



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: 2009 Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant Allocations

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve Major Sport Hosting Grants totalling \$61,850 as listed in the body of this report. Source of funds to be the Sport Hosting Grant Budget.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreations recommends approval of the foregoing.

COUNCIL POLICY

On July 13, 2006 Council approved a Sport Hosting Policy and Sport Hosting Grant Program effective January 1, 2007, with annual funding of \$200,000 to support a range of sporting events not eligible under the Hosting BC program.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

SUMMARY

This report recommends approval of Sport Hosting Event Grants totaling \$61,850.

BACKGROUND

On July 13, 2006, as part of a report on the development of a comprehensive Vancouver Sport Strategy, Council approved a Sport Hosting Grant Program with annual funding of \$200,000 to support a range of sporting events not eligible under the HostingBC Program.

At the same meeting under a separate report, Council approved funding in the amount of \$300,000 over a three year period (\$100,000 in each of 2007, 2008 & 2009) to support the

development of the 2009 BC World Police and Fire Games to be held in Vancouver, with the source of funds to be the newly approved Sport Hosting Program. This approval leaves \$100,000 in grants available per year for each year between 2007 and 2009 to support other Sport Hosting Grant applicants.

Specific assessment guidelines were also outlined in the Council report and three types of grants were designed to support sport hosting: Major Operating Grants, Major Offset Grants and Community Grants.

DISCUSSION

The Review Panel is comprised of representatives with a range of expertise in sport hosting from the Park Board, the City's FEST Committee and key community stakeholders in the sport hosting community.

The panel received 8 applications totalling \$114,625 in funding, including three major operating grants and 5 community grants. The panel met to review applications in April.

Summary of Review Panel Recommendations

The Review Panel applied the criteria outlined in the assessment guidelines carefully, noting that Council required certain criteria to be met while others were to be considered enhancements to an application. Not all organizations met the required criteria and therefore some applications could not be recommended for support.

Table 1 below outlines the organizations and events which applied for grants, and the requested & recommended grants.

Table 1

Organization	Event	Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
Major Sport Event Operating Grants			
LifeSport Holding Ltd.	Subaru West Coast Triathlon	\$15,125	\$0 Applicant not a BC registered non-profit society
Tennis BC	Davis Cup	\$30,000	\$0 Event not held in Vancouver
Vancouver International Marathon Society	Marathon, Wheelchair Marathon, Half Marathon, 8K Race, Kids MaraFun	\$50,000	\$50,000
Community Sport Event Operating Grants			
Badminton BC	National College & University Championships	\$2,500	\$0 Event not held in Vancouver

Organization	Event	Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
BC Amateur Softball Association	Learn-to-play 2009	\$5,000	\$500 Conditionally recommended pending resubmission of budget
CircusWest Performing Arts Society	2009 BC Provincial Gymnaestrada	\$3,000	\$2,350 Grant amount revised to maximum 10% of operating budget
Cycling BC	Yaletown Grand Prix	\$5,000	\$5,000
Metro Vancouver Basketball Association	Kitsfest 2009	\$4,000	\$4,000

As noted in the above table, a number of grants are conditionally recommended to Council. In each case event organizers cannot yet confirm some details related to their particular event, but the events are strong candidates which can be recommended and will fully meet the grant criteria once the outstanding details are confirmed. If any of the conditionally recommended grants cannot meet the conditions imposed by the panel, the funds would be carried forward for future applications.

Approval of these recommendations would leave \$38,150 available of the \$100,000 in the 2009 Sport Event Hosting Grant budget. Given that not all the available funding has been recommended to be allocated, the Review Panel is proposing to provide 2 other intake periods for 2009: May, 31, 2009 and September 30, 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As listed above, the Review Panel is recommending support for Major and Community Sport Operating grants totaling \$61,850. Approval of these recommendations would leave \$38,150 available of the \$100,000 2009 Sport Event Hosting Grant budget. Remaining funds would be carried forward to support future applications.

CONCLUSION

This report outlines the first recommendations for 2009 Vancouver Sport Hosting Grants.

The recommendations reflect a careful and considered process of the Review Panel members against the policy and guidelines provided by Council.

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