

FUNTASTIC SPORTS SOCIETY COMMUNITY GRANT Evaluation Criteria



In 1985, Funtastic started disbursing monies raised through their annual event, back to the community in the form of donations through its "Building a Better Community through Sport" program. This initiative was started to make sport and recreation accessible throughout the Greater Vernon Region. Through this effort, Funtastic supports many organizations that use sport and recreation to improve the health and quality of life for individuals and for the community in general.

In 2009 the "Building a Better Community through Sport" program was replaced by the "Funtastic Community Grant Program" to invite and accept a broader range of applicants for selection of grant monies through a consistent and established selection process. The Community Grant Program still embodies the mission of "Building a Better Community through Sport" throughout the Greater Vernon Region with emphasis on positively impacting and supporting a significant number of local non-profit organizations, service, and club organizations. To date there have been over 50 individual non-profit organizations that have been awarded grants from the Funtastic Sports Society. There are dozens of local service clubs and club organizations that have benefitted from the Funtastic event, in all totaling over \$1.7M given back to the community.

Funding Philosophies

The funding philosophies and guidelines that are currently utilized by the Funtastic Sports Society Grants Committee in reviewing applications are set forth below. These philosophies and guidelines were formed in part because the Funtastic Sports Society receives requests for a greater number of dollars than it can award.

The purpose of these funds is to support Sporting Organizations within our Community.

Please note, while some flexibility in applying these philosophies and guidelines may be appropriate in certain circumstances, **any applicant whose request is inconsistent with the contents of this document is required to provide an explanation outlining the special circumstances.**

Basic funding philosophies/guidelines include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

1. All grant recipients must be duly registered non-profit organizations as defined under the BC Societies Act. Applications will be accepted from organizations that have applied for such status but grant monies (should an organization receive a grant) will not be released until your BC Societies number has been received.
2. Funtastic will typically not fund the entire budget of a program. The Funtastic Sports Society expects the applying organization to contribute a percentage of the project's expenses with funds secured from other sources. Further, Funtastic expects applicants to have a feasible plan for fiscal sustainability and an exit strategy that outlines how the program will continue. These plans typically include support from individuals, local organizations, other foundations, fundraisers and the donation of in-kind services, as well as many other creative ideas.
3. Funtastic will not fund a multi-year request. Either during or after the first cycle of successful programming, the applicant may submit a request for subsequent funding through the regular application process.
4. Funtastic also expects that the applicant has attempted to find the best possible prices for requested line items through comparative shopping and negotiations.
5. All grants requested must be from an organization of a SPORTS nature

The Funtastic Sports Society places great emphasis on providing sports and recreation opportunities for all members of

our community.

Funding Guidelines

The Funtastic Sports Society **will consider funding requests** from areas including Vernon, Coldstream, Lavington, Lumby and Areas B & C.

Applications will be considered for the following:

- Playground access and field access, and accessibility needs
- Sports and Recreation equipment
- Certain construction costs (not cosmetic in nature)

Typically, the Funtastic Sports Society **will not fund requests** for the following items:

- Clothing, food and beverage
- Tournament entry fees; awards and trophies
- Travel expenses
- Academic scholarships (we have a separate scholarship program)
- Research studies
- Donations for fundraising tournaments
- Administrative costs, including salaries, office equipment (computers etc)

Application Evaluation Criteria

All eligible project requests will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

Impact

- Degree to which the project supports an understanding of Funtastic's "Building a Better Community Through Sport."
- Evidence that the project is likely to have a lasting and significant impact and outcome that will benefit the community.

Project

- Evidence that the organization applying for grant funds has identified an audience, knows their needs, and has designed the project accordingly.
- The grants committee favours applications that have a detailed plan in place.
- Reasonable timeline for completion of project.

Outcomes Measurement

- Degree to which the applicant can track positive outcomes that result from this project.

Leadership

- The application is strengthened when there is evidence that the leadership is capable of carrying out the project's activities to a successful conclusion.

Project Sustainability

- Preference will be given to projects that are viable and have financial accountability to completion.
- Provide a budget that outlines:
 - Costs
 - Viability
 - Sustainability
 - Outcome

Report & Recognition

- All projects must be complete within 12 Months of receipt of the funds.
- Must demonstrate how Funtastic will be recognized for the provided funding.

- Applicants will receive an accountability report that must be completed and submitted to the Funtastic Sports Society within 12 months of the receipt of funds.

Reporting Outcomes

- Any monies not utilized for the particular project stated on the application shall be returned to the Funtastic Sports Society within 60 days of the completion date of the project.

Financial Contact - the person responsible for finances on the proposed project must be included on the application.

The financial contact will take full responsibility for providing receipts/invoices for payment by the Funtastic Sports Society, in response to the application, and in accordance with this program.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

The personal information that you provide on this form and any attachments will be used for the purpose of administering the Sport Participation Initiatives grant. It is collected under the authority of section 33 (c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and is protected by the privacy provisions of the Act.

Should you have any questions about the collection of this information, you may contact: Diana Williamson at office@funtastic.org or via telephone at 250-558-7756.