GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: (Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)	BC Luge Association
Name of the program (if applicable):	
Society Registration Number:	S22738
Organization Mailing Address:	4910 Glacier Lane, Whistler,BC, V0N1V4
Contact Name & Title:	Mark Hatton, Vice President
Organization Phone Number:	
Organization Email Address:	hattonluge@gmail.com admin@bcluge.ca
Organization Purpose or Mandate: (Please provide this answer in one sentence.)	To promote the sport of luge, develop youth athletes in BC and advance the legacy of Vancouver 2010
Organization Category (choose between Environment, Social Service, Community Service, Recreation and Sports, Arts and Culture)	Recreation and Sports

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

How many years has the organization existed?	20+ years
How many active members/participants does the organization have in the current year? (e.g. how many athletes have signed up for this year)	310
For sport organizations, how many youth (U18) participants are enrolled in your programs?	44
How many Whistler residents members does the organization have in the current year?	213
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	6 volunteer board members, 40 volunteer officials
Age range of participants in the organization:	Ages 6 to 20 for athletes, all ages including seniors for officials

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	bcluge.ca Facebook: BC Luge Association Instagram: BC Luge Association
What are the membership and participation requirements?	Our core target is 8 to 14 year olds. We do recruit outside of these ages on a case by case basis however. Anyone can try Luge recreationally.
Does the organization have any outstanding debts or other means of funding from the RMOW? If yes, please state the amount and reason. Note: Please include any Value In Kind support that you receive from the RMOW (eg. reduced rent, utilities in RMOW buildings)	N/A

GRANT INFORMATION

1. Purpose of Grant

| Explain in detail how the funding will be spent. Please refer to Council Policy A-7 Community Enrichment Program, available at www.whistler.ca/cep for funding criteria and eligibility. Please be as concise as possible using the space below.

We have identified a gap for our BC Athletes in that their start times are less competitive than athletes of an equivalent age and skill level from Alberta. We would like to run a camp at one of the start facilities in North America (likely Calgary) however this would require significant parental contributions. BCLA would like to subsidise part of this cost to the parents if at all possible.

Due to the recruitment uptake from our Learn to Luge programs, we will also use a portion of the grant for Team wear which remains the property of BCLA and is leased to athletes (free of charge with a deposit) each season. The team jackets give a sense of community and belonging, plus they are excellent publicity for our organisation. Since the inception of the Teamwear program approximately 5 years ago our young athletes are now older and bigger and therefore we again require some bigger jackets!

2. Is This a New Program or Activity?

If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?

Our jacket leasing program is in its 5th year now.

Subsiding start camps was done before 2021. We are very motivated to begin this again initially with our Youth A and B athletes (10 - 15) with the goal that our Youth A athletes will be the fastest in North America. This will be measured during Continental Cup races against US and South American teams. The ultimate (and realistic) goal is to be the fastest starters in the world.

3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:

Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.

We ran a number of officials courses for our members including seniors 70+

We hosted the Luge World Cup in December 2023 and incorporated all of our members in the successful execution of this race.

3 of our Youth A athletes were selected to National Teams and experienced Youth A Continental Cup competition for the first time in Europe.

qualified for the Youth Olympic Games in Korea and as the youngest athlete in the race, finished in 13th place overall and as the fastest 14 year old in the competition.

4. Existing Funding and Grant Applications:

- 1. List the specific grants, funding and fundraising planned, approved or pending for the existing year, and
- 2. Please also list rejected or non-approved funding (with reasons).

We will be fundraising again this year and the will likely be a 50/50 or a raffle. We will also be fundraising at the World Championships in 2025. This will likely be a concession stand and 50/50.

GRANT INFORMATION (CONTINUED):

5. Grant Request Amounts and Financial Breakdown:

Please ensure numbers provided in this table coincide with the required financial documents your provide in your application

	Annual Operating Budget	Grant Requested	Provide a brief description of the specific amount requested. (Ex: Products, services, staffing roles, advertising, etc.)
Salaries/contracts:			
General operations:	8250	2000	Teamwear Program (jackets)
One-time project / program:	2533		
Physical assets:			
Rent (RMOW facilities):		N/A	
Rent (other facilities):	7000	3000	Start training camps
Other:			
Total	17783 \$	5000 \$	28% (Grant request ÷ Annual budgetamount)

Reminder: The grant amount requested cannot be more than 50% of the annual operating budget of the organization.

6. Additional Information:

Please list any additional information, details or explanations regarding your grant request that you would like to be considered by Council.

We very much appreciate the support from past years. BCLA in my opinion is very well balanced in its approach to being community and participation focused. That being said we also provide an outlet to strive for excellence if those community members wish to push their performance to International / Olympic level. Whether a member wishes to be an official, slide down the track for fun or take their sport to the next level it doesn't matter - everyone is incredibly welcome. We all love Luge here and the more community members we can share that passion with, the better.

7. Attachments:	Please indicate the attachments you are including with your Grant Application Form:
• Financial	Statement (audited preferred) or Organization Budget (Required)
● Proof (cop	by) of registered not-for-profit society status or registered charity status (Required)
• Other:	

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

8. Please list how your organization may improve Community Performance Indicators:

Please visit https://www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/strategies-and-plans/strategie-plan/ to learn about the four priority areas of RMOW 2023-2026 Strategic Plan:

- 1. Housing
- 2. Climate Action
- 3. Community Engagement
- 4. Smart Tourism

Please determine how your grant (or organization) can contribute to fulfilling any priorities described in the four areas listed above. Each priority has numerous specifications to choose from while describing how your grant (or organization) may help to improve Strategic Plan.

Example: This grant addresses the priority of "Community Engagement" because it strives to connect locals to each other. Specifically, this is because...

- 1) Both athletes and volunteer officials get a huge sense of belonging and purpose from involvement in our sport. Paid staff from Whistler such as track crew and medical support are seen as a part of the luge family and the athletes see them as integral to their success. It is a true community.
- 2) During a training session there are often spectators from all over the world. This enhances their resort experience, plus anyone can try luge. We encourage our coaches and parents to promote the sports to any new spectators who show an interest.
- 3) All athlete and coach timesheets are now 100% paper free
- 4) BC Luge supports local business wherever possible
- 5) We fill a relatively unique role in that we require many volunteer officials to run a top quality race. Because of this we recruit our officials from all subsections of our community, young to old. We train them up as International Level Judges with the possibility of officiating at the highest level of the sport. You don't have to go down a luge track to be a part of our luge family!

SUPPORT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The RMOW is committed to working with the Lílwat People, known in their language as L'il'wat7úl and the Squamist People, known in their language as the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to: create an enduring relationship; establist collaborative processes for Crown land planning; achieve mutual objectives; and enable participation in Whistler's resort economy.
9. How has your organization considered truth and reconciliation with the Indigenous Nations?
In partnership with WSL this season and also in past seasons, we have conducted Learn to Luge programs focusing on Indigenous Youth participation.
We participate in Safe Sport and encourage athletes who witness or experience racism know there is a resource for reporting. All athletes sign a contract that acknowledges our zero tolerance policy.
During our domestic and international medals ceremonies, we always acknowledge territory.
For international races such as World Cup and World Championships, we have a traditional First Nations Welcome Ceremony.
We have, as part of our outreach programs, visited schools throughout the Sea to Sky including Mt Currie.
As an organisation we are committed to ensuring that Luge is open to all. One of our most successful BC Olympians, from Pemberton is also committed to increasing indigenous representation within our sport.
https://www.cbc.ca/sports/olympics/winter/luge/trinity-ellis-m%C3%A9tis-indigenous-representation-luge-1.7061936

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Mark Hatton
Phone number:	
Email:	hattonluge@gmail.com
Acknowledgement:	 I confirm that the information provided in this CEP Grant Application Form is true; I confirm that a representative is required to present this grant request at a future Council Meeting; I confirm that if any amount is granted that the Grant Reporting Form is due by December 1 of this year; I confirm that if any amount is granted, it will be used only for its intended purpose unless otherwise approved by Council.
Signature:	

Funding decisions will be announced during a Regular Council Meeting in April 2024.

Please contact the Legislative Services Department at corporate@whistler.ca if you require any assistance.

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