Introduction of Community Gaming Grants for Municipal Leaders

The Community Gaming Grant program distributes funds from commercial gambling revenue to not-for-profit organizations throughout British Columbia.

The program provides all eligible community organizations in the province with access to funding for the delivery of approved programs in their community. Although municipal governments are not eligible for grants, they can work with local not-for-profits to support their programming and application. Community Gaming Grants can provide up to 75% of program costs when local support is demonstrated.

Community Gaming Grants remains flexible when applying eligibility criteria for applicants impacted by the major events such as wildfires and other provincial emergencies.

Key Facts:

- The Community Gaming Grant program distributes $140 million annually to eligible community organizations across British Columbia.

- Approximately 5,000 community organizations from across the province receive funding each year.

- The program provides funding up to $125,000 for local organizations and $250,000 for regional and provincial organizations.

- Grants are provided for programming in six sectors. Each sector has its own intake date:

    - **Arts and Culture**: February 1 to April 30
    - **Sport**: March 1 to May 31
    - **Parent Advisory Councils**: April 1 to June 30
    - **Environment:** July 1 to August 31
    - **Public Safety**: July 1 to August 31
    - **Human and Social Services**: August 1 to November 30

- Each year, $5 million is allocated to the Capital Project Sector program. This funding helps not-for-profits to invest in equipment, vehicles, infrastructure, renovations or new facilities that provide direct benefit to their communities. The Capital Project program opens between June and August each year.

- All applicants should review the eligibility criteria and official program Guidelines online.

Engaging Municipal Leaders

- The Community Gaming Grant branch is actively engaging with municipalities and municipal leaders to promote the program and help new not-for-profit organizations access funding.

- If you would like more information, or are interested in a virtual presentation, visit : https://gov.bc.ca/gaminggrants or e-mail CGGOutreach@gov.bc.ca

- Connect with a Community Charitable Gaming Association in your area: https://bcacg.com/find-a-ccga/