
- Total budget = \$140M



2.1 – Maximum Funding Levels

Program Delivery Level	Maximum Grant Amount Available Per Year
Local organizations	\$100,000
Regional organizations	\$225,000
Provincial organizations	\$250,000

Funding levels are not guaranteed

The level of funding awarded is based on the size and scope of the programming presented in the application

Organization Eligibility

3.1 – Eligible Organizations



- Not-for-profit
- Operate primarily for community benefit and not solely the interests of their members
- Voluntary and broadly-based membership involved in the management and control of the organization and its programs
- More than double the number of voting members to board members
- Board members:
 - ✓ Democratically chosen
 - ✓ 2/3 reside in B.C.
 - ✓ Do not receive remuneration

3.2 – Ineligible Organizations

Includes:

- For-profit organizations;
- Federal, provincial, regional, municipal, First Nation or other local government;
- Political parties, political action groups or lobby groups;
- Hospital, medical or health care facilities;
- Educational institutions or schools; and
- Provincially or municipally-operated facilities, such as libraries, museums, galleries or recreation centres.

See Section 3.2 for more examples

Program Eligibility

4.1 – Eligible Programming

The program must:

- Demonstrate clear community benefit;
- Be accessible and inclusive;
- Be sustainable; and
- Have been delivered for at least 12 months at the time of the application.



Writing an Effective Program Description

- Be clear and concise
- Tell what you do, how you do it and how often.
- Explain:
 - How long the program has been in operation (min. 12 mos. required);
 - How the program benefits your community (include numbers and statistics);
 - What you do to make the program accessible and inclusive; and
 - What measures you have in place to ensure the program has community support and is therefore sustainable (e.g. in kind donations of time and/or materials, letters of support, municipal funding).

4.5 – Ineligible programs

Include those that:

- Generally provide services exclusively to an organization's membership;
- Provide financial assistance to individuals;
- Are primarily fundraising activities;
- Deliver vocational training;
- Are delivered on contract or under a funding agreement;
- Benefit individuals or groups outside B.C.;
- Primarily benefit other organizations; and
- Do not deliver an immediate direct service to the community.

Financial Eligibility

5.1 – Organization Financial Eligibility

- An organization must have a separate Gaming Account.
- An organization is temporarily ineligible if it:
 - Earned more than \$250,000 in its previous fiscal year through its own licensed gaming activities;
 - Exhibits conditions that cast significant doubt on its financial stability; and/or
 - Had more than 50% of its previous fiscal year's operating expenses on hand in unrestricted funds at the start of its current fiscal year.

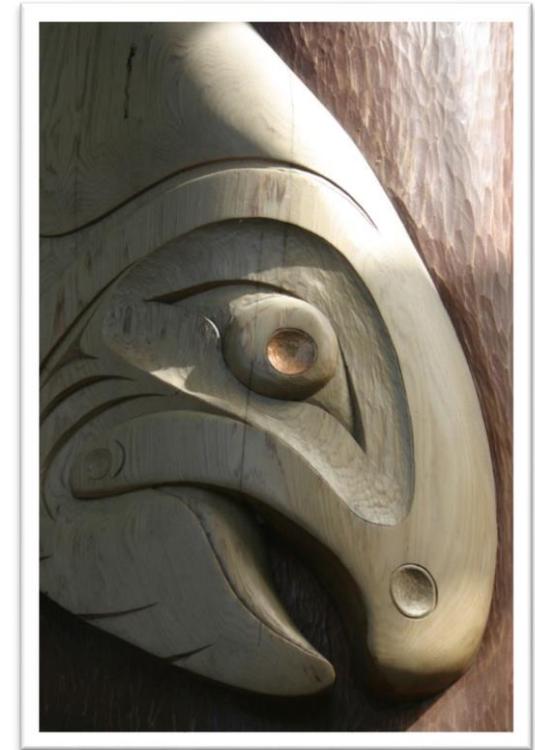


5.1 – Surplus Calculation (max. 50%)

Current assets and investments of the organization
minus (-) gaming funds
minus (-) current liabilities
minus (-) internally restricted funds
minus (-) externally restricted funds
divided by (/) previous fiscal year's operating expenses
multiplied by (x) 100
equals (=) organization surplus percentage

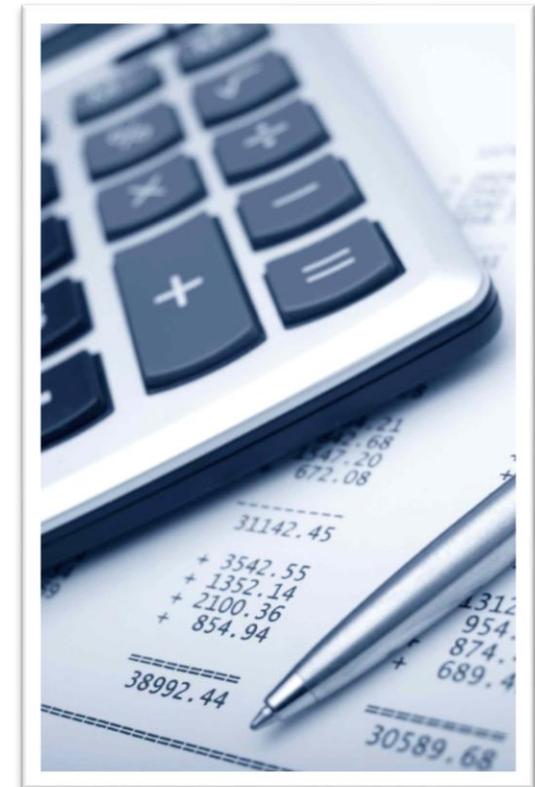
5.2 – Program Financial Eligibility

- Federal and/or provincial funding cannot exceed 75% of the total program cost.
- The remaining 25% must come from community sources (e.g. fundraising, municipal contributions, other grants and in-kind contributions).
- Program financials must clearly identify all funding sources.



Required Financial Documents

- Financial statement for the entire organization for its most recently completed fiscal year, including:
 - Balance sheet;
 - Revenues and expenses; and
 - Accompanying notes if any.
- Organization budgets for the current and next fiscal years.
- Program revenue and expenses statement for the most recently completed fiscal year (“actuals”).
- Program budgets for the current and next fiscal years.



The Application

6.3 – Application Intake Periods



Arts and Culture

- Apply February 1 – April 30
- Notification by July 31



Sport (new dates)

- Apply March 1 – May 31
- Notification by August 31



Environment

- Apply July 1 – August 31
- Notification by November 30



Public Safety

- Apply July 1 – August 31
- Notification by November 30



Human and Social Services

- Apply August 1 – November 30
- Notification by February 28



PACs and DPACs

- Apply April 1 – June 30
- Notification by September 30

6.1 – How to Apply

Apply online at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants>

Need help?

Check out these resources in our Program Guidelines and/or on our website for valuable tips:

- ✓ Pre-application checklists
- ✓ Sample financial statements
- ✓ Frequently asked questions
- ✓ Application tutorials



6.5 – Reconsiderations of Decisions

- The reconsideration request must:
 - be made within 30 days of notification; and
 - state the reason(s) why the decision should be varied or overturned.
- New information, documents, etc. will not be accepted.
- A final decision will be made within 90 days of receipt of the request.



Applicant Accountability

7.1 – Appropriate Use of Funding for All Grant Recipients



Examples include:

- Operational costs associated with the direct delivery of the approved program, such as wages of existing paid positions, utilities, rent and supplies;
- Rental or purchase of equipment needed for the direct delivery of the program; and
- Travel essential to the direct delivery of the program within B.C.

7.1 – Appropriate Use of Funding (cont'd.)

- Grant funds may be transferred from the Gaming Account to the General Account to reimburse for eligible program expenses.
- Funds must be disbursed within 12 months of receipt (except PACs – 36 months).
- Invoices and receipts must be retained.
- See Section 7.7 for a list of prohibited uses of grant funds.



8.1 – Grant Conditions

- Grant recipients must comply with the conditions in Appendix VIII.
- All conditions must be satisfied before another grant application is considered.



8.2 – Acknowledgement of Funding

- “We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia.”



Key Resources

Community Gaming Grants Branch

- Website: <http://gov.bc.ca/gaminggrants>
- General Contact: communitygaminggrants@gov.bc.ca
or 1-800-663-7867
- Community Outreach Manager – CGGO outreach@gov.bc.ca



BC Association for Charitable Gaming and Community Charitable Gaming Associations

<http://bcacg.com/>



BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

<https://www.bcaafc.com/index.php/member-services/gaming-grants>

Questions?