

HOSTING BC PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Deadline: Applications will be accepted until **5:00pm Pacific Time on Sept 29, 2026**

Events taking place between November 1, 2026 and June 30, 2028 are eligible to apply

OBJECTIVE:

The Hosting BC program was originally launched leading up to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games to strengthen sport performance pathways, economic, and community development across BC. With this program The Province of BC through the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport invests to help communities, organizations, and volunteers enhance their event hosting capacity, generate economic and tourism impact, and support athlete development pathways.

The grant has a total funding envelope of approximately \$500,000 split across three intakes. Eligible applicants are invited to apply for funding between \$1,000 and \$20,000 depending on the event's category.

Please see [Appendix 2](#) for a detailed funding breakdown and maximum funding amounts by event type before applying.

WHO CAN APPLY:

1. Applications for the **International, National, Multi-Jurisdictional, Provincial and Regional Categories** can only be submitted by registered not-for-profit societies that fall under one of these categories:
 - National Sport Organization (NSO)
 - viaSport Designated Sport Organization (see [Appendix 1](#) for eligible sports)
 - Local Sport Organizations (LSOs) that are hosting a performance pathway event and are affiliated, and in good standing, with a viaSport Designated Sport Organization
 - Recognized BC university or college

For more information on **viaSport's Designation Sport Program** please visit:
<https://viasport.ca/accredited-recognized-affiliated-sports-in-bc/>

2. Applications for the **Invitational Category** can only be submitted by registered not-for-profit societies that are:
 - Indigenous community associations with an event supported by ISPARC
 - Non-Designated Sport Organization supported by a Provincial or National Sport Organization*

** Note: It must be demonstrated that the event will lead to further development of the sport within BC.*

REVIEW CRITERIA AND SELECTION PROCESS:

It is anticipated that more applications will be received than can be funded, and therefore only eligible applications will be reviewed.

Grant funding is allocated through a competitive application-based process. Eligible applications are evaluated by a review panel consisting of sport sector experts. The panel bases their recommendations and funding levels on the eligibility and assessment criteria described in these guidelines with guidance from viaSport.

A maximum of two grants per sport discipline may be awarded in any one intake and up to four events will be awarded per year.

- Where multiple applications are submitted for any one sport, the sport governing body (PSO and/or NSO) may be consulted to advise on which events are a priority in the sport's developmental pathway.

Grants for annual recurring events in the same location each year may be considered for funding up to a maximum of three consecutive fiscal years (on a decreasing scale).

- Applicants must be able to demonstrate how Hosting BC funding will contribute to building hosting capacity and event sustainability.

To be eligible for funding, the event must:

- take place in British Columbia;
- be sanctioned by an appropriate, recognized organization (PSO, NSO, International Federation, ISPARC etc.);
- fit within the Train to Train, Train to Compete or Train to Win stages of the sport's Long Term Development Framework (see [Appendix 3](#))

OVERARCHING ASSESSMENT:

- Merit of application
- Scope of programming
- Availability of funding
- Equitable geographic or demographic distribution

GRANT SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS:

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

1. Sport Development (37.5% weighting):

- The event has a defined connection with the stages of the Long-Term Development Model.
- The event provides a valuable competitive opportunity within the high-performance pathway.
- The event provides a strong contribution to increasing the capacity of the and develops skills and experience of volunteers, technical officials, and event organizers in BC.

2. Community Development (25% weighting):
 - There is significant community support demonstrated for the event and potential for audience reach.
 - There is potential for community legacy generated from hosting.
 - The geographic location of the event is considered to ensure funds are distributed across B.C.
3. Economic Impact (25% weighting):
 - The event has the potential to generate measurable economic impacts and tourism benefits.
 - The funding amount requested is reasonably justified within the budget provided.
4. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (12.5% weighting)
 - Consideration is given to events that promote diversity, equity and inclusion and/or advance reconciliation.

POSSIBLE USE OF FUNDS:

An application is eligible for Hosting BC funding if the grant will only be used for event operating costs.

Funding requests should not exceed 1/3 of overall revenues.

Funding requests for the following are NOT eligible:

- Events that are unconfirmed or still in the bidding process
- Sport festivals or participation focused events (including, events targeted at active start, fundamentals, learn to train and active for life stages of development)
- BC Elementary, Middle, and High School Championship events
- Hosting multi-sport events (i.e. multi-sport Games)
- Sport development/training camps
- Provincial, national, or international conferences, congresses, symposiums, Annual General Meetings, etc.
- Capital expenditures, gifting, and prize money

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

All applicants must become familiar with the following:

- The applicant ensures all the information contained in the application is true and complete.
- Applicants may be asked to provide additional supporting information at the discretion of viaSport staff or review panel.
- Successful candidates are required to submit a post-grant report or survey.
- Successful applicants may be asked to participate in follow-up communications at the discretion of the viaSport grants team.

- The Province of BC and viaSport can publish the applicant/organization's name.
- Successful candidates may be required to properly acknowledge viaSport and government support, more information available here: <https://viasport.ca/press-kit/>
- Under normal circumstances, approved awards will be paid via direct deposit (EFT) after the grant letter is signed by the intended recipient.
- In the case of an event cancellation or rescheduling outside eligible dates, repayment of the grant funds will be required.
- Any project funds not spent on eligible project expenses must be returned to viaSport.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Complete the online application form here: <https://viasportgrants.smapply.io/>
- You are required to create an account to apply for the grant. If you have applied for any grants through our online portal before, please use your existing account.
- You can save 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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Contact:

If you wish to discuss your proposal and its eligibility prior to applying, please contact: grants@viasport.ca

If you wish to learn more about how we are transforming and scaling the impact of sport in our province, upcoming grant opportunities, and the latest sport and physical activity news in BC:

- Sign up for our monthly newsletter
- Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [LinkedIn](#)
- Visit [viaSport.ca](https://viasport.ca)

APPENDIX 1: HOSTING BC PROGRAM – ELIGIBLE SPORTS

Provincial Sport Organization	Sport(s) eligible to be considered for funding
Badminton BC	Badminton
Basketball BC	Basketball
BC Adaptive Snowsports	Para Alpine, Para Snowboard
BC Alpine Ski	Alpine Skiing, Ski Cross
BC Archery	Archery, Para Archery
BC Artistic Swimming	Artistic Swimming
BC Athletics	Cross Country, Road Racing, Track & Field, Race Walking, Trail, Ultra and Mountain Running
BC Blind Sports	Athletics, Goalball, Para Judo, Power Lifting, Soccer, Swimming, Tandem Cycling
BC Deaf Sports	Basketball, Bowling, Curling, Golf, Skiing, Swimming, Volleyball
BC Diving	Diving
BC Fencing	Fencing, Para Fencing
BC Golf	Golf
BC Gymnastics	Gymnastics, Trampoline/Tumbling
BC Hockey	Hockey, Para Hockey
BC Lacrosse	Lacrosse Box and Field
BC Luge	Luge
BC Netball	Netball
BC Rhythmic Gymnastics	Rhythmic Gymnastics
BC Ringette	Ringette
BC Rugby	Fifteens and Sevens
BC Sailing	Sailing
BC Ski Jumping & Nordic	Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined
BC Snowboard	Snowboard, Para Snowboard
BC Soccer	Soccer
BC Speed Skating	Long Track, Short Track
BC Sport Cheer	Cheerleading
BC Target Sports	Shooting – Pistol and Rifle, Para Shooting
BC Ultimate	Ultimate frisbee
BC Wheelchair Basketball	Wheelchair Basketball
BC Wheelchair Sports	Para Athletics, Wheelchair Rugby, Wheelchair Tennis
BC Wrestling	Wrestling
Baseball BC	Baseball
Biathlon BC	Biathlon
Bobsleigh/Skeleton BC	Bobsleigh, Skeleton
Bowling Proprietors of BC	5 and 10 Pin Bowling
Bowls BC	Lawn Bowling
Boxing BC	Boxing

Canoe Kayak BC	Dragonboat, Marathon, Sprint, Surfski and Whitewater, Para Canoe
Cross Country BC	Cross Country Skiing, Adaptive/Para Nordic Skiing
Curl BC	Curling, Mixed Doubles and Wheelchair Curling
Cycling BC	BMX, Cyclocross, Mountain Bike, Para-cycling, Road, Track
Field Hockey BC	Field Hockey
Football BC	Football
Freestyle BC	Freestyle
Horse Council of BC	Equestrian Dressage, Eventing, Jumping, Para Equestrian
Judo BC	Judo, Para Judo
Karate BC	Karate
Muaythai BC	Muaythai
Orienteering BC	Orienteering
Pickleball BC	Pickleball
Racquetball BC	Racquetball
Rowing BC	Rowing, Adaptive Rowing
Skate Canada BC/YK Section	Figure Skating, Synchronized Skating
Sport Climbing BC	Sport Climbing, Para Climbing
Special Olympics BC	Alpine Skiing, Athletics, Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country Skiing, Figure Skating, Floor ball, Golf, Powerlifting, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Snowshoeing, Soccer, Softball, Speed Skating,
SportAbility BC	Boccia, Cycling, Power Soccer, Sitting Volleyball, Sledge Hockey, Soccer, Frame Running
Softball BC	Softball
Squash BC	Squash
Swim BC	Swimming
Tennis BC	Tennis
Triathlon BC	Olympic, Sprint and Super Sprint Distances, Para Triathlon
Volleyball BC	Beach and Indoor
Waterski Wakeboard BC	Water Skiing, Wakeboarding
Water Polo West	Waterpolo
W.T.F. Taekwondo BC	Taekwondo, Para Taekwondo

APPENDIX 2: MAXIMUM FUNDING AMOUNTS.

Please note, as of June 2026, funding ranges have been adjusted to better reflect the actual distribution levels from the past few years. The overall funding envelope remains unchanged at \$500,000. Your application does not guarantee the maximum funding levels mentioned below. You can view lists of successful recipients and the amounts they received from previous intakes at: <https://viasport.ca/grants/hosting-bc/>

International Events	\$3,000 - \$20,000
- Sanctioned by IF and/or NSO - Train to Win level competition where participants have qualified to represent their country - Includes World Cups, World Championships, Nor Am	
National Championships	\$2,500 - \$12,500
- Sanctioned by NSO - Train to Compete level competition where national champion is declared - Minimum of 6 provinces/territories represented - Athletes selected by recognized P/TSO - College and University events sanctioned by USPORT or CCAA	
Multi-Jurisdictional Pathway Event	\$2,500 - \$10,000
- Sanctioned by NSO and/or PSO - Targeted at Train to Compete and Train to Win athletes - Minimum of 4 Jurisdictions represented. Athletes are representing their province, territory, state or country. - Competition is considered higher level than Provincial Championships	
Provincial Championships	\$2,000 - \$7,500
- Sanctioned by PSO - Train to Compete level competition - Minimum of 6 regions in B.C. participating - Winner is crowned BC Champion	
Regional Championship	\$1,000 - \$5,500
- Sanctioned by PSO - Train to Train or Train to compete level competition - Qualification event leading to a Provincial or National event - Or high-performance development opportunity for a specific region – priority given to events in BC Games Zones 1 (Kootenays), 7 (North West) & 8 (North East) - Priority is given to youth events	
Invitational Events	\$1,000 - \$5,500
Non-designated sports - Supported by a Provincial or National Sport Organization - Must be directly related to a competitive opportunity at the train to train level or above – sport festivals and participation events are not eligible - Must demonstrate how the event will support development of the sport within BC.	

Indigenous sport events

- Supported by ISPARC
- Alignment to Indigenous Long Term Participant Development Model

APPENDIX 3: LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Stage Descriptors:

Train to Train: Athletes enter the Train-to-Train stage when they have developed proficiency in the athlete development performance components (physical, technical-tactical, mental, and emotional). Rapid physical growth, the development of sporting capability, and commitment occurs in this stage. Athletes will generally specialize in one sport towards the end of the stage. A progression from local to provincial competition occurs over the course of the stage.

Train to Compete: Athletes enter the Train to Compete stage when they are proficient in sport-specific Train to Train athlete development components (physical, technical-tactical, mental, and emotional). Athletes are training nearly full-time and competing at the national level while being introduced to international competition.

Train to Win: Athletes in the Train to Win stage are world class competitors who are competing at the highest level of competition in the world (e.g. Olympics, Paralympics, World Championships, World Cups or top professional leagues). These athletes have highly personalized training and competition plans and have an Integrated Support Team of physical therapists, athletic therapists, and sport psychologists providing ongoing support.

References:

Long Term Athlete Development Framework

Indigenous Long-Term Participant Development Model

APPENDIX 4: APPLICATION QUESTIONS

General Details:

- Organization, Contact Information, Media Contact and Social Media Assets

Event Information:

- Event Name, Event Type, Event Date, has this event been confirmed/secured (Yes/No)

Event Details:

- Is this an annual event? (Yes/No)
- Does the event always occur in the same community? (Yes/No)
- Which of the following stages of the LTD framework does the event fall within? (Multiple Choice)
- What will be the ages of the athletes attending the event? (Multiple Choice)
- Sanctioning (List any organizations sanctioning the event)

Event and Community Information:

- Communities and Facilities Hosting the Event
- Event Attendance (Estimated Male/Female Athletes, Coaches, Officials and Volunteers)
- Estimated % of Total Participants (Athlete, Coaches, Officials) that are from out of town and staying overnight
- Estimated number of nights each out of town Participant (Athlete, Coach, Official) will stay in the community
- Competitors (Prompts according to event category)
 - Number and list of countries/provinces/regions competing in event
 - Describe who is competing in the event
- Event Description
 - Provide a brief description of the event (150 words max.)
 - Describe how this event will provide economic impacts and tourism benefits (150 words max.)
 - Describe how this event will support the high-performance development pathway for B.C.'s athletes based on the Long-Term Sport Development framework (150 words max.)
 - Describe the capacity and event experience of the event organizers which gives the organization the technical ability to produce a high-quality event (150 words max.)
 - Describe how this event will help further develop coaches, officials and volunteers in your community (150 words max.)
 - How does your event activity promote diversity, equity, inclusion and/or advance reconciliation with Indigenous partners? (150 words max.)
 - Describe the community legacies you expect to generate by hosting this event (150 words max.)
- Event Budget Information
 - Upload Event Budget (Required Template provided)
 - Total Hosting BC Request
- References (This must include a point person from the PSO, NSO, or ISPARC, who is sanctioning your event)