

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	Axemen Rugby Club
Name of the program(s) (if applicable):	Axemen Rugby School Outreach Program
Society Registration Number:	S0070160
Organization Mailing Address:	2820 Cliff Top Lane, Whistler, BC, V8E 0A8
Contact Name & Title:	Stephen List
Organization Phone Number:	[REDACTED]
Organization Email Address:	[REDACTED]
Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence)</i>	Promote rugby participation within the Sea to Sky.
Organization Category (choose between Environment, Social Services, Community Services, Recreation and Sports, Arts and Culture)	Recreation and Sports

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

How many years has the organization existed?	11 years
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>	222
For sport organizations, how many youth (U18) participants are enrolled in your programs?	147
How many Whistler residents members does the organization have in the current year?	50-60
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	15-20
Age range of participants in the organization:	6 - 61 years old

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	Website - https://www.axemenrugbyclub.com Facebook - Axemen Rugby Club - Squamish Youth Rugby Instagram - Axemen Rugby Club
What are the membership and participation requirements?	No exclusionary requirements - youngest age group U6s. Payment of club dues and registration with BC rugby if actively playing or coaching.
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>The Axemen Rugby Club is a volunteer run club that serves the Sea to Sky corridor rugby community. The club provides the only opportunity to play rugby within the area and attracts players between North Vancouver and as far north as Pemberton. The club currently has 2 mens teams competing in BC Div 1 and 3, a newly formed womens program and a youth section that has teams competing at all age groups from u8's to u18's.</p> <p>The purpose of this grant application is to further develop a youth rugby program for school aged children within Whistler. The Axemen Rugby Club are applying for a \$6000 grant to run a rugby program in Whistler throughout 2025. Of which, \$4500 would be put towards high school aged rugby and \$1500 would be used to promote the sport in Whistler Elementary schools.</p> <p>Over the past few years the club has helped Whistler High School promote rugby and organize a number of exhibition games. As a result of this increased participation, the senior boys team (grade 10-12) has now entered the North Shore Schools league. With the \$4500 grant, the club will support the following: 40 sessions by a world rugby level 2 coach, run at \$75 per session, coaching cost \$3000. - Coach and Support Snr Boys teams in the North Shore League (spring season) (25 sessions) - Coach and support the Grade 8-9s team in an exhibition season in the fall of 2025. (10 sessions) - Run an introductory program for girls rugby (5 sessions) Support for travel to away games = \$1000 Equipment provided, including mouth guards and safety equipment = \$500</p> <p>Promotion of rugby in Whistler Elementary schools: The club aims to run introductory sessions for all grade 5, 6, 7 classes in Whistler, teaching TAG rugby, the non-contact version of the game. The club then aim to run a festival of rugby for children of this same age group. With the \$1500 grant, the club will support the following: - Equipment/Rugby Tags for festival of rugby = \$500 (to be given to schools afterward) - Introduction to rugby coaching sessions = \$750 (10 coaching sessions across all Whistler Elementaryschools). - Festival organization and promotional material for 'next steps into rugby' = \$250.</p> <p>Rugby provides a community and a support system for all it's players. A youth rugby program in Whistler opens many future opportunities for playing university sport, provides key social connections and promotes the world rugby values of discipline, respect, integrity, passion and solidarity.</p>	

2. Is This a New Program or Activity?	<i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i>
<p>No, this is the fourth year running the Whistler School Rugby program. The club has successfully run programs for grades 8-12.</p> <p>The program aims to work with over 75 high school children and 150 elementary school children in Whistler.</p> <p>The program aims to provide a pathway for students to play representative rugby for Vancouver region and BC.</p> <p>A goal of the program is to strengthen the playing pathway to the Axemen Youth rugby section, who will have competitive teams at each playing age group.</p>	

3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
<p>Through community outreach programs the Axemen have introduced over 1000 children throughout the Sea to Sky to rugby.</p> <p>Axemen Junior club has record registration numbers for the 2024-25 season. Axemen u18 team won the BC Gold league in the fall of 2024 Axemen Men's team won BC Div 2 in 2024. And had over 60 registered players. Axemen womens team joined competitive league and had record registration numbers</p> <p>Axemen Rugby Club gave over 100 meals to Squamish food bank at Christmas 2024.</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>At the start of 2024 the club were awarded a grant from Whistler Blackcombe Foundation of \$12,000. This grant was used to update all equipment for the mens, womens and junior sections. The grant also means the club can give a set of rugby balls to every elementary school in the Sea to Sky.</p> <p>The rugby club is planning on raising funds to lead a schools program at Howe Sound High School, Squamish, the RMOW CEP funding will allow the rugby club to replicate the schools program in Whistler.</p> <p>The club is also awaiting the result of a \$2000 funding bid from Woodfibre, Squamish, this bid will help provide funds for travel costs to games for both the adult and youth section of the rugby club and will have nothing to do with schools programming.</p> <p>No grants/funding have been rejected to date.</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:	\$19,730		
General operations:	\$20,350		
One-time project / program:	-	\$6000	For coaching, equipment and administration costs. Outlined above.
Physical assets:	\$6500		
Rent (RMOW facilities):	-	N/A	
Rent (other facilities):	\$11,000		
Other:	\$11,995		
Total	\$ 69,575	\$ 6000	8.6 % (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>
NA	

7. Attachments:	Please indicate the attachments you are including with your Grant Application Form:
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<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 describe how your organization can contribute to the RMOW Strategic Plan:</p>	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing 2. Climate Action 3. Community Engagement 4. Smart Tourism <p>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.</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...

Enriching Community Life.

The Whistler Youth Rugby program will promote the rugby values of discipline, respect, integrity, passion and solidarity. Introducing the game to Whistler youth will build valuable attributes within the participants, attributes that will transfer into their everyday and future life.

Offering a group program helps school aged children develop teamwork, a shared purpose and work ethic amongst peers. By connecting with a local club we can offer a pathway immediately after completing the program, providing opportunities to connect with fellow residents of all ages that also play the same sport. This opportunity to integrate into adult sport is a key stepping stone into maturing as an adult.

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 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?

Over the past 4 years the Axemen Rugby Club has done a number of outreach workshops at first nation youth programs.

The community outreach programs that have taken place in elementary schools through out the Sea to Sky, have in some schools where 25%+ of the students are from indigenous heritage.

Finally, the Mens playing teams have warm up jerseys that acknowledge truth and reconciliation. Recognizing that the land we play on is part of the Squamish Lilwat nation.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Stephen List	
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 Stephen List Date: 2025.02.08 19:59:30 -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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