



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets  
FROM: Acting General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation  
SUBJECT: Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant: Allocations

***RECOMMENDATION***

THAT Council approve Sport Hosting Grants totalling \$120,057 as listed in the body of this report. Source of funds to be the Sport Hosting Grant Budget.

***GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS***

The Acting General Manager of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation 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.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

***SUMMARY***

This report recommends approval of Major Sport Operating Grants totalling \$120,057.

***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 Hosting BC Program.

Specific assessment guidelines were also outlined in the Council report and three types of grants were designed to support sport hosting:

**Major Sport Event Operating Grant** - Funding for direct operating costs only to a maximum of 10% of total gross operating budget to a maximum of \$100,000. Typical grant approvals are expected to be in the range of \$10,000. This grant cannot be used for capital projects, prize money, to advance a profit venture or advance the activities of the host. Funding is provided in two stages, an initial amount of 75% of the grant and a final payment following review of financial statements and payment of any city services. For multiyear funding submissions, approval will be based on a pro-rated formula over the term of the grant with the final allotment granted upon receipt and acceptance of final financial statements and payment for any city services.

**Major Sport Event City Service Offset Grant** - Funding to offset direct city services such as police, engineering, parks. Maximum request of up to 50% of an event's city service costs to a maximum of \$10,000. Approval is granted prior to the event and the support is realized as an offset against the invoice for city services. The grant cannot be applied against deposits or other expenses other than direct city services. No cheque is produced by the City for deposit by the event organizers. Any outstanding balance on the approved grant which is not required to cover the costs of city services remains in the grant program to be used by other sport events.

**Community Sport Event Operating Grant** - Funding for direct operating costs only to a maximum of 10% of total gross operating budget to a maximum of \$5,000. This grant cannot be used for capital projects, prize money, to advance a profit venture or advance the activities of the host. Funding is provided in two stages, an initial amount of 75% of the grant and a final payment following review of financial statements and payment of any city services.

### *DISCUSSION*

The Review Panel is comprised of representatives with a range of expertise in sport hosting from the Park Board and key community stakeholders in the sport hosting community.

The panel received eight applications during the Spring 2010 intake. There were five applications for major operating grants and three for community grants. The panel met to review applications in May 2010.

### **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

Organization	Event	Grant Requested	Grant Recommended
<b>Major Sport Event Operating Grants</b>			
Vancouver 2015 Deaflympics Games Society	Vancouver 2015 Deaflympics	\$100,000	\$100,000
Peace it Together Society	Vancouver International Soccer Festival	\$11,570	\$11, 570
Coaches Association of BC	Reflections on Vancouver 2010	\$10,000	\$1,950
<b>Community Sport Event Operating Grants</b>			
MoreSports	MoreSports Soccer Jam	\$5,000	\$3,537
Vancouver Girls Basketball Association	Sunshine Invitational Basketball Tournament	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 Events</b>	<b>\$129,570</b>	<b>\$120,057</b>

The Review Panel recommends support of \$120,057 for the sporting events listed in Table 1.

### *FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS*

Table 2

<b>Summary of the Sport Hosting Grant Application History</b>			
Year of Intake	Total Number of Applications	Amount of Grant Requested	Amount of Grant Approved
2007*	5*	\$481,000*	\$346,000*
2008	15	\$377,024	\$107,024
2009	14	\$332,925	\$166,850
<b>2007-2009</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$1,190,949</b>	<b>\$619,874</b>

\*2007 figures include the single \$300,000 application for the 2009 World Police & Fire Games

Table 2 lists the total number of grant applications received and amounts approved for the program to-date. Prior to the Spring 2010 intake, \$619,874 of Sport Hosting grants had been approved. Of that amount, \$80,989 has been returned to the program as a result of events not being held or subsequently not meeting grant conditions. As listed in Table 1 above, the Review Panel is recommending support for Major and Community Sport Operating Grants totaling \$120,057.

### *CONCLUSION*

This report outlines the recommendations for 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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