

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	Whistler Slo-Pitch Association
Name of the program (if applicable):	
Society Registration Number:	S0056834
Organization Mailing Address:	2729 Cheakamus Way, Whistler BC V8E0A8
Contact Name & Title:	Sarah Smith - League Convenor
Organization Phone Number:	
Organization Email Address:	info@whistlerslopitch.com
Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence.)</i>	To create a functional, successful community based league for adults want to play softball in Whistler
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?	Officially became a not for profit in 2009 but the league has been around much much longer, late 1980s.
How many active members/participants does the organization have in the current year? <i>(e.g. how many athletes have signed up for this year)</i>	We range from 600-800 players, every year is different.
For sport organizations, how many youth (U18) participants are enrolled in your programs?	We usually only get a small handful of U18s each season.
How many Whistler residents members does the organization have in the current year?	All participants are local to Whistler, Squamish or Pemberton. Majority are based in Whistler.
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	7 volunteer board members, 1 paid PT league convenor, 1 Paid PT bookkeeper, 1 paid PT Umpire in Chief, 8-18 paid PT umpires
Age range of participants in the organization:	16-70

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	www.whistlerslopitch.com facebook @whistlerslopitchassc instagram @whistlerslopitch
What are the membership and participation requirements?	We ask all players to play responsibly, safely and respect all those at the ball fields. League fees are about 1600 for each team, players usually pitch in to pay as well as look for a local sponsor.
Does the organization have any outstanding debts or other means of funding from the RMOW? If yes, please state the amount and reason. <u>Note</u> : Please include any Value In Kind support that you receive from the RMOW (eg. reduced rent, utilities in RMOW buildings)	No

GRANT INFORMATION

1. Purpose of Grant	<i>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.</i>
<p>Ensuring player safety is a top priority for the league. We aim to provide each team with new batting helmets and supply four helmets to new teams. The estimated cost for these helmets is \$30-40 each, totaling approximately \$2205.</p> <p>In light of the ongoing increase in living costs, we are determined to avoid raising team fees to maintain accessibility for more individuals. The funding we seek will be allocated to offset equipment and operational expenses, allowing us to sustain our team fees at the same level as the previous year.</p>	

2. Is This a New Program or Activity?	<i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i>
<p>In 2019 the league distributed four helmets to each team. Currently, we aim to supply each team with a new helmet, acknowledging the need for replacement due to potential loss or damage, with the updated plan of providing one helmet per team.</p>	

3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
<p>Our organization contributes to the community by offering affordable recreational activities, providing a fantastic opportunity for individuals to engage in outdoor exercise and connect with new people.</p> <p>In 2023, our initiatives resulted in the participation of 48 teams, including the incorporation of five new teams. This expansion not only signifies the growth of our organization but also underscores our commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community through recreational sports.</p>	

4. Existing Funding and Grant Applications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>List the specific grants, funding and fundraising planned, approved or pending for the existing year, and</i> 2. <i>Please also list rejected or non-approved funding (with reasons).</i>
<p>Our operational budget comes from league fees paid by players on teams and sponsorships for teams.</p> <p>2020: \$4000 CEPT grant for pitching machine (grant funds used for pitching machine purchase in 2020)</p> <p>2021: \$5000 for batting cage (grant funds have not been spent yet, will finish project this year)</p> <p>2022: \$2500 for batting cage (grant funds have not been spent yet, will finish project this year)</p> <p>2023: \$3000 for batting cage and player safety equipment (funds have been spent, project completed)</p>	

GRANT INFORMATION (CONTINUED):

5. Grant Request Amounts and Financial Breakdown:			
<i>Please ensure numbers provided in this table coincide with the required financial documents you provide in your application</i>			
	Annual Operating Budget	Grant Requested	<i>Provide a brief description of the specific amount requested. (Ex: Products, services, staffing roles, advertising, etc.)</i>
Salaries/contracts:			
General operations:	58757	4800	Team fees
One-time project / program:		2200	Helmets(player safety)
Physical assets:			
Rent (RMOW facilities):	12943	N/A	
Rent (other facilities):			
Other:			
Total	\$ 71700	\$ 7000	<u>9.8</u> % (Grant request ÷ Annual budgetamount)
<i>Reminder: The grant amount requested cannot be more than 50% of the annual operating budget of the organization.</i>			

6. Additional Information:	<i>Please list any additional information, details or explanations regarding your grant request that you would like to be considered by Council.</i>
	<p>In considering our grant request, we would like to emphasize the significant impact of the rising cost of living on our local community. We are concerned about the potential loss of players or teams due to financial constraints, as affordability should not be a barrier to participation. While we are optimistic about securing sponsorships to alleviate team costs, we acknowledge the economic challenges faced by businesses following a challenging winter.</p> <p>Player safety is a paramount concern for our organization, and we prioritize ensuring that teams have access to quality safety equipment. By providing each team with helmets, not only can we contribute to reducing their overall costs, but we also enhance player safety, aligning with our commitment to maintaining a secure and enjoyable sports environment.</p>

7. Attachments:	<i>Please indicate the attachments you are including with your Grant Application Form:</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Financial Statement (audited preferred) or Organization Budget (Required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Proof (copy) of registered not-for-profit society status or registered charity status (Required) <input type="checkbox"/> • Other:	

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

<p>8. Please list how your organization may improve Community Performance Indicators:</p>	<p><i>Please visit https://www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/strategies-and-plans/strategic-plan/ to learn about the four priority areas of RMOW 2023-2026 Strategic Plan:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Housing</i> 2. <i>Climate Action</i> 3. <i>Community Engagement</i> 4. <i>Smart Tourism</i> <p><i>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.</i></p>
<p><i>Example: This grant addresses the priority of "Community Engagement" because it strives to connect locals to each other. Specifically, this is because...</i></p>	
<p>This grant addresses the priority of "Enriching Community Life" by expanding recreational opportunities, fostering skill development, introducing a new sport to community members, and promoting a sense of belonging. Additionally, it provides a enjoyable social and physical activity for adults within our community.</p>	

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 Squamish People, known in their language as the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to: create an enduring relationship; establish 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?

Our organization highly values the principles of truth and reconciliation with Indigenous Nations. We are honored to play on one of the most beautiful ballparks in our province, recognizing the significance of the land. Our league, inclusive of many Indigenous players, considers them a vital and integral part of our league culture. As a gesture of commitment, we provided a fee reduction to one team that was sponsored by the SLCC, and we are actively engaging in discussions to extend fee reductions to other predominantly Indigenous teams. This reflects our dedication to fostering inclusivity, respecting Indigenous contributions, and building a strong sense of community within our league.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Sarah Smith
Phone number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	info@sarahsmithmedia.ca
Acknowledgement:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • I confirm that the information provided in this CEP Grant Application Form is true; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • I confirm that a representative is required to present this grant request at a future Council Meeting; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • I confirm that if any amount is granted that the Grant Reporting Form is due by December 1 of this year; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • I confirm that if any amount is granted, it will be used only for its intended purpose unless otherwise approved by Council.
Signature:	<div data-bbox="407 785 802 884" style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div> Digitally signed by Sarah Smith Date: 2024.02.15 13:15:34 -08'00'

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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