

Recreation & Sport for Persons with a Disability Funding Guidelines

Overview

The Recreation and Sport for Persons with a Disability Funding Program administered by Recreation NL, is a strategic initiative supported by the provincial government's recreation and sport strategy, *Active Healthy Newfoundland and Labrador (2007)*. The program aims to increase support, remove barriers and develop actions to support individuals with physical disabilities to participate in recreation and compete in sport activities. This program is cost shared between the Federal Government, Sport Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development through a bi-lateral agreement.

Recreation NL encourages organizations/groups to partner with other national and provincial organizations that will further enhance and support their overall application. Some of these organizations/groups include the Canadian Paralympic Committee, Parasport Jumpstart, and other provincial/national sport organizations.

Funding is available to support the following:

- 1) Equipment
- 2) Recreation & Sport Development Projects/Initiatives
- 3) Instructor/Coach Training

The activities should focus on increasing the availability of recreation and sport programs, increasing physical activity levels of persons with physical disabilities, while bringing awareness to ALL individuals about opportunities that are available in recreation and sport in our province.

The funding program will allow for some flexible use of funds. All applicants receiving funds will be required to submit a final report accounting for expenditures and summarizing the activity.

Funding Categories

In order to support existing competitive sport opportunities and to increase participation in recreation and sport programs for persons with disabilities the following areas of funding have been established:

- 1) **Equipment Program** – supports high performance/elite athletes and teams to attain the proper training equipment to perform to the best of the athlete’s potential.
- 2) **Recreation and Sport Development Initiative/Project** – provides supports for organizations/groups in the areas of transportation for on-going programs, training/personnel supports such as honorariums to support volunteers, training supports for referees, coaches, and classifiers and purchasing equipment to develop and implement recreation and sport programs.
- 3) **Instructor/Coach Training** – supports parasport instructors and coaches to advance their training and professional development. At this time, the Recreation and Sport for Persons with a Disability Initiative will only fund training that takes place within the province or virtually.

Who Can Apply?

Applications will be accepted for the grant program from the following groups:

- Not for Profit Sport Organizations (PSO’s)
- Municipalities, recreation departments/commissions
- Non-profit organizations/groups
- Community Groups (CYN’s, Boys and Girls Clubs, Allied Youth NL, etc.)
- School Groups

All groups must be recognized as a member in good standing with Recreation NL, School Sports NL, Sport NL or Parasport NL. For-profit organizations (businesses) are **NOT** eligible to apply under this funding program.

Application Deadline

Applicants are invited to apply on an on-going basis. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 29th, 2021.

How Are Applications Assessed?

Applications will be reviewed to determine if they meet the eligibility requirements as outlined below. The amount of funding is set annually and will be allocated based on the total amount of funding available.

When preparing to submit your application please ensure the applications incorporate the following:

- List partnerships and collaborations with other organizations/groups (where required). Please note any opportunity to leverage funds from other groups.
- List all partnerships and collaborations with municipalities/organizations/groups to support competitive athletes to become high performance/elite athletes.
- Demonstrate how the request increases physical activity opportunities.
- Meet eligibility requirements as outlined below.
- Clear breakdown and allocation of budgetary items.

What Are The Follow-up Requirements?

ALL applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application through a formal letter from Recreation NL. If approved, the applicant will be notified by e-mail as well as a formal letter and cheque in the amount approved to the applicant.

Upon conclusion of the event, a follow up report must be completed no later than 30 days after the program/activity is completed. The final report must be completed in order for the organization/group to be considered for future funding. The final report should be submitted to Megan Cummings at mcummings@recreationnl.com

Where Can I Find The Application?

The guidelines and application can be found on the Recreation NL website at www.recreationnl.com under “Programs and Events” and “Recreation & Sport for Persons with a Disability” on the top menu. You may also request a copy from mcummings@recreationnl.com or by calling (709) 729-0980.

This funding is possible as a result of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador’s collaboration with the Federal Government (Sport Canada) in signing a bilateral agreement to provide increased opportunities for sport and recreation for persons with a disability.

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Application Deadline: January 29th, 2021

Note: All applicants must complete Sections 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8.

SECTION 1: General Information	
Group/Community Name:	
Contact Name:	Title/Position:
Group's Permanent Mailing Address:	
Town/City:	Postal Code:
Telephone Number:	
Email (mandatory to include):	

SECTION 2: About Your Group
What is the mission/vision of your group?
How many communities does your group serve? _____
How many people does your group affect? (i.e., number of team members or community members). _____

Equipment Category

Maximum Awarded: \$3000 per group/community

SECTION 3: Equipment Information

Eligibility Criteria:

- Specific parasport equipment and assistive devices such as ramps, wheelchairs, balls, referee kits, hand cycles, etc.
- There will be a consideration for other training items that may be needed to support the participant's skill development within their sport.
- Participants in the age range of 15 – 45. There may be some consideration of athletes outside of this range.

Type of Equipment:

Is there more than one supplier for this equipment? Yes No

If yes, please provide 3 quotes for the equipment with the application

If there are no suppliers and equipment is being custom built, please provide list of materials and the builder of the equipment.

Why do you need this equipment?

What will you use the equipment for?

How many people will use the piece of equipment?

Where do you offer the activities associated with the equipment you plan to purchase?

If purchasing the equipment, where will it be stored?

What is the sustainability plan for the piece of equipment? Will this piece of equipment be used for the long-term? What is the transferability of the equipment from one athlete to another?

Please complete this chart.

Equipment	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Amount requested
		Total:	Total:

Please Note: Once your organization is finished with a piece of equipment, please reach out to other organizations to see who is in need of equipment. There are many individuals in this province who do not have access to equipment so please pay it forward if you no longer have use for equipment.

Recreation and Sport Development Initiative/Project Category

Maximum Awarded: \$1000 per group/community

SECTION 4: Development Initiative/Project Information

Eligibility Criteria:

- Community Programs such as after school para-swim programs, summer inclusive camps, Boccia Ball programs, and active start program.
- Programs **MUST** be ongoing (at least once a week for 6 weeks)
- Inclusive and assistive equipment such as ramps, wheelchairs, boccia balls, referee kits, hand cycles, sit skis, sledges, etc.
- Consideration will be given to communities who apply that have a small number of participants with disabilities but that incorporate able-bodied participants and other individuals with disabilities within the program.
- Funding (maximum of \$600.00) can be used for one-on-one support or low ratio (1:2, 1:3) support for a participant(s) to attend an on-going recreational program. **Please provide details of the support needed in the program description below.**
- Rental fees (maximum of \$200.00) will be considered.
- Honorarium (maximum of \$100.00) for leaders running the program.
- Transportation costs for a person with a disability to attend a recreation/sport program will be considered (i.e.: wheelchair accessible taxi, wheelchair accessible bus).

Non-Eligibility Criteria:

- Personnel - Coaches, managers, time-keepers, and referees
- Equipment - Jerseys, t-shirts, playground equipment, building infrastructure, etc.
- Registration fees
- Other items that do not support the objectives of this funding program.

Name of Initiative/Project:

Location of Initiative/Project:

Project Start Date:

Project End Date:

Please provide an overall description of your recreation and/or sport program (i.e.: frequency, duration, number of individuals involved with a physical disability/visual impairment, location, etc.).

How will your organization/group and your community benefit from this program?

Budgetary Items	Details	Total Cost	Amount requested
Equipment			
Honorarium			
Rental Fees			
Personnel			
Transportation			
Miscellaneous: Please describe			
		Total:	Total:

Instructor/Coach Training Category

Maximum Awarded: 50% of total expense

SECTION 5: Instructor/Coach Training Information	
Eligibility Criteria:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding awarded will be up to a maximum of 50% of total estimated expense • Instructors/Coaches can only receive funding once per year (not within 12 months of another successful application) • Funding is available for National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) courses, non-NCCP courses, certification and professional development that is focused in parasport • Applicants must be endorsed by a Provincial Sport Organization, the Recreation and Sport for Persons with a Disability Initiative or Parasport Newfoundland and Labrador • Instructors/Coaches are encouraged to apply for other means of funding/assistance • Successful applicants must submit report after completion of training course, including financial breakdown associated with the course and receipts for expenses • Successful applicants will receive awarded funding once the training is complete and the final report and receipts have been submitted 	
Title of Training:	
Location of Training:	
Training Start Date:	Training End Date:
Is this training recognized by the NCCP? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Please Note: At this time, the Recreation and Sport for Persons with a Disability Initiative will only fund training that takes place within the province or virtually.

Description of training and why it is needed:

Estimated Expenses				
Airfare	Accommodations	Registration Fees	Meals	Other (e.g. land transportation)
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Amount Requested:				\$

Estimated Revenues		
Provincial Sport Organization Support	Club Support	Other
\$	\$	\$
Total Estimated Revenue:		\$

SECTION 6: COVID-19 Information

Please explain how your program/organization will operate within the COVID-19 public health guidelines:

Will there be additional expenses due to following the COVID-19 public health guidelines? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Other Information:

Please Note: Recreation NL supports the safe reopening of recreational programs and facilities. With that, we encourage our members to safely implement programs and services within those recreational facilities while following Public Health COVID-19 guidance.

SECTION 7: Authorization

I certify that to my knowledge, the information provided in this grant application is accurate and complete and is endorsed by the organization/group that I represent and that I am authorized to enter into funding agreement on behalf of my sport organization. I certify that my organization/group meets the basic eligibility criteria referenced in this application/guidelines document. I also certify that if successful for funding my organization/group will abide by all terms and conditions herein which will form the agreement between the parties involved.

If funded I agree to:

- 1) Use the funding only for the purposes outlined in the original application
- 2) Submit a final report within 30 days after completion of the activity. I acknowledge that failure to submit a final report will result in my organization/group being ineligible to receive future funding.
- 3) Acknowledge Recreation NL's contribution to this project where appropriate.
- 4) Return any funds that are not used for the purposes outlined in the application.

Give Recreation NL the ability to use this information for communication purposes.

Name of signing authority (please print):

Title/Position:

Email:

If application is emailed, typing the name below will satisfy the signature requirement.

Signature of Signing Authority

Date

SECTION 8: Additional Information

Have you received funding from other sources that will support this application? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Are you working with additional partners: Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Other Information:

Please submit this application to:
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Paradise, NL A1L 1N3
Email: Megan Cummings mcummings@recreationnl.com
Fax: 709-729-3814