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COMMUNITY GAMING GRANTS – 2010-2011 FUNDING

The Province provides gaming grants to eligible non-profit organizations to support programs and services that benefit British Columbians and their communities. For 2010-2011, \$120 million will be available for community gaming grants.

Funding will be targeted to groups that address public safety, health and social services, youth programs and Parent Advisory Councils.

Organizations with written three-year grant commitments will continue to receive full funding until the end of the commitment period. All other grants will be made on an annual basis.

Responsibility for funding and administration of other provincial government programs will return to their respective ministries this year. Gaming revenue provided \$63 million to cover funding for these programs in 2009-2010.

Funding Decisions

For the full list of eligible 2010-2011 funding priorities, please see Table 2 in the Reference Tables for 2010-2011 Community Gaming Grants at: www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/docs/reference-tables-cgg-2010-2011.pdf.

The following will not receive funding for 2010-2011:

- Adult arts and culture
- Adult sports
- Environmental
- School playgrounds

Changes to Community Gaming Grant Sectors

The former Arts, Culture and Sports sector will be focused on youth and split into two sectors.

- Arts and Culture, consisting of two subcategories:
 - Youth Arts and Culture
 - o Fairs, Festivals and Museums
- Sports for Youth and People with a Disability will also have two sub-categories:
 - Sports Programs for Youth
 - o Sports Programs for People with a Disability

No major structural changes will be made to the other sectors. The current structure of the community gaming grant sectors can be found in Table 1 at: www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/docs/reference-tables-cgg-2010-2011.pdf.

The Province will accept applications for each sector during the traditional intake periods and will ensure all applicants are assigned to the appropriate sector and sub-sector. A complete list of sectors and application and payment dates is available in Table 4 at: www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/docs/reference-tables-cgg-2010-2011.pdf.

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