

COACHES BC LEGACY GRANT

APPLICATION CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

Deadline: Applications will be accepted until 11:59PM PST on November 30, 2023

ABOUT

The Coaches BC Legacy Grant, initially developed by the Coaches Association of BC, is a project-based grant focused on supporting and uplifting coaches from equity seeking backgrounds.

Organizations will be asked to apply in one of two project-based areas. The key areas for this grant are:

- Coach Recruitment & Retention Program Design
- Coach Equity & Barrier Reduction

BACKGROUND

Originally named after Gord May, Tim Frick, Norm Olenick and Kathy Newman, these coaches and administrators made a tremendous impact on the education, professional standards and reduction of barriers for coaches in BC.

viaSport has re-developed the fund from Coaches BC to align with our strategic plan and uplift coaches from equity seeking backgrounds. The newly revamped Coaches BC Legacy Grant embodies the strategic priorities of: advancing diversity, equity, inclusion & reconciliation, strengthening coach & volunteer capacity and fostering more inclusive pathways to sport.

PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Applications must be submitted by a BC Provincial or Disability Sport Organization with an **Accredited** designation:

For a complete list of PSOs and DSOs Accredited by viaSport, visit:

<https://viasport.ca/accredited-recognized-affiliated-sports-in-bc/>

REVIEW AND SELECTION

Grant funding is allocated through a competitive process. Eligible applications are evaluated by a review panel consisting of a diverse mix of Coach Developers and sport sector experts. The panel bases their recommendations for funding based on the eligibility and assessment criteria described in these guidelines and guidance from viaSport. We reserve the right to recommend an application that falls outside of the guidelines if the project supports the overall objective of the program.

Applicants must clearly explain how the proposed project will impact their organization's ability to strengthen coach engagement for a targeted equity deserving populations, detailing; process, purpose, rationale, objectives, expenses and long-term organization impact.

ASSESSMENT

Applications must demonstrate:

- A clear gap analysis indicating why the funding is needed and which equity deserving group has been identified (Women, 2SLGBTQIA, BIPOC)
- Clear objectives that indicate the desired outcome for the targeted coach(es)
- How the grant will enhance the current number, diversity or career of the coach(es) targeted
- How the grant will strengthen the organization's overall coaching strategy or build on a successful program offered through the NSO
- Mentors or lead coaches providing support are CSI-P targeted or are working towards becoming targeted (where applicable)
- Alignment to the purpose of the grant and acceptable use of funds
- The applicant's ability to contribute a portion of the costs

Applicants may be contacted to provide further information regarding their proposal before final funding selections are confirmed.

Assessment considerations

- Merit of the application
- Scope of the program
- Impact of the program or the barrier being addressed
- Funding availability
- Use of viaSport tools and resources
- Equitable distribution of project type

POSSIBLE USE OF FUNDS

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

- Coach Recruitment & Retention Program Design – successful applicants are able to consult with viaSport's Manager of sport development to deepen their project strategy.
 - Use of [Participant Centered Design](#) tools to advance strategies and improve experiences for coaches from equity seeking groups
 - Development of a Community of Practice
 - Formalized high performance mentorship implementation
- Coach Equity & Barrier Reduction
 - Reduce travel costs associated with an attendant for a coach with a disability
 - Support coaches who are nursing mothers to attend camps/competitions
 - Provide resources like interpretative services, mobility aids or use of attendants to increase access or and opportunity for coaches who have a language barrier, sensory disability, cognitive impairment or physical disability
 - Note: priority will be given to coaches with NCCP trained or certified status as verified by the Locker

Ineligible expenses:

- Event hosting
- Administrative costs
- Facility fees
- Direct funding to coaches
- Audio Video Hardware (computers, tablets, video equipment, etc.)

Only one application per organization will be considered.

BUDGET

This grant is a project-based funding opportunity. Eligible organizations can apply for a **maximum of \$2,550**.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Support from viaSport must be appropriately acknowledged on all materials related to the funded project. Formats and guidelines for logo use and acknowledgement of funding are found here <https://viasport.ca/press-kit/>.

All payments will be made via Direct Deposit.

Project activities and final report must be completed by March 31, 2024.

Recipients must adhere to reporting requirements as set out in the agreement and submit **final activity and financial report** using the appropriate reporting templates.

Any project funds not spent on the eligible project must be returned to viaSport

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for funding will only be accepted online. Please find your desired grant and fully apply form via the following link: <https://viasportgrants.smapply.io/>.

If you have applied for any grants through our online portal before, please use your existing account.

If this is the first time you apply, you are required to create an account. The platform allows you to save progress on your application and return to it at a future time. Please be reminded to review your application prior to submission as you will not be able to modify your application after.

Upon submission, please look and save a notification email confirming your submission. viaSport is not responsible for reviewing any unsubmitted applications.

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