



COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Deputy City Manager
SUBJECT: Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Spring 2023 Intake

Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approves 15 new Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants totaling \$74,300 as outlined in the body of this report to each organization listed in Table 1 under the column entitled “Organization” and for the amount set out beside their name in the column entitled “Grant Recommended”; source of funding is the 2023 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Program Budget.
- B. THAT the grants in Recommendation A be subject to each grant recipient agreeing to the terms and conditions of the community sport hosting grant program as generally outlined in this report and otherwise satisfactory to the Senior Manager, Sport Hosting Vancouver and the City Solicitor.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations are created by the approval of the Recommendations A and C above unless and until the grant agreement letter is executed and delivered by the grant recipient.
- D. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, the organizations listed in Table 1 which are not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency are deemed by Council to be an organization contributing to the culture, beautification, health, or welfare of the City.

Approval of Recommendation A constitutes a grant and therefore requires an affirmative vote of at least-two-thirds of all of Council pursuant to Section 206(1) of the Vancouver Charter.

Purpose and Executive Summary

This report recommends approval of 15 Vancouver Community Sport Event Grant applications totalling \$74,300. The 2023 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant budget is \$235,010.

The Spring 2023 intake of applications will be 1 of 2 intakes, with the second intake in the Fall of 2023

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

An overview of previous Council decisions related to Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants are contained in Appendix A.

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

The Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Program is comprised of the Community Sport Event Grant stream and the Community Sport Champions Recognition Grant stream, both supporting non-profit community sport organizations in the City of Vancouver.

1. Community Sport Event Grants

Community Sport Event Grants provide financial support for sporting events that have the potential to bring direct or indirect economic, social, health and community development benefits to the City of Vancouver. Amounts are distributed annually to support local, regional, and new sport event initiatives. Application intake and eligibility guidelines can be found here:

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/sporting-event-grants.aspx>

2. Community Sport Champions Recognition Grants

Community Sport Champions Recognition Grants recognize and celebrate the non-profit organizations and their representatives who are making sport accessible in the City of Vancouver. This stream offers grants to advance the efforts and accomplishments of organizations and recognize the people behind those organizations who deliver sport and physical activity to make a positive impact in our community, while aligning with City Council's key priority areas, including but not limited to, gender equity, reconciliation and affordability. Awards are directed to a certain theme or interest based on City Council priorities and initiatives within that cycle. The chosen theme for 2022-2023 focuses on the recognition of local Indigenous Sport Champions from Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations (MST) and the Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA). More information and list of past recipients can be found here:

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/community-sport-champions-recognition-program.aspx>.

Discussion

All Vancouver Community Sport Event 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 15 Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants for which applications were received in Spring 2023, under the approved guidelines; (<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/vancouver-community-sport-hosting-grants-eligibility-requirements.pdf>)

Overview of Local/Regional Sport Events

A brief description of each of the recommended events listed in Table 1 is contained in Appendix A.

**Table 1. Recommended Vancouver Community Sport Event Grant Allocations
Spring 2023 Intake**

Organization	Event	Date	Location	# of participants	Grant Recommended
1. Tennis - British Columbia	U14 Fischer Junior Indoor Nationals	Apr. 3-9, 2023	UBC Tennis Courts	90	\$2,500
2. B.C. Squash Racquets Association	2023 BC Junior Squash Championships	Apr. 14-16, 2023	Vancouver Racquets Club	140	\$4,000
3. Kobe Memory Basketball Club	Westbrook Village Co-Ed Basketball Tournament	May 6, 2023	UBC Student Recreation Centre	110	\$2,500
4. Tennis - British Columbia	2023 Masters Provincials ITF	May 27 – Jun. 4, 2023	Jericho Tennis Club	295	\$5,000
5. Musqueam Indian Band	Celtic Sunset Canoe Club Races	Jun. 10-11, 2023	Musqueam Foreshore	500	\$10,000
6. Tennis - British Columbia	J100 Stanley Park Open ITF	Jul. 8-15, 2023	Stanley Park Tennis Courts	135	\$9,000
7. Vancouver Falcons Athletic Club Society	VFAC Summerfast 10K	Jul. 15, 2023	Stanley Park	700	\$2,500

Organization	Event	Date	Location	# of participants	Grant Recommended
8. Vancouver Frontrunners Club	Vancouver Pride Run & Walk	Jul. 23, 2023	Stanley Park	440	\$5,000
9. Volleyball British Columbia	Youth Beach Provincial Championships	Jul. 29-30, 2023	Spanish Banks East	450	\$5,000
10. Cascadia Regatta Association	Cascadia Coastal Beach Sprints and Endurance	Aug. 4-6, 2023	Locarno Beach	290	\$4,000
11. Vancouver Gay and Lesbian Tennis Society	Vancouver International Pride Tournament	Aug. 4-7, 2023	Stanley Park Tennis Courts	155	\$5,000
12. Volleyball British Columbia	Volleyball Canada Beach National Championships	Aug. 25-27, 2023	Spanish Banks, East	350	\$5,000
13. Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	Harambeecouver Diversity Soccer Tournament & Marathon/Walk/Run	Sept. 2-3, 2023	Trillium Park & Creekside Park	300	\$5,000
14. Vancouver Gay and Lesbian Tennis Society	Pacific Cup	Sept. 8-10, 2023	UBC Tennis Centre	106	\$7,500
15. False Creek Rowing Club	2023 Head up the Creek Rowing Regatta	Oct. 29, 2023	Jericho Beach	280	\$2,300
TOTAL					\$74,300

Financial Implications

The recommended Community Sport Hosting Event Grants will be funded from the 2023 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Program Budget as detailed below.

Table 2. Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants, Financial Overview

Program Stream	2023 Budget	Previously approved Recommendations	Current Report Recommendations	2023 Balance Remaining
Community Sport Event Grant Program	\$235,010	\$0	\$74,300	\$160,710
Total	\$235,010	\$0	\$74,300	\$160,710

CONCLUSION

The Vancouver Community Sport Event Grant review panel recommends that Council approve 15 grants totalling \$74,300 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. This is the first of two application intakes for fiscal 2023.

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APPENDIX A

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

This appendix provides an overview of previous Council decisions related to Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants:

2004: Council approved a policy statement in support of celebrations, sporting events and special events: “Council welcomes celebrations and special events for their contribution in making Vancouver a vibrant City, in reflecting our cultural diversity and neighbourhood character, and for economic, cultural and recreational benefits they bring to the City. Council supports the facilitation of these events by staff, encourages mitigation of short-term disruptions in neighbourhoods and encourages cities to welcome these activities and to participate in them.”

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.

2008: Council adopted the Vancouver Sport Strategy as a guide to the City’s future initiatives and engagement with sport programs, facilities and events.

2011: Council approved revisions to the Sport Hosting Grant Program guidelines to improve the effectiveness of the grant and better serve local sport organizations.

2015: Council adopted the Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan, and approved the creation of the Sport Tourism Development Fund with funding of \$1.0 million over 2 years as the City’s commitment to this Fund which will support MAJOR sport events that advance the Sport Hosting Vancouver Action Plan goals. In that same decision, Council approved the change of name from the City’s current ‘Sport Hosting Grant Program’ to the ‘Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant Program’, and directed staff to review the program and provide recommendations for any changes necessary to enhance the grant program. This grant program has an ongoing annual Operating Budget funding of \$200,000.

2016: Council approved revisions to the ‘Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant Program’, expanding the type of events that are eligible for funding at a community level, including Local or Regional Sport Tournaments, New Sport Event Initiatives, and Annual Sport Events.

2019: Council approved the recommendations for the City Participation in Women Deliver 2019 Conference (RTS 12946) including approval of the allocation of \$35,000 from the 2019 Sport Hosting Program budget to launch the new program stream of “Community Sport Champions Recognition” that will align with the themed Women Deliver objectives. Each year, the theme of the recognition program will change.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

APPENDIX B
OVERVIEW OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL SPORT EVENTS GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS
SPRING 2023 INTAKE

This appendix provides a brief description of each of the recommended events listed in Table 1 of this report.

1. **Tennis - British Columbia – U14 Fischer Junior Indoor Nationals:** The championship draws up to 40 boys and 40 girls from across the country. This event is a representation of the best level of junior tennis in each province and serves as a great learning opportunity for youth to improve their game and take it to the next level.
2. **BC Squash Racquets Association – 2023 BC Junior Squash Championships:** This event represents a key piece of Squash BC's athlete pathway, top junior athletes use this as a stepping stone for national and international competitions. The event will see roughly 100 juniors compete in boys and girls divisions from U11-U19.
3. **Kobe Memory Basketball Club – Westbrook Village Co-ed Basketball Tournament:** This is a mixed-gender event incorporating different divisions into a 4vs4 half-court competition that advocates physical wellness, inclusion, excellence and fairness.
4. **Tennis - British Columbia – 2023 Masters Provincials ITF:** The premier tennis event for senior players in BC. The event attracts players between the ages of 30-85 from all over the province and provides national ranking points to go to the Tennis Canada National Championships.
5. **Musqueam Indian Band – Celtic Sunset Canoe Club Races:** This is the third annual race which is revitalizing the traditional practices of canoe races which was first held on the early 1900s with some interruption until the 1970s. The Canoe club is a proactive way to foster wellness as it provides connection to culture, tradition and healing. The event hosts First Nations from across British Columbia and the United States.
6. **Tennis - British Columbia - J100 Stanley Park Open:** The Stanley Park Open is in its 91st year and is one of the highest level international events in Western Canada hosting over 250 participants.
7. **Vancouver Falcons Athletic Club Society – VFA Summerfast 10k:** A competitive 10km running race around Stanley Park Seawall attracting 600 racers, runners, joggers and walkers. The race is a part of the BC Super Series of road running events and is organized entirely by volunteers.
8. **Vancouver Frontrunners Club - Vancouver Pride Run & Walk:** Vancouver Frontrunners Club are celebrating their 40th year, is a volunteer society whose mission is to provide a safe, friendly and inclusive environment for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. The Vancouver Pride Run & Walk is an annual 10k and 5k event held in Vancouver in the lead up to the Vancouver Pride week celebration.

9. **Volleyball British Columbia – Youth Beach Provincial Championships:** One of the largest youth beach volleyball events in the province, hosting over 250 athletes from all regions of BC aged U13-U19 at Spanish Banks East.
10. **Cascadia Regatta Association – Coastal Beach Sprints and Endurance:** The three day event is open to all age groups in two classifications, U19 and Open (19+). The first day is a ‘come try’ event for new or interested participants, day 2 is the Beach Sprint Competition, with the third day being the 10km endurance race.
11. **Vancouver Gay and Lesbian Tennis Society – Vancouver International Pride Tournament:** A 3 day international tennis tournament attracting over 140 athletes competing in singles and doubles tournaments in 5 different divisions over Pride Weekend. This tournament regularly attracts athletes from across Canada, the United States, Mexico and Asia-Pacific countries.
12. **Volleyball British Columbia - Volleyball Canada Beach National Championships:** The premier domestic events for the Canadian beach volleyball community. Athletes U14-U16 from across the country will compete for bragging rights and the title of the National Champion on the iconic beaches of Spanish Banks.
13. **Great Lakes Networking Society of BC - Harambeecouver Diversity Soccer Tournament & Marathon/Run/Walk:** The Harambeecouver Diversity Cup is one of the flagship summer events hosted by the Great Lakes Society of BC. Soccer is one way in which the cultural diversity in Vancouver shines. In addition, for those that don't play soccer, they host a Marathon/Run/Walk event as part of the Harambeecouver Festival.
14. **Vancouver Gay and Lesbian Tennis Association – Pacific Cup:** A team based tennis event for LGBTQ2S+ tennis clubs from San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Vancouver. This annual event is hosted by each city on a rotating basis, and in 2023, Vancouver is proud host for the first time since 2015.
15. **False Creek Rowing Club – Head Up the Creek Rowing Regatta:** The 11th Head Up the Creek Rowing Regatta on Vancouver's False Creek takes place on Canada's most accessible urban waterway. Rowing against the club, competitors from 14 to over 70 row in a variety of rowing boats, or ‘shells’ come together from the west coast and neighbouring communities for the last race in Metro Vancouver before the spring.