

Team Up: Expanding access to sport through partnerships

*Deadline: Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. PT on **Monday, May 16, 2022***

BACKGROUND

The Team Up: expanding access to sport through partnerships grant is a sport participation program which is supported by Province of B.C. and administered through viaSport British Columbia. The Team Up grant aims to establish sustainable, mutually beneficial partnerships between sport and social sector organizations that utilize the expertise of each organization to reduce barriers to quality sport opportunities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The goal of the Team Up grant is to partner sport and social sector organizations in order to increase low-barrier sport programs within community organizations who support underserved youth, but don't typically offer sport programs.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications for eligible activities may be submitted in partnership, by not-for-profit organizations representing at least one organization from both of the categories listed below. The application can be led by an organization from any of the groups listed; however, they will be asked to provide a partnership agreement that describes the components of their partnership and plans for sustained cooperation.

Sport organizations:

- Recognized, Accredited or Affiliated Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs)
- Recognized or Accredited Disability Sport Organizations (DSOs)
- Multi-regional sport delivery organizations
- Municipalities or Recreation Associations
- Local sport organizations

Social sector organizations:

- Non-profit or charitable organizations with a primary purpose of providing programs or services to one of the following under-represented populations: girls, persons with disabilities, LGBTQI2S community members, marginalized youth, Indigenous persons,

socio-economically disadvantaged, and/or newcomers to Canada that do not offer sport as one of their core services.

- Examples may include but are not limited to neighbourhood houses, immigration organizations, cultural centres, support service organizations, etc.

GRANT OVERVIEW

Grant funding is allocated through a competitive application-based process.

Funded programs should be able to demonstrate how they plan to leverage the expertise of each organization to overcome barriers to sport participation.

Priority will also be given to organizations that tailor their delivery in order to offer specific outreach and programming directed to under-represented youth that fit into one or more of the following groups:

- British Columbians living in rural, remote, and isolated regions
- Girls
- Indigenous peoples
- LGBTQI2S
- Newcomers to Canada
- Persons with disabilities
- Socio-economically disadvantaged individuals

REVIEW PANEL

Eligible applications are evaluated by a review panel consisting of sport, recreation, physical activity, and social sector experts. The panel members are chosen to ensure diverse representation. The panel bases its recommendations on the eligibility and assessment criteria described in this document.

It is anticipated that more applications will be received than can be funded, and therefore only eligible applications will be reviewed. Applicants may be contacted to provide further information regarding their proposal before final funding selections are confirmed.

The review panel will determine recommended funding amounts based on how the application meets the funding criteria described below. Once the panel finalizes the funding recommendations and provides them to viaSport, viaSport presents the recommendations to the provincial government for final approval.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria, with the relative importance of each area indicated by percentage.

1. Ability to increase access to sport (15% of assessment)

- Applicants must be able to explain the ways in which the proposed programming will lead to increased access to sport for the target community

2. Impact (25% of assessment)

- Applicants will be assessed on the projected impact that such a program will have on their intended community and/or under-represented group
- Applicants should be well-versed in the barriers to participation (cultural, physical, access, language, etc.) that may exist in that particular under-represented group or community and should be appropriately prepared to address or mitigate those barriers as part of their proposal
- Priority will be given to programs that can clearly outline and articulate how they will measure impact

3. Quality sport (20% of assessment)

- Applicants must demonstrate that sport activities clearly align to the principles of quality sport. Activities should be led by a qualified coach, delivered in a safe and ethical manner, as well as be inclusive and developmentally appropriate for the age group

4. Strategic partnerships (25% of assessment)

- Applicants should be able to demonstrate that they have begun to establish a partnership with an organization that has expertise in serving their community or in providing sport programming
- Applicants should be able to articulate the nature of the partnership (what each group is providing) both presently and ideally into the future

5. Sustainability and capacity building (15% of assessment)

- Funding is intended to be a catalyst for continued programming. A plan for sustainability beyond grant funding should be clearly outlined in the proposal, including:

- Approximate financial value of organizational and/or other resources committed to project in addition to grant funding
- Long-term objectives and plans for the project, which may describe how project goals relate to the strategic/business plan of the organization
- Capacity-building in the communities/regions where programs are delivered to ensure that programs/participation is sustained over the long-term

BUDGET

Program funding of up to \$30,000 is available to successful applicants; however, funding levels are determined by the review panel based on:

- Merit of application (those applicants ranked highest will receive higher levels of funding)
- Scope of programming (subject to availability of funding, recipients may be asked to reduce or broaden program outreach).
- Equitable geographic distribution and/or amongst population groups (if applicable)

For clarification or more information, please email grants@viasport.ca.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Support from the Province of British Columbia and viaSport must be appropriately acknowledged on all materials related to the funded project. Formats and guidelines for logo use and acknowledgement of funding will be provided to successful applicants.

Only one application per organization will be accepted.

All program activities must be completed and funding expended within seven months of grant notification and no later than March 31, 2023.

Recipients must adhere to reporting requirements as set out in their grant agreement and submit a final activity and financial reports using the reporting templates provided by viaSport.

Successful applicants may be asked to participate in interviews on their experience receiving this funding, to provide letters demonstrating project impact from program participants, or agree to participate in follow-up communications at the discretion of the viaSport grants team.

Possible use of funds for projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Coach training or honoraria/ fees to deliver programs
- Marketing and communication materials design and distribution
- Program design expertise
- Celebration and community engagement activities
- Facility or equipment costs
- Travel costs

Funding requests for the following types of activities are NOT eligible:

- Programs that provide services solely to an organization's existing membership
- Tournament, competition, and athlete travel fees
- General operating expenses (staff salaries, office rent) – up to 10%
- Capital expenditures (renovation, construction, computer equipment)
- Deficits incurred from past activities
- Re-granting programs
- Political or religious activities

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for funding will only be accepted ONLINE. Please complete the online application form at the following link: https://viasportgrants.smapply.io/prog/team_up/

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If you wish to discuss your proposal and its eligibility prior to submitting an application, please contact us at grants@viaSport.ca