



BC Coast Region Know Your Sport Workshop (Sept 30, 2017)

Community Gaming Grants

Overview

- Pre-Requisites and Eligibility
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- The Application Process
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- Summary

Most Important

- Deadline is May 31
 - Don't leave it to the last moment.
- Prove you are a quality organized club and can spend the government's money responsibly on eligible costs

Pre-Requisites and Eligibility

- Have your AGM a few weeks before the grant deadline (May 31)
 - Prior year's Financial Statements (approved)
 - If by chance your FS were not approved, send interim FS and explain to gaming people you will send approved FS along when available.
- Don't have insane profits
 - Remember your club is a non-profit
 - Because if you do, your grant size will be diminished
- Don't have insane losses

Pre-Requisites and Eligibility (cont...)

- **Show Stopper:** not having a quorum at your AGM
- **Show Stopper:** board members who are paid.
- Hint: Gaming Grants fund youth sport, don't even talk about adult programs.

Other Filings

- BC Societies Filing
 - Annual Report, easy to do...
 - Should be in good standing with Provincial Government
- Gaming Account Summary Account
 - Have it done before you submit.
 - Just show you spent all your gaming money
- Skate Canada Members Database is up to date with all your members
 - Your grant will (mostly) be proportional to your membership size

The Application Process

- Deadline is May 31
 - Don't leave it to the last moment.
- Application is online
 - <https://www.gaming.gov.bc.ca/gaming/common/Welcome.do?start=true>
 - You need your file (L & G) Number.
 - Long Form
 - Short Form
 - similar application to last year, roughly same amount requested.
- Give yourself 2-3 days.
 - Online application is only 2 hours, but you will have some budget and essay writing to do
- Have your FS ready
- Be able to prove your youth membership.

The Application Process (cont...)

- Be able to prove voting membership, and quorum
- Have a separate bank account for gaming
- Include a void cheque on that account.

The Budget

- Eligible Costs
 - *Ice Time*
 - *Direct Coaching Fees*
 - Ice Shows (not so desirable)
- Not so Eligible
 - Travel to Competitions
 - Administration and Office costs
 - Not to be confused with “Off-ice”
 - Social Activities

The Essay

- This is the most important part of the gaming application
 - The “Program Assessment”
 - Last year’s performance to budget
 - This coming year’s budget
 - Community Benefit
 - Prove you are a quality organized club and can spend the government’s money responsibly on eligible costs

The Essay (cont...)

- Program Assessment
 - Just have one “Program”, call it “Club Skating Program”
 - Include Canskate as largest component
 - Ice time, coaching
 - Community benefit of learn to skate
 - Powerskate
 - Junior Academy
 - Do not hesitate to include Starskate or Competitive Skaters
 - The ice time for these sub-programs is large (and eligible)
 - Club paid group lessons (e.g club pays coaches) - eligible

The Essay (cont...)

- Budgets
 - Describe last years submitted budget, and how your actual operations tracked the budget
 - Describe hits and misses
 - What did you learn as a management team
 - Describe the next years budget
 - Its all about subsidy to make things affordable.
 - How will eligible costs be subsidized on each program component (e.g. Canskate, JA, Power, Star, Competitive, Dance, Synchro)

The Essay (cont...)

- Program Design and Performance overview
 - Numbers, costs and affordability
- Community Benefit
 - How you teach kids how to skate, personal growth, healthy lifestyle
 - You are an outlet for skaters who wish to aspire to higher levels of competition
- Volunteer involvement – cite the huge effort volunteers make in the club operations.

The Essay (cont...)

- Accessibility, Inclusiveness

SAMPLE ONLY - The ... Skating Club is open to skaters of families of all income levels regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, religion or sexual orientation. While our primary community is <<City>>, we also welcome many skaters from surrounding and outside neighbourhoods. The Club does and will continue to help people who have limited financial means. We have accepted vouchers from several funding agencies, notably KidSport, who fund participants from economically challenged families.

Summary

- Great Resources available on the Community Gaming Grant Website

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/info-cgg-application-tutorial-regular.pdf>

- Some Preparation Required
- Eligible costs are (mainly) Ice and Coaching
- Deadline is May 31