



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant - 2015 Winter Intake Allocations

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve Sport Hosting Grants totalling \$100,500 as outlined in the body of this report. The source of funding is the 2015 Sport Hosting Grant Program budget.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Acting City Manager 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 \$100,500.

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
2007-2015	132	\$3,513,041	\$1,825,925

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.

This report recommends grants that were applied for in November 2015, under the 2015 Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant Program and is the final intake of applications for the 2015 fiscal.

The panel received 11 applications for events in 2015-2016 requesting both major and community operating grants. Under the current Sport Hosting Grant Policy, eight were deemed eligible, two did not meet criteria and one application was deferred to 2017 due to change of venue availability.

Summary of Review Panel Recommendations

The review panel carefully considered and applied the criteria outlined in the assessment guidelines. In 2016, several local sport organizations will proudly host two International, three National, one Provincial, and three Regional events, utilizing a variety of community facilities. The recent upgrades to Hastings Park, has granted Hastings Little League as host to the coveted Little League Canadian Championships that will also include a Challenger Baseball component. The Vancouver Killarney Minor Lacrosse Association will host the first provincial championships in over 25 years to be awarded to Vancouver; attracting over 500 participants aged 13-15 years old. The local club will use this event as a catalyst for sport development and building club capacity.

The University of British Columbia has been awarded the rights to host the CIS Men's National Basketball Championships, and have also incorporated an officials' and coaches' development clinic targeting excellence and youth.

BC Rugby is working closely with the City of Vancouver and Park Board to develop the Vancouver Rugby Festival that will complement the Canada 7s Rugby Tournament. Brockton Oval will celebrate its 125th anniversary and play host to the elite men's and women's invitational. The Women's event will feature the Canadian Women's National Team who have qualified for the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio, and 7 other international teams. In addition the Festival will include the U16 and U18 Rugby Canada National 7s, the CIS University Rugby Championships, and a grassroots jamboree for under 12.

The International Skating Union (ISU) has granted Skate BC the opportunity to host an annual ISU sanctioned international adult figure skating championship that will attract over 600 competitors and promote that sport for life is truly a possibility. (age categories are 28-78)

And the history of sport in Vancouver is highlighted with the 60th anniversary of the Canadian Dolphins Swim Club that will be hosting a New Year's Invitational Swim Meet at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre with over 480 youth competitors from around the lower mainland.

two applications were deemed ineligible, as the events had previously received funding twice before and exceeded the maximum number of grants they can receive, based on the 2015 Sport Hosting Grant criteria.

one applicant has deferred their grant request, as the venue is not available in 2016, and they will reconsider hosting in 2017.

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						
Hastings Community Little League	2016 Little League Canadian Championships	August 4-13 2016	\$118,700	\$15,000	\$15,000	Organization raised significant funds to upgrade this facility for this Championship - great legacy.
Vancouver Killarney Minor Lacrosse Association	Bantam Lacrosse Provincials	July 16-20, 2016	\$46,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	First time in 25 years a Vancouver club has hosted a provincial championships.
University of British Columbia - Athletics	CIS Men's Basketball Final 8	March 17-20, 2016	\$312,700	\$30,000	\$15,000	It has been 44 years since UBC has hosted the CIS men's basketball championships.
BC Rugby	Vancouver Rugby Festival	March 11-12, 2016	\$119,200	\$30,000	\$30,000	Festival created to complement the Canada 7s Rugby Tournament - an elite invitational tournament that will include Canada's National Women's Team as they prepare for Rio and a grassroots tournament for local participation.
Skate BC	International Adult Figure Skating Competition	August 29-Sept 2, 2016	\$126,436	\$20,000	\$20,000	Legacy event of the Masters Games - has been awarded to be an annual event in Vancouver.
Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada	Pursuing Excellence in Sport Dispute Resolution (Sport Conference)	11-Feb-16	\$129,840	\$24,000	\$4,000	Funds will be used to cover the cost of a lunch that will recognize Sport Hosting Vancouver.
Major Events Sub TOTAL			\$852,876	\$129,000	\$94,000	
Community Sport Events Operating Grants						
Badminton BC	BC Senior Elites	Nov 14-16, 2015	\$44,000	\$5,000	\$0	The date has passed, and the event has previously received funding more than twice before.
Latincouver Business and Cultural Society	Carnaval Del Sol	July 9-10, 2016	\$12,000	\$5,000	\$0	Event has been funded more than twice before.
Little Mountain - Chris Fuoco	Under the Dom	28-Feb-16	\$33,750	\$5,000	n/a	Due to changes in availability in the venue (BC Place), the event will be hosted in 2017 and have deferred their grant application.
Canadian Dolphin Swim Club	New Years Invitational Swim Meet	January 22-24, 2016	\$25,000	\$5,000	\$4,500	60th anniversary of the Swim Club who have been a long term user of the VAC.
Vancouver Minor Lacrosse Association	Sid Dann Memorial Tournament	May 28-29, 2016	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	The grant cannot exceed more than 30% of the overall operating budget, so amount requested was reduced.
Community Events Sub TOTAL			\$120,750	\$25,000	\$6,500	
Total Proposed Grant Funding			\$973,626	\$154,000	\$100,500	

The review panel is recommending that 8 Sport Hosting Grants totaling \$100,500 be awarded from the 2015 Sport Hosting Grant Program budget.

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	\$204,000
Less Final FIFA 2015 Commitment (1)	(\$50,000)
Less Spring 2015 Intake	(\$38,500)
Less Fall 2015 Intake	(\$15,000)
Winter 2015 Funding Available for Allocation	\$100,500
Proposed Grant Funding for Winter 2015 Intake	(\$100,500)
2015 Remaining Annual Sport Hosting Grant Funding	\$0
(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 \$100,500 is available for 2015 Winter Sport Hosting Grant Intake. This will complete Vancouver Sport Hosting Grants awarded from the 2015 budget.

CONCLUSION

The Sport Hosting Grant Program review panel recommends that Council approve grants totaling \$100,500 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.

With the recent Council approval of the Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan, staff are reviewing the 2016 Vancouver Sport Hosting Community Grant Program with local sport organizations and community stakeholders and will report back to Council with any recommended changes on March 9, 2016.

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