Community Gaming Grants: Program Guidelines

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Chapter One: Information For All Applicants
1. **Program Overview**

This chapter provides information that applies to all Community Gaming Grant applicants. Additional information for Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs), Service Clubs, and the British Columbia Association of Charitable Gaming and Community Charitable Gaming Associations is presented in chapters 2-4.

The Community Gaming Grants program distributes funds from commercial gambling revenues to not-for-profit community organizations throughout British Columbia. The program is intended to provide all eligible community organizations in the province with fair and equitable access to funding for the direct delivery of approved programs to their communities.

Community Gaming Grants support community needs by funding organizations in six broad sectors: Arts and Culture, Sport, Environment, Public Safety, Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Councils, and Human and Social Services.

The Community Gaming Grants program is governed by the terms outlined in the *Gaming Control Act* and the Gaming Control Regulation.

1.1 **Roles of the Community Gaming Grants Branch and the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch**

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) has full statutory responsibility for the Community Gaming Grants program. The Community Gaming Grants Branch develops program policies, processes all grant applications, and determines which organizations will receive grants and in what amounts.

The Ministry of Attorney General (AG), through its Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB), regulates gambling in British Columbia and is responsible for the overall integrity of gaming and horse racing in the province. GPEB supports the Community Gaming Grants program by providing services such as audits, investigations and management of the Gaming Online Service.
2. Available Funding

2.1 Maximum funding levels

The maximum amount of money an organization can receive for a Community Gaming Grant depends on the delivery level of the program(s) for which it is funded.

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To be eligible for regional or provincial levels of funding, an organization must deliver programs to a sufficiently large number of people or over a significantly large geographic area, as determined by the Community Gaming Grants Branch. See Appendix I for other factors the Branch takes into consideration when assessing requests for regional or provincial levels of funding.

There is no guarantee an organization will get the maximum amount of funding available at its program delivery level. The amount awarded, if any, depends on the size and scope of the programming presented in the application and the demonstrated financial need.

2.2 How applications are assessed

Grant Analysts use the documents requested with the application (e.g. organization financials, program financials, program description) to carefully consider each application. Please see Appendix II for a detailed itemization of the purpose of each requested document.

Each application is assessed on its own merit in the context of demonstrated community need, and subject to availability of funding. The Branch does not rank or compare applicants through a competitive adjudication process. Grants are awarded as applications are received and reviewed. An application does not guarantee any level of funding. The requested amount may not be approved. The amount approved may vary from year to year.
Eligibility
3. Organization Eligibility

3.1 Eligible organizations

An organization may be eligible for a Community Gaming Grant if it:

- is not-for-profit (including designated community service cooperatives\(^1\));
- operates primarily for community benefit;
- provides programs that benefit the community and not solely its members’ interest;
- has a voluntary and broadly-based membership involved in the management and control of the organization and its programs;
- has a voting membership that is more than double the number of board members;
- delivers programs established and maintained by its volunteers;
- delivers programs that fall within one of the six sectors outlined in section 3.3;
- has board members who are democratically chosen by its voting membership (with exceptions provided in section 3.4);
- has a board with at least two-thirds of its members residing in BC (with exceptions provided in section 3.4); and
- has a board whose members do not receive remuneration or other financial benefit for their services while acting in their capacity as board members.

Organizations do not have to be federally or provincially incorporated; however, organizations that are provincially incorporated or registered as extra-provincial societies must be in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies, and organizations that are federally incorporated must be in good standing with Industry Canada. For further information on extra-provincial societies, please refer to section 3.4.

3.2 Ineligible organizations

An organization is permanently ineligible for a Community Gaming Grant if it:

- is for-profit;
- is a member-funded society;
- is a cooperative (with the exception of designated community service cooperatives);
- is a community contribution company\(^2\) (C3) or other social enterprise whose sole purpose is to generate profit to fund the organization;
- is an ancillary group sustaining a for-profit business;

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1. An asset locked Community Service Cooperative designated as such under Part 11 of the Cooperative Associations Act.
2. A for-profit business with an asset lock component restricting the level of dividends paid to shareholders and requiring the bulk of the company profits to be invested in community purposes.
is a chamber of commerce or board of trade;
- is a political party, political action group or lobby group;
- is a federal, provincial, regional, municipal, First Nation, or other local government;
- is a hospital, medical or health care facility;
- is an educational institution, school or school authority;
- is a penal institution or correction centre;
- is a provincially or municipally-operated library, museum, gallery recreation centre or other facility;
- has objectives, programs or expenditures that do not conform with all laws, regulations and the general public policies of the Province of British Columbia;
- provides programs that promote racial or ethnic superiority, religious intolerance, persecution or social change through unlawful action; and/or
- is an organization where the majority of the board members are employed by the organization or provide services under contract to the organization.

3.3 Sectors

Community Gaming Grants support a wide range of programming delivered by not-for-profit organizations across British Columbia. The scope of this programming ensures that British Columbians from all regions of the province have access to the programs and services that improve their quality of life, support local needs and build vibrant communities. The grant application process separates not-for-profit programming into six unique sectors, each with its own intake period. When applying for a Community Gaming Grant, an organization must identify which of the following six sectors it best fits into:

**Arts and Culture**

Organizations within this sector must deliver programs that provide public access to and/or preservation of the arts, heritage or culture. Programs that primarily support artists or artistic development are not eligible.

Examples of programs in this sector may include: the performing arts (e.g. theatre, music, dance), media arts (e.g. film, video, sound, painting, drawing, community radio stations, art councils), youth arts, literature, community and agricultural fairs and festivals (see section 4.2), heritage (e.g. community museums, archives, historical or agricultural displays), Indigenous or other cultural programs (e.g. sharing culture with the broader community).
**Sport**

Organizations within this sector must deliver community-based youth and/or amateur sports programs for organized, competitive physical activities; programs that primarily support elite programs are not eligible. Motorized sports, sporting events whose primary purpose is fundraising, and recreational activities such as fitness classes, billiards and shuffleboard, are not eligible.

- Examples of programs in this sector may include: youth and adult sports leagues (e.g. soccer, swimming, hockey, skating, basketball, biking, boating, martial arts, skiing), Special Olympics, and seniors games.

**Environment**

Organizations within this sector deliver a wide range of programs that revitalize, protect, or provide education on British Columbia’s ecosystems and environment, or protect the welfare of domestic animals and/or wildlife. Programs that primarily support research, lobbying or political action are not eligible.

- Examples of programs in this sector may include: ecosystem conservation (e.g. land stewardship, invasive species, greenbelts, watersheds, garbage clean-up), public education (e.g. outdoor education, naturalists, compost or agricultural education), climate change adaptation (e.g. awareness, emissions reduction, alternative energy), or programs to support agriculture, food production or local food systems.

**Human and Social Services**

Organizations within this sector deliver programs that significantly contribute to the quality of life in a community or group, support children, families and/or seniors, address gender or LGBTQ+ equality, and/or benefit marginalized people.

- Examples of programs in this sector may include: youth care and support (e.g. child care, kids camps, after school programming, Scouts, Cadets, 4-H), services for people with a disability or health challenges, poverty reduction (e.g. food banks, homeless shelters, life skills), mental health and counselling (e.g. outreach and support, art therapy, abuse counselling, addiction support, transition housing), community building programs (e.g. neighbourhood houses, seniors activities, education and outreach, immigrant services), and Indigenous programming (e.g. programs offered by Aboriginal Friendship Centers, truth and reconciliation, wellness).

**Public Safety**

Organizations within this sector must deliver programs that enhance and support public safety.

- Examples of programs in this sector may include: volunteer firefighting, land or marine search and rescue, amateur emergency radio, trail and outdoor recreation safety (e.g. hiking, biking or snow trail education and maintenance), disaster relief and emergency preparedness, community crime prevention and restorative justice initiatives.
Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs)

Community Gaming Grants support PACs and DPACs by providing funding to support the enhancement of extracurricular opportunities for K-12 students in British Columbia.

Determining your sector:

An organization can only submit one regular Community Gaming Grant application per year. The sector descriptions provide a basic overview of the type of programming that may be eligible in each sector. If the program(s) delivered by an organization are not listed above, please apply under the sector that is the closest fit to the organization’s purpose(s) as outlined in the constitution. If an organization delivers multiple programs that fall into different sectors, submit a grant application in the sector that the largest program fits, or the sector that aligns closest with the organization’s purpose(s) outlined in the constitution. A first-time applicant organization may find the Branch has reallocated their sector based on the information supplied. A first-time application is not negatively impacted when this occurs.

3.4 Eligibility for federally incorporated not-for-profit organizations

Federally incorporated not-for-profit organizations are eligible for Community Gaming Grants for delivering programs and services in British Columbia for the benefit of British Columbians.

Extra-provincial societies must meet the organization eligibility requirements set out in section 3.1 with the following exceptions:

- an organization with a single, authoritative board of directors at the national level that is democratically chosen by, and from within, its voting membership will be considered to have met the requirement of demonstrating a democratic process, even if its body specific to BC or the local community is appointed; and

- the governing body specific to BC or the local community has members that reside in British Columbia and do not receive remuneration or other financial benefit for their services as executive members.

A local/provincial chapter of an extra-provincial society that has autonomous governance and meets the requirements set out in section 3.1 does not require the exceptions listed above.

All other sections and subsections of the Community Gaming Grants Program Guidelines remain applicable to federally incorporated organizations on an ongoing basis, including the requirement that grant funding does not leave the province.
4. **Program Eligibility**

4.1 **Eligible programming**

Not-for-profit organizations that directly deliver programs to the community may be eligible for a Community Gaming Grant. A program is defined as an ongoing service, activity, or series of activities, designed to achieve one or more specific objectives within the community that it serves.

Grant applicants must demonstrate how the program(s) for which they seek funding meet eligibility criteria and have benefitted and will continue to benefit the community. Grant funds must be used for the delivery of an approved program that is responsive to the community’s needs and issues.

For a program to be eligible for funding, an organization must demonstrate that it has delivered the program within British Columbia for at least 12 months at the time of application. Funding for the same or similar programs will only be provided to the organization that directly delivers the program and is responsible for program expenditures. Community Gaming Grants are not intended to be used for an organization’s core funding.

As part of the application process, the organization must include a program description for each program. The program description helps the Branch understand how the program operates and who it benefits, and should address the criteria outlined below. Program descriptions should be clear and concise.

Programs must demonstrate clear community benefit, accessibility and inclusion, and sustainability and lasting impact as follows:

**Clear community benefit:**

The application must highlight the community benefit of the program(s), which should include the following information:

**Who:** Who does the program benefit or who are the participants in the program? How many people benefit or participate? How many staff or volunteers help deliver the program?

**What:** What are the program activities and how they are delivered? This question is exclusively about program activities that have been delivered continuously for a minimum of 12 months at the time of application.

**When:** How often do the programs run? How many events, classes, workshops, sessions are provided? If applicable, include a schedule of activities indicating dates/times.

**Where:** Where are the program activities delivered (e.g. an organization’s own facility, a public facility, an outdoor location or various locations)?

**How:** How publicly accessible is the program? Is there a cost to participate?
In addition to the information listed above, key elements to highlight by sector may include:

**Arts and Culture:** the level of public access to the program or service that is being delivered by the organization (e.g. public events, free public performances, access to trying out artistic activities, reduced ticket prices for youth and seniors).

**Sport:** how the programs provide access for people to engage in organized, competitive physical activity in the community (e.g. how program activities are directed to athletes at all levels, resulting in broad community benefit, rather than specialized services targeted to high performance athletes). Applicants in the sport sector are required to provide the number of registered participants in each program.

**Environment:** how the program is helping to protect the environment, conserve or revitalize local ecosystems, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, educate the community on the environment or agriculture, or support the welfare of domestic animals and/or wildlife.

**Human and Social Services:** how the program helps improve the quality of life in a community or group, supports children, families and/or seniors, provides public access to community services, supports gender equality or marginalized people, or benefits Indigenous communities.

**Public Safety:** how the program contributes to the safety of a community by assisting in emergency preparedness, providing education on public safety issues, enhancing public safety through volunteer engagement in emergency services, using restorative justice, or creating safe outdoor spaces.

**Parent Advisory Councils/District Parent Advisory Councils:** how the program is enhancing extracurricular opportunities for students.

**Accessibility and inclusiveness:**

Examples may include:

- Providing opportunities for anyone to participate in the program regardless of age, ability, ethnicity, gender, religion, income, or sexual orientation wherever possible.
- Highlighting additional access for people with a disability, persons identifying as LGBTQ+, Indigenous communities, or other opportunities for marginalized groups.

**Sustainability and lasting impact:**

Examples may include:

- A viable plan for ensuring that resources are in place to continue the program.
- The potential for long-term community benefit resulting from the program.
Evidence of community support:
- Financial or in-kind contributions (donated cash, labour, professional services, equipment, materials – see Section 5.2 and 5.3), corporate sponsors and individual donors.
- Letters of support from others knowledgeable about the sector, community or program.

4.2 **Special events**

Community or agricultural fairs, festivals and cultural celebrations are eligible programs, provided that the event is held on a recurring (e.g. minimum annual) basis.

[Note: One-time events, fundraising events and sport event hosting are not eligible to receive a grant. Provincial Sport Organizations are the only organizations permitted to receive a grant for hosting sporting events.]

4.3 **Use of funds**

The application process requires information on intended use of funds for each program. In the “Use of Funds” section, please indicate the level of grant funding requested and provide a list of the proposed use of grant funds (e.g. wages, rent, office supplies, utilities etc.). Stating “refer to budget” is insufficient. Please refer to sections 7.1 and 7.6 for eligible and ineligible use of funds.

4.4 **Scholarship and bursary programs**

In order to be eligible to provide a scholarship or bursary program, an organization must have a scholarship/bursary program as an identified purpose in its constitution, memorandum or mandate. A scholarship is provided to a student on the basis of academic merit. A bursary is provided to a student on the basis of financial need.

Service Clubs (see Chapter 3) have different rules for scholarships and bursaries. See section 7.5 for additional details on eligible disbursements relating to scholarships and bursaries.
4.5 **Ineligible programming**

Ineligible programs include, but are not limited to:

- programs that generally provide services exclusively to an organization’s membership;
- programs that provide direct financial assistance to individuals;
- fundraising programs;
- programs whose beneficiaries are outside of British Columbia;
- programs whose beneficiaries are exclusively other organizations;
- subsidized housing programs;
- vocational training, such as employment programs and professional development;
- alumni associations programs;
- advancement of religion programs;
- economic development programs;
- tourism programs;
- programs delivered on contract, or programs delivered under a funding agreement;
- programs that do not deliver an immediate direct service to the community, such as research or capacity building; or
- volunteer training that is not part of an eligible program.
5. **Financial Eligibility**

In order to be considered for a Community Gaming Grant, applicants must meet specific organization and program financial eligibility criteria.

5.1 **Organization financial eligibility**

Grant analysts review the organization’s financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year (i.e. the organization’s fiscal year that most recently ended prior to application date), as well as the current year budget, to assess whether the organization is financially eligible for a grant.

An organization is temporarily ineligible to receive a Community Gaming Grant if it:

- earned more than $250,000 net revenue in its previous fiscal year through its own licensed gaming activities;
- exhibits conditions that cast significant doubt on the organization’s financial stability and is deemed to be a going concern risk; and/or
- has more than 50 per cent of its previous fiscal year’s operating expenses on hand in the form of unrestricted cash and investments. This surplus percentage is based on information in the organization’s financial statements and is calculated as follows:

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  \text{minus (-) internally restricted funds,}
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  \text{minus (-) externally restricted funds,}
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  \text{divided (\div) by the actual operating expenses of the previous fiscal year,}
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  \text{multiplied (\times) by 100}
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  = \text{the surplus percentage calculation.}
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- For the purpose of this surplus calculation:
  - Deferred revenues are to be included in an organization’s current liabilities.
  - Gaming funds are not considered deferred revenue.
  - Provide notes with your organization’s financial statements to enable the Branch to determine what is considered deferred revenue and on what basis. These notes should include a list of the sources of the revenue. An example of deferred revenue is registration fees received for the next fiscal year.
  - Internally restricted funds must be designated for a specific purpose such as building and land development costs and capital acquisitions (details required, e.g. new vehicle or new security system). The reason

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3 If an organization’s fiscal year recently ended and the year-end financial statements are not finalized (e.g. being prepared by an accountant), please submit draft or internally prepared financial statements.

4 Funds remaining in the organization’s Gaming Account at their fiscal year end that were deposited or received in the previous fiscal year from licensed gaming events, Community Gaming Grants or gaming fund donations from service clubs.
for the restriction and the date it was approved by the board must be noted in the financial statements, along with the accompanying board minutes. General purpose, “rainy day”, vaguely defined, generic building maintenance, or contingency funds will be considered unrestricted funds. Internally restricted funds will be considered unrestricted after having been reserved for more than three years. Internally restricted funds for building and land development costs will be considered unrestricted after five years.

- Externally restricted funds must be clearly identified in the organization’s balance sheet, along with an explanation of what the funds are restricted for and by whom. Community Gaming Grant funds are considered restricted funds.

An organization is not permitted to transfer cash or investments to a foundation for the purpose of reducing their year-end surplus in order to remain eligible for a Community Gaming Grant.

The surplus calculation is used to assess financial eligibility to ensure that grant funds are awarded to organizations that need it the most. Holding an accumulated, undesignated surplus in excess of 50 per cent of annual operating expenses will render the organization temporarily ineligible for a Community Gaming Grant.

**Employee Remuneration**

As set out in the Societies Act, organizations must report the remuneration of employees and contractors whose remuneration was at least $75,000 as a note in the financial statements listing the following information:

- For each employee, remuneration by position or title, and
- For contractors, the amount remunerated and the nature of the services provided.

**5.2 Program financial eligibility**

To ensure public funds are allocated in a manner that contributes to programming that provides benefits to and is supported in communities, an organization must demonstrate a need for financial assistance to deliver the specific program(s) for which it requests funding. Programs that show ongoing surpluses may be denied funding as this does not demonstrate financial need.

It is important to note that Community Gaming Grants are not intended to be used for an organization’s core funding.

Program funding parameters:

- For each eligible program, government funding (from provincial and federal sources) cannot exceed 75 per cent of the actual operating costs in the previous fiscal year. To ensure the total provincial-federal contribution to the program remains within this 75 per cent threshold, Community Gaming Grant funding for the program may be limited or denied. See Appendix III for additional information.
The remaining 25 per cent may be satisfied in a variety of ways, such as user fees, fundraising, municipal contributions and in-kind support.

### 5.3 In-kind contributions

In-kind support may be included as part of a program’s financials. In-kind support may be fulfilled in any combination of volunteer time, donated labour, equipment, services, space and materials from other sources. Complete records of all volunteered hours and donated services or materials must be retained as part of the organization’s gaming records. Valuation of volunteerism and donations is based on:

- donated materials at verified fair market value;
- donated accredited professional services at verified fair market value; and
- volunteer labour at up to $20.00/hour [this hourly rate is for the express purpose of calculating in-kind volunteer contributions in grant applications for this specific program.]

If an organization chooses to include in-kind support in their program financials, the in-kind dollar amounts must:

- be clearly identified in the program revenue and expense statement (previous fiscal year);
- be listed as both a revenue and an expense, so the amounts balance out to zero;
- be supported with an in-kind contribution summary; an example is available for reference on our website here: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/example-grants-in-kind-contributions.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/example-grants-in-kind-contributions.pdf).
The Application
6. Applying for a Community Gaming Grant

6.1 How to apply

Applications for a Community Gaming Grant must be completed online at:
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gambling-in-bc/online-service.

The Branch has prepared several helpful resources for completing the application.

Pre-application checklists

Before starting the online application, applicants should first review the instructions outlined within the appropriate pre-application checklist.

- The pre-application checklist for the regular form is attached to Appendix IV and is available online at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/chklist-cgg.pdf.
- The pre-application checklist for the short form is attached to Appendix V and is available online at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/chklist-cgg-short.pdf.
- The pre-application checklist for PAC and DPAC grants is included in Chapter 2 and is available online at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/chklist-pac-dpac.pdf.

Tutorials for completing your application

- Guidance on how to complete the regular online application is available online at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/info-cgg-application-tutorial-regular.pdf.
- Guidance on how to complete the short form online application is available online at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/chklist-cgg-short.pdf.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Questions related to the Community Gaming Grants Program Guidelines: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/community_gaming_grants_-_frequently_asked_questions.pdf.
6.2 Determining which application form to use

Most organizations will apply using the Community Gaming Grant regular application. Some organizations that are re-applying for a Community Gaming Grant may be eligible to use the short form application if they meet the following requirements:

- two regular Community Gaming Grant applications, or one short and one regular application, were approved in the previous two years;
- neither of the two previous year’s grants were received as a result of a reconsideration; and
- this year’s request is for the same program(s) and same level of funding approved in the last fiscal year (not what was requested in the last fiscal year).

Organizations may only use the short form application for a maximum of two years in a row. Organizations that submitted a request for reconsideration or were denied within the last two years must use the regular application for two consecutive years. Likewise, organizations that did not apply for a grant in the previous year or the year before must use the regular application for two consecutive years.

Only one application for a regular Community Gaming Grant will be accepted from an organization per calendar year.

The Branch reserves the right to advise organizations that they are ineligible to use the short application.

Please note that ground search and rescue, marine search and rescue, amateur radio and volunteer fire organizations applying in the Public Safety sector are not eligible to submit a short form at any time.

Example Submission Table

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When a grant is denied or a request for reconsideration is submitted the application cycle reverts to Year 1.

When applications in Years 3, 4 and 5 are approved and all other requirements outlined above are met the application cycle can revert to Year 3.
6.3 **Application intake periods**

Organizations can only apply during the intake period for the sector in which they belong. See Section 3.3 for guidance.

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| Arts and Culture                                       | Apply between February 1 and April 30.  
  Notification by July 31.                          |
| Sport                                                  | Apply between March 1 and May 31.  
  Notification by August 31.                         |
| Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Councils | Apply between April 1 and June 30.  
  Notification by September 30.                      |
| Environment                                            | Apply between July 1 and August 31.  
  Notification by November 30.                        |
| Public Safety                                          | Apply between July 1 and August 31.  
  Notification by November 30.                        |
| Human and Social Services                              | Apply between August 1 and November 30.  
  Notification by February 28.                        |

6.4 **Application processing**

Only complete applications will be processed. An application is considered complete when the application and all supporting documentation have been received. Supporting documents may be attached within the online application or submitted by email or mail within two weeks. If a void cheque from the organization’s bank account is required, it may also be attached as a scanned copy in the application or submitted by email or mail. Direct deposit/payroll forms are not accepted. For ease of reference, applicants should include their Licensing and Grants (L&G) file number with their supplementary documents. Applicants that submit late or incomplete applications may not be funded.

It usually takes the Community Gaming Grants Branch approximately 12 weeks to process applications received on or before the applicable sector deadline. Grant notification letters are distributed via email to the email address provided in the “delivery method” section of the application.
6.5 Reconsiderations of decisions regarding an application

Organizations may request that the Branch reconsider its decision regarding an application for a Community Gaming Grant.

A request for reconsideration must be submitted in writing to the Branch within 30 days of notification of the denial. [Note: Email is considered to be “in writing.”] The request must clearly state the reasons for requesting that the decision be varied or overturned and must address each point in the denial letter. Failure to do so will result in a second and final denial for that fiscal year.

In the request the applicant may provide only clarifying information that addresses a possible misinterpretation(s) by the Branch of the information submitted with the original application.

**New information or documents that substantively change the original application are not admissible in the reconsideration request.**

The Executive Director, Community Gaming Grants will conduct a thorough review to ensure the Branch’s procedures, rules and conditions were applied fairly and properly, and will either vary or uphold the original decision. The written decision of the Executive Director will be the final step for that application. The decision will be sent to the affected organization within 90 days of receipt of the written request for reconsideration.

Organizations that submit reconsideration requests are required to submit the regular Community Gaming Grant application form when they next apply.

For more information about the Internal Review process, please see: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/gambling-in-bc/internal-review-procedures-grants.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/gambling-in-bc/internal-review-procedures-grants.pdf).

Organizations that have questions or concerns about the content of their grant notification letters, but do not wish to appeal the decision, may call or email the Branch at any time. A formal reconsideration request is not required and response times to questions will be much faster than a formal review.
Applicant Accountability
7. **Using Community Gaming Grant funds**

7.1 **Eligible use of funding for all grant recipients**

Grant funds must be used within British Columbia to cover costs essential to the direct delivery of an approved program within the community.

Eligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- operational costs attributable to the delivery of the approved program;
- wages and benefits of existing paid positions that have been in existence for 12 months (includes paying a contractor and/or converting a contractor to a paid staff position);
- utilities, facility rental and insurance;
- program supplies, office supplies, internet/phone costs or program advertising;
- rental or purchase of equipment essential for the delivery of the approved program;
- volunteer training costs may be included as part of an approved program; and
- travel within British Columbia essential to the direct delivery of the approved program, (please see section 7.4 for information about out-of-province travel).

Grant funds are to cover costs essential to the direct delivery of an approved program, not the organization’s core operating costs. However, an organization can allocate a percentage of their core operating costs towards a program if the costs are directly related to the delivery of the program (e.g. wages, rent, utilities).

For example, if an employee spends 40% of their time working on the eligible program, and 60% working on non-eligible programs or organizational duties (e.g. fundraising, grant writing, board work), 40% of the employee’s wage can be included as a program expense.
7.2 **Minor capital projects**

Applicants may apply for funding for a minor capital project as one of the planned expenditures of a program if the capital project has a total cost of $20,000 or less and is essential to the delivery of an eligible program. Unlike the separate Capital Project Grant Program for capital projects that have a total cost of more than $20,000, a separate application form for minor capital projects is not required.

Examples of minor capital projects include improvements to help persons with a disability access or use a facility (e.g. wheelchair ramp, automatic door opener, lift system, etc.), renovation or maintenance of existing facilities (e.g. kitchen or bathroom upgrades or new flooring to improve usability, etc.), or construction of new facilities (e.g. storage shed, dock, fence, etc.).

The minor capital project should not be applied for as a separate program. The request for the minor capital funding must be built into the Community Gaming Grant application for that specific program. The program description provided in the application must outline why the minor capital project is required, how it relates to the delivery of the program and any long-term planning or saving the organization has done for the project. Third-party quotes or estimates (minimum of one; two or more preferred) must also be included in the application.

*Note:* PACs/DPACs are not eligible for minor capital project funding.

For information on the separate Capital Project Grant Program, see: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/capital-project-grants](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/capital-project-grants)

7.3 **Capital acquisitions**

Applicants may apply for funding for a capital acquisition as one of the planned expenditures of a program if it is required for the direct delivery of an eligible program. The request for funding for a capital acquisition should not be applied for as a separate program, but should be included in a program application. The program description must outline why the capital acquisition is required, how it relates to the delivery of the program and any long-term planning or saving the organization has done for the purchase.

Examples of capital acquisitions include computers, office equipment, furniture, or vehicles.

All requests should include details and/or pictures of the proposed acquisition. For capital acquisitions over $5,000 in value, applicants must include at least one third-party quote with their application.
7.4 Out-of-Province Travel

Out-of-province travel may be considered an eligible expense in exceptional circumstances, such as:

- representing the province as a result of merit achieved through organized competition;
- regional amateur competition in a recognized league that involves cross border travel; or
- medical treatment that is unavailable in the province.

If an organization anticipates they may need to use grant funds for out-of-province travel expenses, they must outline the anticipated use in the “Use of Funds” section in the application. This should include the reason for out-of-province travel, the proposed dates of the travel, the number of people travelling, the destination and estimated cost. If this use of funds is approved, it will be noted in the grant notification letter. Please contact the Branch if you have questions or want to request to use grant funds for unexpected out-of-province travel.

Grant funds may not be used for the following types of out-of-province travel:

- attending conferences, conventions, retreats, training sessions, or board meetings.

7.5 Eligible use of funding for scholarship and bursary programs

Scholarships or bursaries (see section 4.4 and section 11.3) may be an eligible disbursement where all of the following conditions are met:

- the organization is a service club or the scholarship/bursary program is an identified purpose in the organization’s constitution, memorandum or mandate;
- the scholarship/bursary program is offered by an eligible organization whose board determines the selection criteria and procedure;
- the scholarship/bursary is paid directly to the student;
- the grant funds are used for post-secondary education only at a provincially authorized post-secondary institution, as recognized by the Ministry of Advanced Education, or equivalent; and
- the group from which the scholarship/bursary recipient is selected is not primarily comprised of the organization’s members or their families.
7.6 **Prohibited use of funds for all grant recipients**

Community Gaming Grant funds cannot be used for:

- costs not related to the direct delivery of an organization’s approved programs;
- the development of new programs (however, new programs may be eligible once delivered for 12 months);
- adding a new component or service that has not previously been delivered (however a new component or service may be eligible once delivered for 12 months);
- the creation of new paid positions (however, new positions, including converting a volunteer position to a paid position or increasing hours of existing staff, may be eligible once in existence for 12 months);
- wages for time not related to the direct delivery of the program (e.g. wages for time spent grant writing, fundraising and attending board meetings);
- projects, defined as a specific body of work undertaken to create a unique product or service, with a temporary team, for a specified duration;
- travel that is social, recreational or invitational in nature;
- travel or other costs related to administrative-type meetings such as, annual general meetings, board meetings, retreats, conferences, etc.;
- fundraising (e.g. activities such as concessions and sale of goods with the intent to generate revenue);
- monetary prizes or gift cards;
- mortgage payments;
- out-of-province or out-of-country aid;
- out-of-province travel or expenditures without prior approval (see section 7.4);
- past debt (e.g. expenses from a previous fiscal year), loan or interest payments;
- balancing a non-gaming account in deficit position, or to satisfy a cash flow issue;
- replacement of reduced or eliminated funding, including government funding;
- sustaining or endowment funds;
- donations to other organizations or individuals (exception for Service Clubs, see Chapter 3);
- professional development for paid staff; or
- expenses for programs that are delivered under contract.

*Note:* Where an organization employs a person on a contract basis to deliver their program, this can be considered an eligible expense associated with the direct delivery of their program; see section 7.1.
7.7 Disbursement of funding for all grant recipients

Organizations must disburse grant funds within 12 months of their receipt (with the exception of PACs - see Chapter 2). As per section 18.d of the Conditions for a Community Gaming Grant, all grant recipients must secure and retain all account and transaction records and receipts for all disbursements, including cancelled cheques, bank statements, bank transaction receipts, invoices and sale receipts for a period of five years from the end of the fiscal year in which the revenue was disbursed.

If an organization cannot disburse its funds within the required time, it must request approval from the Branch, in writing, to retain the funds for a longer period. Requests can be submitted by e-mail to CommunityGamingGrants@gov.bc.ca.

Grant funds may be transferred – by cheque or electronically – from the Gaming Account to the General Account (i.e. the organization’s day-to-day operating bank account) for the reimbursement of eligible program expenses. To ensure Community Gaming Grants are used for eligible program expenses, the Gaming Account Summary Report must provide clear and complete detailed program expense reporting.

As per section 18.g of the Conditions for a Community Gaming Grant, two current, unrelated board members must authorize electronic transfers and/or automated debit transactions in writing and the authorization document must specify the specific purpose and maximum dollar amount permitted.

All transfers from the Gaming Account to the General/Operating Account are required to meet the following conditions:

- the reimbursement is for eligible expenses from an approved program;
- the expense was incurred within the same fiscal year as when the applicable grant transfer was processed;
- the reimbursement is not for a prior fiscal year’s operating program expenses;
- the reimbursement is not a prepayment of a future general operating program expense; and
- the reimbursement must be supported by invoices/receipts of costs previously incurred.

Transfers from the Gaming Account to the General/Operating Account are required to reconcile dollar for dollar to the applicable General Account program expenses and must have supporting documentation (i.e. invoices/receipts). A clear and defined audit trail is required for the use of all Gaming Account funds.

Upon dissolution of an organization, all unused grant funds and assets purchased with grant funds must be transferred to the Minister of Finance, or if those assets are not in a form that can be easily transferred to the Minister of Finance, then to another eligible organization within BC.
8. **Role of the Community Gaming Grant recipient**

Grant recipients must be accountable for the funds they receive and comply with the *Gaming Control Act*, Gaming Control Regulation and conditions of the grant.

Grant recipients are required to notify the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, without delay, about any conduct, activity or incident that may be considered contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada, the *Gaming Control Act* or Gaming Control Regulations, or that may affect the integrity of gaming.

Grant recipients are expected to manage conflicts of interest, whether real, potential or perceived, as set out in Section 56 of the *Societies Act*. Directors must disclose material interests in proposed or existing contracts or transactions or in a matter that might put a director’s interest in conflict with the director’s duties to the society. Disclosures must be recorded and accessible to members (noted in Board minutes, contained in a consent resolution or mailed to the Board). If you believe a conflict of interest has or has the potential to impact grant funding, please contact the Community Gaming Grants Branch.

8.1 **Grant conditions**

All conditions, including reporting requirements, for all types of grant funds previously received by an organization must be satisfied before another application will be considered.

The mandatory conditions grant recipients must comply with include, but are not limited to:

- maintaining a separate Gaming Account in the organization’s full name that is located in BC;
- having the organization’s name and the words “Gaming Account” printed on the account cheques, which should also contain the institution number, transit number and bank account number. Direct deposit/payroll forms are not accepted;
- making all disbursements from the Gaming Account in accordance with specified grant conditions;
- ensuring that cheques issued against the Gaming Account are signed by two signing authorities, at least one of whom must be an officer of the organization;
- submitting a Gaming Account Summary Report within 90 days of the organization’s fiscal year-end, detailing all gaming funds received and disbursed and describing how the broader community benefited from the programs/services supported by Community Gaming Grants;
- ensuring that records of cheques issued from the Gaming Account are accessible as part of the organization’s gaming records; and
as part of the gaming records, secure and retain all account and transaction records and receipts for all disbursements, including cancelled cheques, bank statements, bank transaction receipts, invoices and sale receipts for a period of five years from the end of the fiscal year in which the revenue was disbursed.

Additional conditions apply. A comprehensive copy of the Conditions for a Community Gaming Grant is located in Appendix VIII and online at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/cond-cgg.pdf

A comprehensive copy of the Conditions for a BCACG/CCGA grant is located in Chapter 4.

Conditions specific to PACs and DPACs are located in Chapter 2 and available online at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/cond-pac-dpac.pdf.

The Compliance Division of GPEB conducts audits to ensure that funds received as a Community Gaming Grant are used for eligible purposes in accordance with the standards, policies, conditions and guidelines. Organizations are selected for audits each year based on specific selection criteria that are directly attributable to risk factors and/or are a result of a complaint received from the public or concerns over organizations’ reporting and/or submitted applications.

8.2 Acknowledgement of funding

Grant recipients must acknowledge the financial assistance provided by the Province of British Columbia in program materials (including any signage used for funded capital projects) by displaying the following written acknowledgement:

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

Please review the logo-use guidelines at the following link and complete the application for third-party use of the logo. Note that designed mock-ups of the logo’s intended use are also required for approval: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/services-for-government/policies-procedures/bc-visual-identity/download-marks
9. **Contact information**

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Community Gaming Grants Branch

Mailing address:
Community Gaming Grants Branch
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Victoria, BC V8W 9T6

Location (for courier deliveries or submitting in person):
6th Floor, 800 Johnson Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1N3

Telephone: 250-356-1081

E-mail: CommunityGamingGrants@gov.bc.ca

Web: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants
Chapter Two:
Information For Parent Advisory Councils (PACs)
And District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs)
10. **PAC/DPAC Overview**

This chapter provides information that applies specifically to PACs and DPACs. The Community Gaming Grants Branch provides funding to PACs and DPACs to support the enhancement of extracurricular opportunities for K-12 students in British Columbia. Please note: PACs and DPACs still need to comply with all of the general Community Gaming Grant requirements listed in Chapter 1 of the guidelines. The following sections of Chapter 1 do not apply to PACs and DPACs: 7.2, 7.3 and sections 4 and 5 in their entirety.

10.1 **Eligibility for PACs and DPACs**

PAC or equivalent groups (such as parent support groups at public schools, group 1 or 2 independent schools or First Nation band schools within BC) are eligible for a grant. These grants apply only to grades K-12. The PAC or equivalent group must be separate from the management and operation of the school and its membership must consist of parents or guardians of students attending the school.

- Funding amounts for PACs are currently set at a rate of $20 per student. The total grant amount is based on student enrollment as of the start of the previous school year.
- The grant funding amount for district parent advisory councils (DPACs) is currently set at $2,500 per year.

10.2 **Eligible use of funding for PACs**

PAC grant funding is intended to benefit students by enhancing their extracurricular opportunities. Eligible uses of grant funds include the following:

- student publications (e.g. newsletters, yearbooks);
- student competitions (e.g. writing, debating, chess, music);
- student computers for extracurricular activities (e.g. software, hardware, accessories);
- student societies (e.g. drama club, student society);
- student ceremonies (e.g. graduation, dry grad);
- uniforms and equipment for extracurricular activities;
- sports equipment;
- capital acquisitions directly benefiting students (e.g. playground equipment);
- awards and trophies;
- scholarships and bursaries for post-secondary education (paid directly to students);
- student conferences, presentations or out of school field trips within BC;
- emergency, safety or earthquake related supplies or equipment;
- student transportation and travel within BC; and
• with prior Branch approval, student transportation and travel outside BC, where the student group:
  • is representing its school as a result of merit achieved through organized competition;
  • is competing in a sport that involves cross border travel;
  • has been selected because of its level of creative achievement or success;
  or
  • is entered in a recognized competition in which there is a formal evaluation or adjudication process.

*Note:* Out of province field trips are not eligible uses of PAC funds.

### 10.3 Eligible use of funding for DPACs

DPAC funding is intended to benefit students by supporting activities that foster parental involvement in the schools and effective communication between schools, parents, students and the community.

Eligible uses of DPAC funding include:
• parental informational and promotional materials;
• administrative costs, including British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) membership fees; and
• travel for regular DPAC meetings.

### 10.4 Prohibited use of funds for PACs

In addition to the ineligible uses of funds outlined in Section 7.6 the following list of prohibited uses also applies to PACs.

Grant funds may not be used to pay for goods or services used primarily by teachers to deliver curriculum or by students to complete curriculum requirements. Materials that are not required in the teaching or completion of curriculum, but which assist in doing so, such as smart boards and other enhanced educational items, are also ineligible for PAC funding.

Ineligible uses of PAC grant funds include, but are not limited to, the following:
• curricular activities or purposes (for example, tablets and smart boards used in class);
• disbursements outside of the province unless approved in advance in writing by the Branch;
• out-of-province travel, unless approved in advance by the Branch;
• out-of-province or out-of-country aid;
• past debt (e.g. expenses from a previous fiscal year), loan or interest payments;
• sustaining or endowment funds;
• extra lighting, curtains, props, etc. for in-school theatre/drama classes;
- replacing the gymnasium floor;
- digital news reader boards;
- goods and services that benefit the parents (e.g. workshop for parents);
- British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils membership fees;
- teachers on call (to attend field trips to assist with supervision);
- staff luncheons; and/or
- professional development of staff.

10.5 Disbursement of funding for PACs and DPACs

Grant funds provided to PACs/DPACs must remain under the management and control of the PAC or DPAC that received them. Funds cannot be used for, or transferred to, curricular purposes or to schools or school districts or their activities or programs.

Grant funds to PACs must be disbursed within 36 months of receipt of the Community Gaming Grant.

Grant funds to DPACs must be disbursed within 12 months of receipt of the Community Gaming Grant.

If an organization cannot disburse its funds within the required timeline, it must request approval from the Branch, in writing, to retain the funds for a longer period. Requests can be submitted by e-mail to CommunityGamingGrants@gov.bc.ca.
10.6 PAC/DPAC Pre-Application Checklist

Before starting to fill out the application form, please make sure you have the required information listed below available to refer to during the applications process. This will make applying faster and easier and avoid unnecessary delays in processing by the Community Gaming Grants Branch.

**Application Processing Time:** Applications may be submitted commencing April 1 and must be received no later than June 30. Applicants will be sent notifications indicating the results of their application by September 30. If your organization has submitted an application but has not received notification by September 30, contact the Community Gaming Grants branch (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/questions-contact-info)

**Notes:**
- For all applications, do not click the “Next” button at the end of the application process (on the “Terms and Conditions” page) unless your application is complete. Once the terms and conditions are accepted the application is submitted and takes time to load. Please do not click “Next” more than once.
- To print an online application, complete and print each screen before clicking the “Next” button. Once you have completed the PAC/DPAC application it cannot be printed.
- Related information and documents as well as general contact information are available on the Community Gaming Grants branch website at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/questions-contact-info

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**Note:** A parent organization may represent more than one school. For example, one parent organization may choose to represent students at both an elementary school and a high school that are located near each other.

**Note:** If you are unable to find or select your school(s) when completing the online application, contact the branch (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/questions-contact-info)
*Required Information*

**Gaming Account Information:**

- Voided cheque from your gaming account (required of organizations that are new to the branch and those that have made changes since their most recent application). The voided cheque must be pre-printed by a financial institution and must include your organization's full name and the words GAMING ACCOUNT. *Direct deposit/authorization forms will not be accepted.*

  **Note:** Organizations new to the branch must open their Gaming Account before applying. Some banks de-activate accounts when there is no activity for a certain amount of time. Please contact your bank to ensure your gaming account status is active so, if approved, your grant funds can be electronically transferred without issue.

**Reporting Information:**

- A Gaming Account Summary Report must be provided for each year that gaming funds were held in the gaming account, up to and including the PAC/DPAC's last fiscal year; the report is due within 90 days following the fiscal year end. Repeat report submissions are not required. Please contact the Branch if you are unsure whether your last fiscal year’s report was submitted to avoid duplication.

**Certification:**

- Two (2) to Four (4) Persons responsible for the application:
  - Board positions, names, home addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of two (2) board members serving as Officers Responsible for the application;
  - Name, position, address, email address and phone number for one (1) submitter; and
  - Name, position, address, email address and phone number for one (1) contact person who must be accessible during regular office hours. Enter only one email address in the delivery method.

  **Note:** Board members may act as the submitter and/or the contact in addition to their role as Officer Responsible; however, the contact person and submitter do not need to be board members.

*All applicants must either provide a scanned copy of this information in PDF, JPG, DOC(X), or XLS(X) format or submit paper copies by mail.*
10.7 Conditions for a PAC/DPAC Grant

A parent advisory council (PAC), eligible independent school parent group or First Nations Band school parent organization or a District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) that is a recipient of a Community Gaming Grant must comply with the following conditions:

General Requirements

1) The grant recipient shall at all times fully comply with all provisions of the Gaming Control Act, all regulations and rules under the Gaming Control Act, all policies published by the Community Gaming Grants Branch, and all directives issued by the Community Gaming Grants manager and/or general manager, whether enacted, published or issued before or after the date the grant was approved, and as amended from time to time.

2) The grant recipient shall fully comply with all other applicable enactments of the Province, all applicable federal laws and applicable municipal bylaws.

3) All of the information contained in and submitted with the grant recipient's application for a PAC/DPAC Grant (“application form”) must be true and correct.

4) All payments of grant monies to the grant recipient are subject to an authorizing appropriation under the Financial Administration Act.

Use of Grant Funds

5) PACs may only use grant funds within BC for eligible disbursements that benefit students by enhancing the extracurricular opportunities as set out in section 10.2 of the Guidelines.

6) DPACs may only use grant funds within BC for administrative costs and to benefit students by supporting activities that foster parental involvement in the schools and promote effective communication between schools, parents, students and the community as set out in section 10.3 of the Guidelines.

7) A receipt must be obtained for each disbursement of gaming funds and retained as part of the gaming records set out in condition 15(d).

8) PACs and DPACs cannot use grant funds for the following ineligible costs:

   a) curricular activities or purposes;

   b) disbursements outside of the province unless approved in advance in writing by the Branch;

   c) out-of-province travel, unless approved in advance by the Branch;

   d) out-of-province or out-of-country aid;
e) past debt, loan or interest payments;
f) sustaining or endowment funds;
g) extra lighting, curtains, props, etc. for in-school theatre/drama classes;
h) replacing the gymnasium floor;
i) digital reader boards;
j) goods and services that benefit the parents;
k) British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils membership fees (exception for DPACs);
l) teachers on call to attend field trips to assist with supervision;
m) staff luncheons; or
n) professional development of staff.

9) PACs and DPACs must retain management and control of the grant funds received by them;

10) PACs and DPACs cannot transfer any gaming funds to schools or school districts unless it is to reimburse a school or school district for a purchase made on behalf of the PAC/DPAC and at the PAC/DPAC’s request.

11) Unless otherwise approved in writing by the Branch, grant funds must be fully disbursed within:

a) 12 months of receipt of the Community Gaming Grant for DPACs; or

b) 36 months of receipt of the Community Gaming Grant for PACs.

12) In the case of a school closure or substantive downsizing, that school’s PAC may, at its sole discretion, disburse funds from its Gaming Account to another eligible PAC to reflect the reassignment of students.

13) In all other circumstances, if the grant recipient is unable to fully disburse the grant funds within the time period specified in condition 11, all remaining funds must be returned to the Minister of Finance.

Financial Control Requirements

14) Gaming funds include any funds generated through gaming including licensed gaming events, Community Gaming Grants, gaming fund donations as well as any GST rebates, interest and revenues from the sale of assets purchased with gaming funds.

15) The grant recipient must:

a) Maintain a separate Gaming Account, specified in the organization’s full name, for the exclusive purpose of receiving, holding and disbursing gaming funds.

b) Obtain cheques for the Gaming Account that have the organization’s full name and the words “Gaming Account” printed on them.
c) Maintain Gaming Account records that clearly show the amount and purpose of each transaction.

d) Retain all gaming records for a period of five years from the end of the fiscal year in which the revenue was disbursed. The gaming records include all financial records, cancelled cheques, bank statements, bank transaction receipts, invoices and sale receipts, and all receipts from the disbursement of gaming revenue;

e) Ensure the cheques issued against the Gaming Account are signed by at least two of the organization’s signing officials; at least one of which must be an officer of the organization;

f) Only use electronic transfers and/or automated debits from the Gaming Account where two current board members have authorized the transactions in writing. This authorization must specify the purpose and maximum dollar amount permitted.

16) Cash transactions from the Gaming Account are not permitted.

Audit and Financial Reporting Requirements

17) The grant recipient must file a Gaming Account summary report within 90 days after the end of the recipient’s fiscal year.

18) The grant recipient shall provide audited statements and other information that the Community Gaming Grants manager and/or general manager may request from time to time.

19) The grant recipient will be audited periodically as required by the Community Gaming Grants manager and/or general manager. Any reports resulting from those audits may be disclosed publicly, in compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Suspension, Revocation and Repayment of Grant Funds

20) If, in the opinion of the Community Gaming Grants manager and/or general manager, any of these conditions are not satisfactorily met by the grant recipient, its agents or employees, the grant recipient may be required to repay all or a portion of the grant funds, and/or suspend or revoke the grant. A fine or fines may also be imposed under section 98 of the Gaming Control Act.
Chapter Three: 
Information For Service Clubs
11. **Service Club Overview**

This chapter provides information that applies specifically to service clubs.

Service clubs are community organizations that deliver their own programs, donate to other organizations in their community, or provide scholarships and bursaries. Please note that service clubs still need to comply with the requirements listed in Chapter 1 of the guidelines.

11.1 **Examples of service clubs**

Service clubs are different from many non-profit organizations because, as a part of their charitable work, they raise money for other organizations.

Examples of service clubs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Elks Canada and Canadian Royal Purple;
- Elves Club;
- Kinsmen Club, Kinette Club and Kin Clubs;
- Kiwanis Club;
- Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes;
- Lions Club, Lioness Clubs and Leo Clubs;
- Optimist Club;
- Rotary Club;
- Royal Canadian Legion, Ladies’ Auxiliary and Youth Auxiliary;
- Shrine Club;
- Soroptimist Club;
- Zonta Club.

11.2 **Eligibility for service clubs**

A service club is eligible for a Community Gaming Grant if it meets the eligibility criteria in section 3.1 and has 10 or more voting members. Service clubs must apply under the Human and Social Services sector. Examples of service clubs are provided in Section 11.4
11.3 Programs specific to service clubs

Community donations programs

Service clubs are the only organizations that may provide community donations programs.

Service clubs may donate their Community Gaming Grant funding to those community organizations and programs that meet all eligibility criteria for a grant. One-time donations are also permitted to an individual or family within the service club’s community where the donation will provide emergency assistance or relieve an exceptional condition or circumstance.

Pertaining to donations, service clubs:

- may donate to another organization, as long as the recipient organization and programs meet all eligibility criteria, including a separate and democratically chosen board;
- are responsible for monitoring how funds are disbursed by the donation recipient and are required to report to the Branch any instance where funds were used inappropriately;
- may donate to hospital foundations toward the purchase of medical equipment;
- may retain up to seven per cent annually from each Community Gaming Grant donated to another community organization to cover administrative costs;
- cannot receive grant funds from, or donate grant funds to, another service club; and
- must report all donations, including money retained for administration fees, on their Gaming Account Summary Report.

In addition to a service club’s community donations program, a service club that runs its own programs must apply for these as separate programs within one Community Gaming Grant application.
**Scholarship and bursary programs**

Service clubs are eligible to provide scholarship or bursary programs, either directly or through the use of conduit organizations. A scholarship is provided to a student on the basis of academic merit. A bursary is provided to a student on the basis of financial need.

Scholarships or bursaries may be an eligible disbursement where:
- the organization is a service club;
- the scholarship/bursary program is offered by an eligible organization whose board determines the selection criteria and procedure;
- the scholarship/bursary is paid directly to the student;
- the grant funds are used for post-secondary education only at a provincially authorized post-secondary institution, as recognized by the Ministry of Advanced Education, or equivalent; and
- the group from which the scholarship/bursary recipient is selected is not primarily comprised of the organization’s members or their families.

**Use of Conduit Organizations**

Service clubs are the only organizations that may donate to conduit organizations. Service clubs may make a donation from gaming grant funds to an approved conduit organization for the purpose of distributing scholarships and bursaries only. The conduit organization, defined as an approved organization that receives Community Gaming Grant funds from the donating service club for the purpose of distributing the funds as scholarships or bursaries, must:
- meet the same organizational eligibility requirements as other community organizations receiving grant funds;
- have a separate Gaming Account for receipt of the gaming funds from donating organizations to be used for scholarships and bursaries;
- appropriately disburse the gaming fund donations as scholarships or bursaries from the Gaming Account within 12 months of receipt (see section 3.3 regarding eligible disbursements);
- advise the donating service club of any instances where scholarship/bursary funds are returned by the student, and deposit those funds back into the conduit organization’s Gaming Account;
- not put any gaming funds, including those returned by a student, into an endowment or trust account; and
- not charge any service costs or administrative charges to the donating service club (for administering the scholarship/bursary).

For a list of approved conduit organizations, or to register as a “conduit organization” contact the Branch at CommunityGamingGrants@gov.bc.ca.
11.4 Eligible use of funding for service clubs’ conduit organizations

Gaming funds distributed by eligible conduit organizations (see section 11.3) as scholarships/bursaries must be:

- only available to individuals who reside in BC;
- open to the community, within the criteria set by the donating service club; and
- payable to the student.

**Note:** If for any reason, the student does not complete the funded studies, the student must return funds to the conduit organization, which must then advise the donating service club. The donating service club may allow the conduit organization to immediately donate the returned funds to a different suitable scholarship/bursary recipient or to hold the funds for a future donation. Alternatively, if the funds were granted by the Branch to the donating service club more than 12 months previously, the donating service club may return the funds to the Ministry of Finance.
Chapter Four: Information for the British Columbia Association of Charitable Gaming (BCACG) and Community Charitable Gaming Associations (CCGAs)
12. **Overview**

This chapter provides information that applies to the British Columbia Association for Charitable Gaming (BCACG) and Community Charitable Gaming Associations (CCGAs). The purpose of the BCACG and the CCGAs is to provide support services to charities and non-profit organizations for the purpose of applying for Community Gaming Grants. The BCACG and CCGAs must comply with the general rules outlined in Chapter 1, with the exception of those noted in the conditions in 12.2.

12.1 **Eligibility for the BCACG and CCGAs**

The BCACG is a provincial not-for-profit organization that liaises between community groups and the Province. The BCACG provides support services to charities and non-profit organizations for the purpose of applying for Community Gaming Grants.

CCGAs are not-for-profit organizations that support charities and non-profit groups with their applications for Community Gaming Grants. CCGAs work closely with the BCACG as the provincial coordinating group and are in place to be a liaison and conduit between community groups and the Province.

Both the BCACG and CCGAs are eligible for Community Gaming Grants for the sole purpose of delivering programming in support of the Community Gaming Grants program. Please see Appendix IX for the conditions for BCACG/CCGA grants.

12.2 **Conditions for a BCACG/CCGA Grant**

**Conditions for the BCACG**

The BCACG will be required to deliver on the following activities as a condition of their Community Gaming Grant:

- Provide leadership and support to local CCGAs.
  - Collaborate with CCGAs to ensure a coordinated support system.
  - Ensure that CCGAs’ presentations are consolidated through the BCACG.
  - Work with the CCGAs to develop a common report template agreed to by all parties.
- Communicate key information throughout the sector.
- Deliver community presentations using MAH-approved materials.
- Report service delivery statistics to MAH to share how the organization is engaging with its members (e.g. number of presentations delivered, number and type of organizations helped, outcomes of assisted organizations’ applications, etc.).
- Seek and document feedback from community groups to provide to MAH.
- Provide sector expertise to support future-focused policy development.
The Community Gaming Grants branch recognizes that some portions of the Guidelines will not apply to the BCACG in the delivery of programming with the sole purpose of assisting non-profits in applying for Community Gaming Grants. These sections are:

- Section 1 – Non-profit community organizations that directly deliver approved programs to their communities may be eligible for a program grant.
- Section 4.1 – For a program to be eligible for funding, an organization must demonstrate that it has delivered the program within British Columbia for at least 12 months at the time of application.
- Section 4.1 – Community Gaming Grants are not intended to be used for an organization’s core funding.
- Section 5.2 – The amount approved may be limited if the amount requested raises federal and provincial government funding to more than 75 per cent of the total program actual cost.
- Section 7.6 – Community Gaming Grant funds cannot be used for the development of new programs; creation of new paid positions; expansion of an existing program; travel or other costs related to annual general meetings, board meetings, retreats, conferences, etc.; and replacement of reduced or eliminated funding, including government funding.

The branch recognizes that if grant funding exceeds 75 per cent of the total program cost, the organization will be using provincial funding to cover costs associated with the general administration of the organization.

All other sections of the Guidelines remain applicable to the BCACG. In particular, this includes the need for the BCACG to: have board members who are democratically chosen by, and from within, its voting membership; submit a Gaming Account Summary Report within 90 days of the organization’s fiscal year-end; and submit budgets, financial statements and actuals with its grant application.

Further, if the BCACG engages in programming that is not directly related to the purpose of supporting other non-profits in applying for Community Gaming Grants, the organization will be required to fulfill all of the requirements of the Guidelines if applying for support for the other programming.

The Conditions for a Community Gaming Grant continue to apply to the BCACG with the exception of items 8 (a), (f), and (l) in the Use of Grant Funds section.
**Conditions for CCGAs**

CCGAs will be required to deliver on the following activities as a condition of their Community Gaming Grant:

- Work closely with the BCACG.
  - Collaborate with the BCACG and other CCGAs to ensure a coordinated support system;
  - submit presentation materials to the BCACG for consolidation; and
  - co-operate with the BCACG and other CCGAs to develop a common report template agreed to by all parties.

- Communicate key information throughout the sector.

- Deliver community presentations using branch-approved materials.

- Report service delivery statistics to the branch to share how organizations are engaging with their members (e.g. number of presentations delivered, number and type of organizations helped, outcomes of assisted organizations’ applications, etc.).

- Seek and document feedback from community groups to provide to MAH.

- Provide sector expertise to support future-focused policy development.

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Further, if CCGAs engage in programming that is not directly related to the sole purpose of supporting other non-profits in applying for Community Gaming Grants, they will be required to fulfil all of the requirements of the Guidelines if applying for support for the other programming.

The Conditions for a Community Gaming Grant continue to apply to CCGAs with the exception of items 8 (a), (f), and (l) in the Use of Grant Funds section.
Appendix I: Determination of Program Delivery Level

In order to be eligible to receive funding at the regional or provincial levels, applicants are required to provide the Branch with a business case justifying the reason(s) their programs and services could be considered to be regional or provincial in nature, as opposed to local.

The Branch will assess these requests on a case-by-case basis in the context of the applicant’s sector. Typically, factors such as the following are considered:

- the number of people accessing services;
- the geographic reach of the program/services;
- the number of alternate/adjacent service providers within the geographic jurisdiction of the organization; whether comparable organizations would recognize the organization as the “regional” or “provincial” lead or service provider;
- clearly articulated letters of support from relevant local organizations and relevant sector partners; and
- any other measures deemed relevant to the program delivery and the sector.

Generally, there can only be one regional organization by sector/subsector. Regardless of the local, regional or provincial status of an organization, each application is assessed on its own merit each year on the basis of the size and scope of the programming presented.
# Appendix II: Reasons For Requested Documents

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<td>To calculate an organization’s surplus percentage to validate financial eligibility</td>
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<td>Organization’s budget for current fiscal year.</td>
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<td><strong>For each program for which the organization is requesting funding:</strong> the program’s actual revenues and expenses from the previous fiscal year; and the program’s budget for the current fiscal year. If the organization has listed in-kind contributions in the program financials, it must also provide details regarding the source/type/value of the support.</td>
<td>To assess the size and scope of each program and the funding level requested. To see if the program is sustainable and if there is a financial need for the funding.</td>
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<td><strong>For each program for which the organization is requesting funding:</strong> a program description (either in the online application itself or attached as a supplementary document). Must demonstrate direct community benefit, delivered in BC for minimum of 12 months, etc.</td>
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<td>To review the organization’s purpose(s) and structure to determine its eligibility.</td>
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<td>Board of Directors list, with positions listed</td>
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<td>To ensure that related or married persons are not co-signing Gaming Account cheques.</td>
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<td>Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes</td>
<td>For evidence that a democratic election of board members has occurred and to confirm financial eligibility.</td>
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<td>Void Gaming Account cheque</td>
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<td>Child care license (only if the program is licensed)</td>
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<td>Previous year’s Gaming Account Summary Report (GASR) (does not have to be attached to the application)</td>
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<td>Third-party quotation for capital acquisitions over $5,000 in value and minor capital projects</td>
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Appendix III: Government Funding

Under section 1.5.2, “government funding” is considered to be money that is provided directly to an organization from the federal or provincial government or a federal/provincial body, such as school districts, health authorities and Crown corporations. Funding from local/municipal government is not included in the calculation. Examples of sources of government funding include, but are not limited to, the following:

Provincial

- Agricultural Land Reserve Commission
- BC Arts Council
- BC Council for International Education
- BC First Nations Health Authority
- BC Games Society
- BC Housing Management Commission (BC Housing)
- BC Immigrant Investment Fund
- BC Touring Council
- Child Care Operating Funding (from the Ministry of Children and Family Development)
- Columbia Basin Trust
- Community Link
- Community Living British Columbia
- Environmental Assessment Office
- First Peoples’ Cultural Council
- Forestry Innovation Investment Ltd.
- Fraser Health Authority
- Innovate BC
- Interior Health Authority
- Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
- Legal Services Society
- Northern Health Authority
- Provincial Health Services Authority
- Royal BC Museum
- School districts
- Vancouver Island Health Authority
- Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
- Vancouver Island Health Authority
- Work BC
Federal

- Canada Council for the Arts
- Canada Development Investment Corporation
- Canada Lands Company Limited
- Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
- Canadian Wildlife Service
- Department of Canadian Heritage
- Employment and Social Development Canada
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- First Nations and Inuit Health Branch - Health Canada
- First Nations Health Authority
- National Arts Centre Corporation
- Natural Resources Canada
- New Initiative Fund
- Service Canada
- Western Economic Diversification Canada

Government funding that is provided through a third party will not be considered to be government funding for the purpose of assessing Community Gaming Grants.
Appendix IV:  
Regular Form Pre-Application Checklist

Before starting to fill out the application form, please make sure you have the following information from your files at hand. This preparation will make applying faster and easier for you and will avoid unnecessary delays in processing by the Community Gaming Grants Branch.

Please note: only complete applications will be processed by the Community Gaming Grants Branch. An application is considered complete when all supporting documentation has been received.

Supporting Documentation:
Applicants must either upload a scanned copy of the required supporting documentation in PDF, JPG, DOC(X), or XLS(X) format. If you are unable to attach the supporting documentation at the time of online application, it must be received at the Branch within two (2) weeks of the online form submission by e-mail or mail. If any required supporting documentation is not received within the two (2) week timeframe, the application may not be considered by the Branch.

Application Processing Time:
Applications must be submitted within the appropriate sector application periods (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/documents-forms). All applicants will be sent notifications indicating the results of their application by the final notification date for the sector they applied under (see previous link). If your organization has submitted an application but has not received notification by the final notification date, contact the Community Gaming Grants Branch (https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/questions-contact-info).

Notes:
- For all applications, do not click the “Next” button at the end of the application process (on the “Terms and Conditions” page) unless your application is complete. Once the terms and conditions are accepted the application is submitted. The system will take 24 hours to update.
- To print a finished regular form application, open and save the link to the Application Summary PDF provided on the confirmation page at the end of the application process.
- When attaching documentation to an online application, click the “Browse” button in the appropriate section to find the file on your computer. Once you have found the correct file, click “Add” to attach it to the application. Repeat as necessary to attach all relevant documents. You may attach
multiple documents in each attachment section. You may also attach the Gaming Account Summary Report for the previous fiscal year.

- Related information and documents as well as general contact information are available on the Community Gaming Grants Branch website at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/questions-contact-info

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<td>- Constitution and bylaws – certified copies (if incorporated) or signed/dated copies (if not incorporated). This applies to organizations that are new to the Branch or have not applied for 3 years. ✽</td>
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<td>- Board of directors list, including their names, positions on the board, home addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers. ✽</td>
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<td>- Most recent annual general meeting minutes, including the election of the board and the number of eligible voting members who attended the meeting. If elections are not held at the AGM please attach the minutes from the meeting at which the Board of Directors was elected. ✽</td>
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**Note:** If an organization's fiscal year recently ended and the year-end financial statements are not finalized (e.g. being prepared by an accountant), please submit draft or internally prepared financial statements.

**Gaming Account Information:**

- Voided cheque from your gaming account (required of organizations that are new to the Branch and those that have made changes since their most recent application). The voided cheque must be pre-printed by a financial institution and must include your organization’s full name and the words GAMING ACCOUNT imprinted on it. ✽ Direct deposit/Authorization forms will not be accepted.

**Note:** Organizations new to the Branch must open their Gaming Account before applying.

Some banks de-activate accounts when there is no activity for a certain amount of time. Please contact your bank to ensure your gaming account status is active so, if approved, your grant funds can be electronically transferred without issue.
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| ☐ For each program, revenue and expense statements for the previous fiscal year. ✴
  Federal or provincial government funding, including contract or grant monies, must be clearly identified.  
  If in-kind contributions are included in the program financials, an In-Kind Contributions Summary must also be submitted. This summary must provide details regarding the type, value, and source of in-kind support. An example summary is available on our website. |
| ☐ For each program, budget for the current fiscal year. Federal or provincial government funding, including contract or grant monies, must be clearly identified. ✴ |
| ☐ For each program:
  • How long the organization has delivered the program;
  • how grant funds will be used. Provide an itemized listing;
    • If grant funds are requested for a minor capital project or a capital acquisition, include professional quotes.
  • the activities and delivery of the program (i.e. the activities provided and how they are delivered, community benefit, accessibility, sustainability and community support);
  • the number of people who will participate in, or benefit from, the program;
  • if applicable, a copy of the daycare license; ✴
  • sports organizations that are not provincial sport organizations must provide the total number of registered participants. Each participant should only be included once; and ✴
  • Scout and Cadet Organizations, applying under the Human Social Services sector and Enhancement of Youth subsector, must provide the total number of registered scouts/cadets. ✴ |
| **Certification:** |
| ☐ Two (2) to Four (4) Persons responsible for the application:
  • Board positions, names, home addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of two (2) board members serving as Officers Responsible for the application;
  • name, position, address, email address and phone number for one (1) submitter; and
  • name, position, address, email address and phone number for one (1) contact person who must be accessible during regular office hours. Enter only one email address in the delivery method. |
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✴ All applicants must either provide a scanned copy of this information in PDF, JPG, DOC(X), or XLS(X) format or submit paper copies by mail. Online applications can have up to two (2) weeks to submit the mail-in documentation.
Appendix V:
Short Form Pre-Application Checklist

Before starting to fill out the short form application, please use the checklist below to make sure you have on hand the required information from your files. This preparation will make applying faster and easier for you and will avoid unnecessary delays in processing by the Community Gaming Grants Branch.

Please note, only complete applications will be processed by the Community Gaming Grants Branch. An application is considered complete when all supporting documentation has been received.

**Short Form Application Eligibility:**
Organizations that are re-applying for a Community Gaming Grant may be eligible to use the short form application. To determine if your organization is eligible, please see sections 3 to 5 of the Community Gaming Grant Guidelines for eligibility criteria: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants)

**Supporting Documentation:**
Applicants must either upload a scanned copy of the required supporting documentation in PDF, JPG, DOC(X), or XLS(X) format. If you are unable to attach the supporting documentation at the time of online application, it must be received at the Branch within two (2) weeks of the online form submission by e-mail or mail. **If any required supporting documentation is not received within the two week timeframe, the application may not be considered by the Branch.**

Where supporting documentation is required, it is indicated by a ✽ in the checklist below.

**Application Processing Time:**
Applications must be submitted within sector application periods (see [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants)). All applicants will be sent notifications indicating the results of their application by the final notification date for the sector they applied under (see previous link). If your organization has submitted an application but has not received notification after the final notification date, contact the Community Gaming Grants Branch ([https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/questions-contact-info](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/questions-contact-info)).
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- A Gaming Account Summary Report for your organization’s previous fiscal year must be filed with the Branch within 90 days after your organization’s fiscal year end.

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**Program Information- for each program for which funding is requested, provide the following:**

☐ Program revenues and expenditures (for the previous fiscal year) ✽ For each program, separate actual revenue and expense statements from the last fiscal year must be provided.

☐ Program budget (for the current fiscal year) ✽ Program budget for the current fiscal year (for each program for which funding is requested) must be provided. The program budget must detail confirmed and potential revenue sources and all planned expenditures. Federal or provincial government funding, including contract or grant monies, must be clearly identified.
Short Application Form

Required Information

☐ Program details

- For each program:
  - Requested grant amount;
  - how grant funds will be used;
    - if grant funds are requested for a minor capital project or a capital acquisition, include professional quotes.
  - the number of people who will directly benefit from the program; and
    - Sports organizations that are not provincial sport organizations must provide the total number of registered participants in the program. Each participant should only be included once.
    - Scout and Cadet organizations must provide the total number of registered scouts/cadets.
  - if applicable, a copy of the daycare licence.

Certification:

☐ Persons responsible for the application

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Appendix VI:
Conditions For A Community Gaming Grant

The recipient of a Community Gaming Grant must comply with the following conditions:

General Requirements

1. The grant recipient shall at all times fully comply with all provisions of the Gaming Control Act, all regulations and rules under the Gaming Control Act, all policies published by the Community Gaming Grants Branch, and all directives issued by the Community Gaming Grants manager and/or general manager, whether enacted, published or issued before or after the date the grant was approved, and as amended from time to time.

2. The grant recipient shall fully comply with all other applicable enactments of the Province, all applicable federal laws and applicable municipal bylaws.

3. The grant recipient shall notify the General Manager, Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB), without delay, about any conduct, activity or incident that may be considered contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada, the Gaming Control Act or Gaming Control Regulations, or that may affect the integrity of gaming.

4. All of the information contained in and submitted with the grant recipient’s application for a Community Gaming Grant must be true and correct.

5. All payments of grant monies to the grant recipient are subject to an authorizing appropriation under the Financial Administration Act.

Funding Acknowledgement

6. The grant recipient must acknowledge the financial assistance of the Province of British Columbia in program materials (including any signage used for funded capital projects) by displaying the following written acknowledgement:

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

Use of Grant Funds

7. Grant funds may only be used within BC to cover eligible costs essential to the delivery of an approved program, including, but not limited to:
   a. operational costs directly attributable to the delivery of the program, such as wages of existing paid position(s), utilities, facility rental, program supplies, office supplies, internet/phone, program advertising, etc.;
   b. rental or purchase of equipment essential for the delivery of the program; or in-province travel essential to the direct delivery of the program; and
c. training of volunteers as part of the program, including travel or other costs related to volunteers attending conferences

8. Grant funds cannot be used for the following ineligible costs:
   a. costs not related to the direct delivery of approved programs;
   b. the development of new programs;
   c. adding a new component or service that has not been previously delivered;
   d. wages for time not related to the direct delivery of the program;
   e. travel that is social, recreational or invitational in nature;
   f. travel or other costs related to administrative-type meetings, such as annual general meetings, board meetings staff/board retreats, etc.;
   g. out-of-province travel or expenditures, unless pre-approved in writing by the Branch.
   h. out-of-province or out-of-country aid;
   i. past debt, loan, mortgage or interest payments;
   j. sustaining or endowment funds;
   k. donations to other organizations or individuals (exception for Service Clubs)
   l. professional development of staff;
   m. fundraising, including, for example, such activities as concessions and sale of goods with the intent to generate revenue;
   n. balancing a non-gaming account in deficit position or to satisfy a cash flow issue;
   o. monetary prizes or gift cards; and
   p. expenses for programs that are delivered under contract.

9. Grant funds cannot be used for purposes not approved by the Branch but may be redistributed amongst the grant recipient’s approved programs. Any redistribution of funds must be documented in the financial information accompanying future applications for grant funding.

10. The grant funds must be fully disbursed within 12 months of receipt, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Community Gaming Grants Branch, and can be applied to eligible disbursements incurred any time during the organization’s fiscal year in which they were received. Grant funds to PACs may be accumulated for up to three years without prior approval from the Branch.

11. If an approved program is cancelled before the grant funds are fully disbursed, all remaining funds must be used toward another approved program or returned to the Minister of Finance.
**Service Clubs – Community Donations Programs**

12. Service clubs must donate the grant funds to other community organizations and programs, including approved capital projects, meeting eligibility criteria outlined in the program Guidelines.

13. Donations must directly benefit communities or community members, including individuals or families where relief is of a short-term nature or a one-time payment intended to relieve an exceptional or unusual condition or circumstance.

14. Service clubs may not use grant funds for their own programs unless the Branch has provided written approval for the program since August 19, 2002, when the *Gaming Control Act* was proclaimed.

15. Service clubs cannot receive grant funds from another service club and cannot donate grant funds to:
   a. Another service club; or
   b. Agencies and/or programs outside of British Columbia.

16. Service clubs are responsible for monitoring the use of grant funds by the donation recipient and are required to immediately report to the Branch any suspected or known instance where grants funds are not used for eligible purposes consistent with Conditions 1 through 11.

**Financial Control Requirements**

17. Gaming funds include any funds generated through gaming, including licensed gaming events, Community Gaming Grants, gaming fund donations as well as any GST/HST rebates, interest and revenues from the sale of assets purchased with gaming funds.

18. The grant recipient must:
   a. Maintain a Gaming Account, specified in the organization's full name, for the exclusive purpose of receiving, holding and disbursing gaming funds, including any gaming funds received through licensed gaming, Community Gaming Grants or gaming fund donations from service clubs;
   b. Obtain cheques for the Gaming Account that have the organization's full name and the words “Gaming Account” printed on them;
   c. Maintain Gaming Account records that clearly show the amount and purpose of each transaction;
   d. As part of the gaming records, secure and retain all account and transaction records and receipts for all disbursements, including cancelled cheques, bank statements, bank transaction receipts, invoices and sale receipts for a period of five years from the end of the fiscal year in which the revenue was disbursed;
   e. Keep a record of all volunteered hours, material and equipment donations that comprise all or part of the local funding requirement,
and retain the information as part of the gaming records for a period of five years from the end of the fiscal year in which the revenue was disbursed;

f. Ensure the cheques issued against the Gaming Account are signed by at least two of the organization’s signing officials, at least one of whom must be an officer of the organization unless a formal exception has been approved by the Executive Director, Community Gaming Grants Branch. These signing officials cannot be related. Cheques issued against the Gaming Account must not be pre-signed; and

g. Use electronic transfers and/or automated debits from the Gaming Account only where two current board members have authorized the transactions in writing; these board members cannot be related by either blood or marriage. The authorization document must specify the specific purpose and maximum dollar amount permitted for electronic transfers and/or automated debits, and must be included with the Gaming Account records. General purposes such as “wages” are not sufficiently detailed.

19. Cash transactions from the Gaming Account are not permitted (i.e. cheques cannot be paid out to “cash”).

Audit and Financial Reporting Requirements

20. The grant recipient must file a Gaming Account Summary Report, within 90 days after the end of the recipient’s fiscal year.

21. From time to time, the grant recipient may be required to provide audited statements and other information the Community Gaming Grants manager and/or general manager may request.

22. The grant recipient will be audited periodically, as required by the Community Gaming Grants manager and/or general manager. Any report resulting from those audits may be disclosed publicly, in compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Suspension, Revocation and Repayment of Grant Funds

23. If, in the opinion of the Community Gaming Grants manager and/or the general manager, any of these conditions are not satisfactorily met by the grant recipient, its agents or employees, the grant recipient may be required to repay all or a portion of the grant funds, and/or suspend or revoke the grant. A fine or fines may also be imposed under section 98 of the Gaming Control Act.

Contact Information
Related information and documents, as well as general contact information, are available on the Community Gaming Grants Branch website at https://gov.bc.ca/gaminggrants.
Know your limit, play within it.
For Help: 1-888-795-6111 or www.bcresponsiblegambling.ca