

GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i> | Whistler Youth Baseball Club |
| Name of the program(s) (if applicable): | Club Development |
| Society Registration Number: | 79563 3020 |
| Organization Mailing Address: | [REDACTED] |
| Contact Name & Title: | Steve Hackenberg, President, Katie Williamson, Fundraising |
| Organization Phone Number: | [REDACTED] |
| Organization Email Address: | president@whistlerminorbaseball.ca |
| Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence)</i> | To introduce the sport of baseball to young athletes ages 3-6 and provide an opportunity for skill development and competitive play for players ages 7-15 from the Whistler, Pemberton and Mount Currie communities. |
| Organization Category (choose between Environment, Social Services, Community Services, Recreation and Sports, Arts and Culture) | Recreation & Sports |

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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| How many years has the organization existed? | 1st year! However we are building on many years of baseball in Whistler. |
| 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> | Current registration - 121 Anticipated registration for season - 150+/- |
| For sport organizations, how many youth (U18) participants are enrolled in your programs? | 120 - 150+ |
| How many Whistler residents members does the organization have in the current year? | Anticipating 110+ families |
| How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year? | All volunteer positions: 8 Board Members (working board), 24-28 team coaches, 5 team managers, 5-10 player/umpire development coaches. Minor paid positions (3-5) for clinics and training. |
| Age range of participants in the organization: | Age 3 - 15 |

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| Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.): | https://www.whistlerminorbaseball.ca/ https://www.facebook.com/WhistlerMinorBaseball http://support.bcamateursportfund.org/P0553 |
| What are the membership and participation requirements? | Players must register in advance, no experience necessary however space may be limited by volunteer coaching commitment. Parents are required to be on the field with the youngest age groups (age 3-5). 7U-U15 players are expected to attend practice twice per week, with games for the older ages groups on Saturdays in Whistler or Squamish. |
| <p>Does the organization have any outstanding debts or other means of funding from the RMOW? If yes, please state the amount and reason.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Please include any Value In Kind support that you receive from the RMOW (eg. reduced rent, utilities in RMOW buildings)</p> | <p>No outstanding debts.</p> <p>The RMOW is generously providing us use of the Spruce Grove softball fields at no charge for May and June, including with on-site storage space during the season. We rent space (paid) for spring clinics at MPCSS.</p> <p>Revenue streams include registration fees, grants and fundraising (including private donations and business sponsorships).</p> |

GRANT INFORMATION

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| 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>Grant funding is being solicited for the following specific purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$2,500 for initial baseball purchase. Each season, baseball leagues are required to provide a variety of different types of baseballs to support each age group/team's development and skill level. Our purchase estimate includes 35 whiffle balls for young age groups (U7), 60 soft balls for developing players (U9), 192 hard balls for competitive teams (includes game balls, ages U11, U13) as well as 120 practice balls that will be divided evenly between the teams. All other equipment will be covered through fundraising efforts/fundraising matching from Whistler Blackcomb Foundation - \$1,500 for Spring Player Clinics. In an effort to raise the caliber of our pitching to meet the needs of a competitive baseball league, we will be hosting two pitching and catching-specific clinics for U11, U13 and U15 age groups at Myrtle Phillip Community Centre in March, followed by weekly spring training sessions through the month of April. Pending grant approval, we hope to hire Inside Performance (baseball camps, out of North Vancouver) to assist in player training, at an estimate expense of \$1,500. This amount does not include RMOW venue rental. Whatever savings we can achieve through grants will be passed onto families in the form of reduced clinic fees, and we hope to accommodate as many kids as are interested. - \$500 for Umpire Clinics. Qualified and accredited umpires are required for provincially-sanctioned games, and to assist in our umpire recruitment efforts, we would like to bring down the cost of these clinics by covering the training session cost. Whatever savings we can achieve will be passed onto those interested in becoming trained umpires. <p>Grant funding will also support our general fundraising goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Covering as many organizational start-up costs as possible, including equipment purchase, provincial league fees, registration software, bolstering player registration, umpire recruitment and training, extending the length of the season through spring clinics (includes facility rentals), fostering player development through skill-specific training and building enthusiasm within our player community through a robust and sophisticated baseball club program - Reducing any financial barrier to entry in the form of low registration costs for all participants, as well as having the funds to reduce or eliminate fees for families that cannot afford it - Providing as much player equipment as possible so that the burden to purchase gear does not fall entirely on parents. This includes the league providing a kit for each team that includes shared team helmets, catchers equipment, bats and practice/game baseballs | |

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| 2. Is This a New Program or Activity? | <i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i> |
| <p>WE ARE A NEW CLUB, built on previous trial clubs (i.e. Sea to Sky Minor Baseball, Howe Sound Baseball)</p> <p>Key goals include introducing baseball to our youngest athletes (ages 3-5), fostering a supportive team environment for developing players (ages 5-9) and providing the opportunity for competitive team play for the many passionate baseball kids in our community (ages 10-15). In addition to playing local games, we are in discussions with both Howe Sound Baseball and North Shore Baseball to schedule interlock games that will promote more competition for older players (ages U11, U13 and U15). We also look forward to involving players in fundraising initiatives for both short- and long-term club goals.</p> | |

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| 3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits: | <i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i> |
| <p>Despite our new organization being 100% volunteer-led and starting from scratch, in a short time we confirmed a Board of Directors with appropriate succession plan, gained charitable status and membership into BC Baseball, opened registration with healthy results, confirmed a BC Amateur Sports Foundation approved project, and secured a Whistler Blackcomb Foundation grant.</p> <p>Whistler is blessed to have an abundance of individual activities for youth (skiing, mountain biking) however we believe that team sports are absolutely integral to youth development, including building confidence, developing teamwork, and promoting sport with all of its positive effects on physical and mental health. We are excited to join the growing community of team sports for our children in Whistler, and look forward to growing our organization for many years to come.</p> | |

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| 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>We have secured a WB Foundation grant of \$15,000 to purchase uniforms, with an additional 'fundraising matching' grant of up to \$6,500 for equipment purchase.</p> <p>We are an 'approved project' from BC Amateur Sports Fund, who will administer our donation page and tax receipts, which will open the door for further grant opportunities. http://support.bcamateursportfund.org/P0553</p> <p>We will graciously ask for private donations from our membership and their networks, as well as soliciting business sponsorships from the local business community to maximize the WBF matching grant.</p> <p>Player-led club fundraising ideas also include: Hot Dog Car Wash, 50/50 tickets, Bottle Drive, etc. which will fund tangible benefits for the kids (i.e. a year-end party for all participants, medals, etc or long-term benefits to our club, i.e. a scoreboard or additional batting cage amenities).</p> | |

GRANT INFORMATION (CONTINUED):

| 5. Grant Request Amounts and Financial Breakdown: | | | |
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| <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: | 0.00 | | |
| General operations: | 16,415.00 | | |
| One-time project / program: | 2,000 | 2,000 | Pitcher/Catcher and Umpire Training Clinics |
| Physical assets: | 28,741.64 | 2,500 | Baseball purchase (400 baseballs) |
| Rent (RMOW facilities): | \$1,500.00 | N/A | |
| Rent (other facilities): | 0.00 | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 48,656.99 | \$ 4,500 | 9.2 % (Grant request ÷ Annual budget amount) |
| <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> |
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| | <p>We would like to note that our budget for this year is significantly higher than it will be in future years, as this years budget includes the purchase of all equipment, uniforms, etc. Looking ahead, we will have reduced annual costs as equipment and uniforms will only be replaced as required, whereas this year we do have to purchase everything!</p> <p>If we were unsuccessful in our grant application, we will continue to pursue other grant opportunities but the reality is that we will likely have to rely more heavily on business sponsorship, which will prove challenging in the highly-competitive non-profit landscape of Whistler and British Columbia, especially following a tough winter for local businesses.</p> |

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

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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| 8. Please describe how your organization can contribute to the RMOW Strategic Plan: | <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> |
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Example: This grant addresses the priority of "Community Engagement" because it strives to connect locals to each other. Specifically, this is because...

3. Community Engagement

This grant addresses the priority of "Community Engagement" by providing healthy opportunities for youth to gather and participate in team sports, as well as to interact and bond with children from different schools, backgrounds, and income levels in the area. It also creates a wonderful opportunity for over 100 families in the S2S communities to coach, volunteer and cheer together, while sharing in their children's love of baseball.

We also hope that through interlocking with Howe Sound (Squamish) Baseball, and possibly North Shore Baseball this year or in the future, this league will foster a special sense of pride in the Whistler community as our kids play with and against our neighbouring towns.

SUPPORT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The RMOW is committed to working with the Líl'wat 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 planning on unceded territories, as currently managed by the provincial government; 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 catchment includes Whistler, Pemberton and Mount Currie (Lil'wat Nation) and we will play games against Squamish and/or North Shore teams (Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations). We look forward to the opportunity for our youth to play with and against teams that include all members of our communities.

A land acknowledgment will be added to our website.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

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| Submitted by: | Katie Williamson, Board Member & Fundraising Chair | |
| Phone number: | [REDACTED] | |
| Email: | [REDACTED] | |
| 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: | [REDACTED] | Digitally signed by Katie Williamson Date: 2025.02.13 18:42:33 -08'00' |

Funding decisions will be announced during a Regular Council Meeting in April 2025.

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

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