



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment
FROM: General Manager of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant - 2015 Spring Intake Allocations

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve Sport Hosting Grants totalling \$38,500 as outlined in the body of this report. The funding source will be the 2015 Sport Hosting Grant Program budget.

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 \$ 38,500

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, and 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.

Sport Hosting Grant Program History			
Intake Years	Total Number of Applications	Amount of Grants Requested	Amount of Grants Approved
2007-2014	122	\$3,132,343	\$1,722,425

Notes:

- 1) \$201,075 has been returned back to the program as a result of event cancellations or reductions in spending thresholds.

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 five applications during the Spring 2015 Intake. There were three applications for Major Sport Operating Grant and two applications for Community Sport Operating Grants.

Unfortunately with the departure of the Director of Recreation, who is normally responsible for the follow-up report to Council, the report was not submitted prior to June 2015 with some of the events already taking place.

This problem has been identified and will be corrected for the next application intake (2015 Fall).

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, one application is 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	Grant Recommended	Notes
Major Sport Event Operating Grants						
BC Disc Sports Society	2015 Canadian National Disc Golf Championships	* June 18-21, 2015	\$56,000	\$12,500	\$12,500	Queen E Park Course, with bid to host world level event in 2017
BC Wheelchair Sports Association	The Birmingham National Wheelchair Tennis Championships	Oct. 22-25, 2015	\$69,350	\$15,000	\$15,000	UBC Tennis Centre
International Sport For Life Society	International Physical Literacy Conference	* June 13-16, 2015	\$160,000	\$30,000	\$8,000	It aligns with the Vancouver Sport Strategy and provides opportunity to bring influential speakers for education.
Major Events Sub TOTAL	3 events		\$285,350	\$57,500	\$35,500	
Community Sport Events Operating Grants						
Latincouver Cultural and Business Society / Panam Youth in the Games	Multi-sport PanAm Games Youth Celebration	* July 4-5, 2015	\$16,500	\$5,000	\$3,000	It's not a championship nor qualifying event, but a small community based sport event, celebrating a National Games.
Turkish Canadian Society	Soccer Tournament	July 5,12,19,26	\$1,873	\$562	\$0	Event is a league format and not eligible for a sport hosting grant under the current sport hosting grant policy.
Community Events Sub TOTAL	2 events		\$18,373	\$5,562	\$3,000	
Total Proposed Grant Funding	5 events		\$303,723	\$63,062	\$38,500	

The review panel is recommending that three Major Sport Operating Grants and two Community Sport Operating Grants totaling \$38,500 be awarded from the 2015 Sport Hosting Grant Program budget.

*These events have already occurred, but no funding has been forwarded. Funding will be forwarded pending council approval.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

2015 Annual Sport Hosting Grant Funding		\$200,000
Less 2014 Commitments	\$11,602	
Less Final FIFA 2015 Commitment (1)	\$50,000	
2015 Funding Available for Allocation		\$138,398
Proposed Grant Funding for Spring 2015 Intake	\$38,500	
Funding Available for 2015 Fall Intake Allocation		\$99,898
(1): Multi-year contribution to FIFA 2015 as per Council Approval on Feb 3, 2011		

As the table above indicates, funding in the amount of \$138,398 is available for 2015 Sport Hosting Grant Spring and Fall intakes. The 2014 Sport Hosting Grant Fall Intake had an approved commitment of \$61,602 out of the 2015 Sport Hosting Grant Budget for the hosting of the 2015 Davis Cup (February), and the FIFA 2015 Women's World Cup.

The 2015 Spring Intake received 5 applications, with 4 being approved and 1 not meeting eligibility.

(1) 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 Program budgets for this event, and the remaining \$50,000 has been provided from the 2015 Sport Hosting Grant Program budget.

CONCLUSION

The Sport Hosting Grant Program review panel recommends that Council approve grants totaling \$38,500 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 approved by Council.

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