



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant: 2013 Fall Intake Allocations

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve Sport Hosting Grants totalling \$80,000 as listed in the body of this report. Source of funds to be the 2013 and 2014 Sport Hosting Grant budgets.

GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The 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 and Community Sport Event Operating Grants totalling \$80,000.

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.

Specific assessment guidelines were also identified in the Council report and three types of grants were designated to support sport hosting initiatives:

Major Sport Event Operating Grant - Funding for direct operating costs not to exceed the lesser of 30% of the event's total gross operating budget or \$100,000.

Major Sport Event City Service Offset Grant - Funding to offset direct city services such as police, engineering, parks, not to exceed the lesser of 50% of an event's city service costs or \$10,000.

Community Sport Event Operating Grant - Funding for direct operating costs not to exceed the lesser of 30% of an event's total gross operating budget or \$5,000.

Summary of Sport Hosting Grant Program History			
Intake Years	Total Number of Applications	Amount of Grants Requested	Amount of Grants Approved
2007-2013	117	\$2,907,343	\$1,621,380

Notes:

- 1) \$201,075 has been returned back to the program as a result of event cancellations or reductions in spending thresholds.
- 2) The approved grant figure includes 2014 funding commitments towards the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup (\$75,000).

DISCUSSION

All Sport Hosting Grant applications are reviewed by a panel comprised of representatives from the Park Board, City of Vancouver and other key stakeholders in the sport hosting community.

The panel received seven applications during the Fall 2013 intake. There were three applications for Major Operating Grants and four for Community Grants. The panel met to review and evaluate the applications on January 10 and also communicated via conference call on February 13, 2014.

Summary of Review Panel Recommendations

The review panel carefully considered and applied the criteria outlined in the assessment guidelines. Not all organizations or events met the program requirements, and as a result, several applications are not being recommended for support.

The organizations which applied for grants, the amounts requested, and the review panel's grant recommendations are summarized in the table below.

Organization	Event	Date	Event Budget	Grant Requested	Fall 2013 Grant Recommended	Notes
Major Sport Event Operating Grants						
Badminton BC	The Yonex Canada Open	Jun. 30 - Jul. 5, 2014	\$186,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	
Special Olympics Canada Summer Games Society	The Special Olympics Canada 2014 Summer Games	Jul. 8-12, 2014	\$2,000,000	\$55,000	\$35,500	
Volleyball BC	The FIVB World League	Jun. 13-14, 2014	\$425,875	\$100,000	\$25,000	
Major Events Sub Total	3 Events		\$2,611,875	\$185,000	\$75,500	
Community Sport Event Operating Grants						
Badminton BC	The BC Junior Elite	Feb. 14-16, 2014	\$19,150	\$5,000	\$0	Event funded in 2011 & 2013.
Gymnastics BC	BC Gymnaestrada	May 17-18, 2014	\$38,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	
Native Education College	The 2014 NEC All Nations Invitational Basketball Classic	Mar. 27-30, 2014	\$18,750	\$5,000	\$0	Event funded in 2012 but held outside the City jurisdiction.
Vancouver Killarney Minor Lacrosse Association	Minor Box Lacrosse Tournament	May 31 - Jun. 1, 2014	\$6,580	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Community Events Sub Total	4 Events		\$82,480	\$14,500	\$4,500	
Total Proposed Grant Funding	7 Events		\$2,694,355	\$199,500	\$80,000	

The review panel is recommending that three Major Sport Operating Grants and two Community Sport Operating Grants totaling \$80,000 be awarded from the 2013 and 2014 Sport Hosting Grant Program budgets.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The table below outlines the available funding for the Sport Hosting Grant Program, including future commitments previously approved by Council.

2013 Annual Sport Hosting Grant Funding		\$200,000
2012 Carry Forward		\$155,602
2013 Vancouver Athletic Commission Transfer		\$28,263
Spent or Committed as at Dec. 31, 2013 (1)	(\$325,922)	
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2013 Funding Available for Allocation		\$57,943
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2014 Annual Sport Hosting Grant Funding		\$200,000
Proposed Grant Funding for Fall 2013 Intake	(\$80,000)	
Committed Contribution to FIFA from 2014 Budget	(\$75,000)	
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2014 Funding Available for Allocation		\$102,943
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(1): This figure includes \$125,000 contribution to FIFA, \$100,000 to Davis Cup and a total of \$100,922 in smaller grants contributions to various organizations.		

As the table above indicates, funding in the amount of \$57,943 is available for 2013 Fall applications. Given previously existing funding commitments, \$102,943 will be available for 2014 grant intakes (pending approval of the current recommendation). The next intake period closes at the end of March, and funding recommendations from this intake will be presented to Council in late Spring.

It should also be noted that Council approved a funding commitment of \$250,000 on February 3, 2011 (RTS 9059) to support the hosting of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup. \$200,000 has been committed from the 2012-2014 Sport Hosting Grant budgets for this event, and the remaining \$50,000 will be provided from the 2015 Sport Hosting Grant budget.

CONCLUSION

The Sport Hosting Grant Program review panel recommends support for grants totaling \$80,000 as outlined in the body of this report. The recommendations are the product of a comprehensive and thoughtful review process consistent with the policy and guidelines provided by Council.

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