

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	Whistler Sailing Association
Name of the program(s) (if applicable):	Kids & Youth Sailing Program
Society Registration Number:	S-0054286
Organization Mailing Address:	6468 Balsam Way, Whistler, BC, V8E 0C5
Contact Name & Title:	Francois Hebert, General Manager or Patrick McCurdy, President
Organization Phone Number:	
Organization Email Address:	info@whistlersailing.com
Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence)</i>	Our purpose is to promote sailing by offering affordable Learn to Sail courses for all ages and abilities.
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?	16
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>	451 members, 284 youth, 167 adults 665 participants or 2619 "Sailor days" **1 youth in a 5 day camp= 5 sailor days.
For sport organizations, how many youth (U18) participants are enrolled in your programs?	498
How many Whistler residents members does the organization have in the current year?	191 full time Whistler Residents. ** It is worth noting that a large proportion of the 90 Vancouver based families that book our sailing camps own 2nd homes in Whistler.
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	7 volunteer board members, 1 general manager/sailing director, 1 Head Coach, 14 instructors.
Age range of participants in the organization:	5-85yrs

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	whistlersailing.com https://www.facebook.com/whistlersailing https://www.instagram.com/whistlersailing/ https://www.youtube.com/user/WhistlerSailing2013
What are the membership and participation requirements?	A Basic Membership is required to take part in adult programs and start at \$25 for the year. Racing memberships or Season Pass Membership require sailing experience in order to utilize the club boats. Anyone with sailing experience can drop in for our Wednesday night races for \$25 per person
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 Whistler Sailing Association (WSA) is seeking funding through the Community Enrichment Program to expand our Wing Foiling program by launching summer camps specifically designed for kids and youth. This exciting and innovative water sport combines elements of windsurfing, kiteboarding, and foiling, offering a unique, eco-friendly way for youth to engage in outdoor recreation while developing new skills and confidence on the water.</p> <p>The grant will be used to train four instructors in youth-focused wing foiling instruction and to purchase six complete sets of beginner-friendly wing foiling equipment. This will allow us to deliver safe, engaging, and high-quality summer camps, making this emerging sport accessible to the next generation in Whistler.</p> <p>**What is Wing Foiling?</p> <p>Wing foiling is a water sport that blends windsurfing, kiteboarding, and hydrofoil technology. Riders stand on a board equipped with a hydrofoil—an underwater wing that lifts the board above the water’s surface as they gain speed. The rider holds an inflatable handheld wing, which catches the wind and provides propulsion. Once the foil lifts the board out of the water, the experience feels like flying, with reduced drag and a smooth, quiet ride.</p> <p>The wing foiling program was launched in 2024 and over 80 lessons were delivered. This versatile and fast-growing sport is ideal for youth, offering a fun and challenging way to learn balance, wind awareness, and water safety. It aligns seamlessly with Whistler’s culture of outdoor adventure, innovation, and leadership in sport.</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 will be the second year for the program, although last year it primarily catered to adults. This year, we're excited to adapt it for our Kids & Youth summer camps. Our goal is to introduce 30 kids, aged 11 and up, to this new activity and train 4 staff members to lead the courses. We plan to offer 3 weeks of instruction for kids and youth as part of this exciting addition to our summer program. The new Wing Foiling program will integrate seamlessly with our existing offerings, as the skills learned in our other courses are transferable. Once students reach an intermediate level in sailing, they will be able to transition to Wing Foiling with ease.</p>	

3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
<p>In 2024, the Whistler Sailing Association (WSA) played a vital role in enriching the Whistler community by offering inclusive and accessible opportunities for children, youth, and adults to engage in water sports on Alta Lake. Whistler Sailing's summer camps for children and youth saw significant attendance, reflecting the community's strong interest and enthusiasm for sailing and watersports. WSA is dedicated to fostering a vibrant local sailing culture while ensuring that all community members, regardless of experience, have the opportunity to learn and enjoy sailing. Alta Lake's consistent winds and calm waters provide an ideal environment for novice sailors to build confidence and develop their skills in a safe setting. The association's programs emphasize key values such as learning, teamwork, and sportsmanship, promoting skills and experiences with lasting benefits. A major strength of the organization lies in its ability to nurture future leaders. In 2024, four youth successfully transitioned from volunteer roles to paid, certified instructors through mentorship programs—empowering them with valuable teaching, leadership, and water safety skills. WSA's community focus extends to the stewardship of the "Old Youth Hostel" site, where the association manages a clean, family-friendly facility with direct water access, shared with the community in partnership with the Resort Municipality of Whistler.</p> <p>Beyond its summer camps, WSA delivers a range of programs that benefit the community such as the Discover Sailing Program. In 2024, this program welcomed 101 students from grades 5 to 10 from Whistler and Squamish, offering many their first experience on the water and helping build confidence and an appreciation for outdoor recreation. The Whistler Regatta held in August 2024 attracted over 60 participants from across British Columbia, creating a memorable weekend of friendly competition, community connection, and celebration of the sport.</p> <p>2024 marked the launch of WSA's new Wing Foiling program, introducing over 40 people to this growing sport. Alta Lake's reliable winds and flat water provided the perfect setting for participants to experience the excitement of wing foiling for the first time. Whistler Sailing Association continues to be a key contributor to the social and recreational fabric of Whistler by promoting outdoor activity, skill development, and lifelong connections to water sports. Through innovative programs, mentorship, and community collaboration, WSA inspires a new generation of confident, capable water enthusiasts while preserving Alta Lake as a hub for learning and adventure.</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>In December 2024 we applied for the Canada Summer Jobs program that could help us support up to 3 Sailing Instructor positions for the 2025 season.</p> <p>Our annual fundraiser will take place in May this year. We will use an online platform to host an auction, the majority of the prizes and items available are donated by local businesses or members of the association.</p> <p>We will also apply for a Community BC Gaming grant in May 2025.</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:	196,205		
General operations:	18,250		
One-time project / program:		1,600	2 days of Instructor Training for Wing Foiling instruction
Physical assets:		6,700	Equipment for Kids & Youth Wing Foiling camps
Rent (RMOW facilities):	7,200	N/A	
Rent (other facilities):			
Other:	24,866		
Total	\$ 246 521	\$ 8,300	3.3 % (Grant request ÷ Annual budget amount)
Reminder: The grant amount requested cannot be more than 50% of the annual operating budget of the organization.			

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>Thank you for your support.</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 describe how your organization can contribute to the RMOW Strategic Plan:</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>The Whistler Sailing Association (WSA) aligns closely with the Resort Municipality of Whistler's (RMOW) Strategic Plan by contributing to Smart Tourism, Community Engagement, Climate Action, and Housing. Through eco-friendly sports like sailing and wing foiling, WSA enhances Whistler's year-round recreational offerings, providing unique, low-impact activities that diversify outdoor experiences beyond winter sports. The association engages the local community through accessible programs, including youth summer camps, school initiatives, and events such as Wednesday Night races and the Whistler Regatta. Strong partnerships with organizations like Whistler Adaptive Sports and local schools further promote inclusivity and lifelong participation in water sports. WSA also supports RMOW's climate action goals by promoting wind-powered recreation with minimal environmental impact. Participants learn about water stewardship and environmental responsibility, while the association manages the "Old Youth Hostel" site with sustainable practices that protect Alta Lake's natural ecosystem. Additionally, WSA contributes to workforce development by offering seasonal employment and mentorship opportunities for local youth, helping build leadership skills while addressing the community's workforce needs. By prioritizing local hiring, WSA reduces pressure on Whistler's housing market and collaborates with community partners to explore creative solutions for staff accommodation. In all these areas, Whistler Sailing Association helps advance RMOW's vision for a vibrant, sustainable, and engaged community, enriching the lives of residents and visitors alike.</p>	

SUPPORT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The RMOW is committed to working with the Lil'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?

WSA has considered truth and reconciliation with indigenous nations.

In 2024 we have integrated land acknowledgments into our website and last year's public events recognizing that Alta Lake is part of the traditional, unceded territory of the Lil'wat Nation and Squamish Nation.

We see an opportunity to build collaborative programs in the future by offering some Cultural Programming that would integrate into our existing camps or events where Indigenous leaders share cultural teachings, traditional canoeing, or storytelling about Alta Lake.

Under the goal of increasing access and inclusion, we would be interested in offering a subsidized program for Indigenous youth and community members to encourage greater participation in sailing.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Francois Hebert
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Email:	info@whistlersailing.com
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]

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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