

## **BLAZERS SPORTS SOCIETY LEGACY FUND APPLICATION**

The Sports Legacy Fund is an investment in the sporting community of Kamloops and surrounding region by the Kamloops Blazers Sports Society and Blazers Sports Foundation. It has been established as a result of the 2007 sale of the WHL Kamloops Blazers Hockey franchise and by the commitment of the members of these organizations to sustainable sport initiatives through opportunity, growth and excellence.

The Society recognizes both financial and organizational support as valuable use of the income from the Legacy Fund. Wherever possible, financial support is accompanied by efforts to build the capacity and effectiveness of amateur sport organizations.

Organizational capacity is based on a sound governance foundation, the strength of leadership planning and appropriate succession strategies for organization membership and direction. This may be accomplished by board development training, customized training workshops and organization management.

Leadership development is key to membership sustainability as well as being directed to the coaches and officials essential for the success of the organization.

Community based volunteer support and cooperative efforts to sustain this much-needed resource are critical for the numerous events held annually in the City and Region. This can be accomplished by encouraging people to volunteer, increasing the capacity of organizations to attract new volunteers, enhancing the experience and recognizing the service.

Proceeds from the Legacy Fund are not intended to replace existing sources of income for sport organizations. The opportunity for the leverage of Society funds and matching of grants significantly extends its capacity.

The Fund is intended to support:

- The improvement of amateur sport facilities and sport activities
- Funding the purchase of land, buildings and equipment
- Funding for training, education and research pertaining to amateur sport
- Funding for organizational capacity building, leadership development and volunteer support

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The application period is October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. All completed applications and supporting information must be submitted to the Society no later than the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Funding is based on the Legacy Fund's previous years earning and will be distributed in January of the following year. Minimal applicant accountability standards for incorporated non-profit societies are:

- A Board of Directors that provides adequate oversight of the organizations operations and appropriate communications with its members.

- A Board of Directors with a minimum of five members and a strategic planning process.
- A Board policy of assessing, no less than every two years, the organization's performance within the strategic planning process and submitting it to its membership.
- Complete annual financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- Board approved annual budget for its current fiscal year, outlining projected expenses for major program activities, fund raising and administration.
- Avoidance of accumulating significant funds that is not identified in the organization's strategic plan that could be used to support this application.
- An agreement with the Society for release of the funds and measurement of the outcomes.

The Legacy Fund will support fledgling organizations establish themselves within the sport community on the understanding that oversight expectations and due diligence are increased until the organization is established and sustainable.

Smaller sport organizations, which are not incorporated under the BC Society Act are encouraged to apply for funding and will not be restricted by the application requirements.

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**Organization:**

Contact:

Position:

Address:

e-mail:

Telephone:

Provincial Sport Organization Affiliation:

**Amount Requested:**

**Outline of Funding Request** (expandable)

**Required Documents (If Applicable)**

Society Incorporation No.

Constitution and Bylaws

Board of Directors List

Membership or Program Registration Total

Most Recent Annual Financial Statement Prepared in Accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

Board Approved Annual Budget for Current Fiscal Year Outlining Projected Expenses, Fund Raising and Administration

Documentation of a Strategic Plan Identifying Direction of Funding Request and Projected Outcome

Organization:

Authorized Signature:

Name:

Position:

Date:

Official Use Only:

Date Received:

Reviewed By:

Society Board Approval:

Applicant Notification:

Agreement for Release of Funds Confirmed:

Funds Allocated:

Date: