

GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i> | Whistler Youth Soccer Club |
| Name of the program(s) (if applicable): | Youth Soccer |
| Society Registration Number: | S - 45988 |
| Organization Mailing Address: | [REDACTED] |
| Contact Name & Title: | Erin Crawford - Registrar/Manager |
| Organization Phone Number: | [REDACTED] |
| Organization Email Address: | [REDACTED] |
| Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence)</i> | To organize memorable soccer experiences while nurturing a love of sport and participation. |
| Organization Category (choose between Environment, Social Services, Community Services, Recreation and Sports, Arts and Culture) | Recreation and Sports |

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

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| How many years has the organization existed? | 27 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> | We have signed 334 participants who registered for the 2023/2024 season. We open registration for the 2025 season at the end of February. |
| For sport organizations, how many youth (U18) participants are enrolled in your programs? | All of our 334 players are under 18years. <i>(We have 26 U18 Girls team players who are registered in our U18 program.)</i> |
| How many Whistler residents members does the organization have in the current year? | 315 |
| How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year? | 1 Registrar 9 Board Members 1 Head / Technical Coach |
| Age range of participants in the organization: | 4 Years Old to 18 Years Old |

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| Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.): | www.whistlersoccer.com https://www.facebook.com |
| What are the membership and participation requirements? | The Whistler Youth Soccer Club is an inclusive club. Anyone between the ages of 4 - 18 years old who wishes to participate can. |
| 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) | The Whistler Youth Soccer Club does not have any outstanding debt. |

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>The purpose of this grant is to assist WYSC to cover a small amount of costs to keep soccer affordable for all its members as one of a handful of teamsports available in Whistler.</p> <p>#1. Junior Coaches Wages \$2,000.00 - To assist with offsetting some of the wages of our Junior coaches who provide on field instruction to our players from preschool to U9. The coaches are an invaluable asset on the field ensuring all players experience a quality sport experience. Our youngest players have the most coaches on the field to provide them with the best chances of competent skill development, game modelling and FUN!</p> <p>#2. Coaching Courses \$1,500.00 - We will be having a BC Soccer Certified Instructor come up to Whistler to deliver 2 Canada Soccer Certified coaching courses (FUNdamentals and Learn to Train) as well as provide on field direction to all of our coaches over two training days. To keep costs down, the instructor will be staying with friends. The requested \$1,500.00 will go towards covering the cost of hosting the two courses as well as cover a portion of each coach's fee to attend the course(s).</p> <p>#3. Tournament Entry Fees \$2,500.00 - Each year we send our U10 to U18 Teams to tournaments throughout the lower mainland and the Okanagan. We try to have each of our competitive teams enter one tournament in the Spring and one in the Fall. We anticipate having 7 teams this year able to participate in these events. Tournaments are an opportunity to experience soccer on a broader scale playing against teams from further away and with various skills than they usually do in league play. Tournaments are also an opportunity to build friendships and build team culture.</p> | |

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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>This is not a new program. The Whistler Youth Soccer Club has been providing soccer programming to the Youth of Whistler for 27 years.</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>Our number one community benefit is our soccer programming that offers the youth of Whistler an opportunity to play a low cost team sport that offers skill development, comraderie and fitness. Although we have to abbreviate our season once the snow falls, we are able to put multiple teams in the BC Coastal Soccer League, the North Shore Youth Soccer Interlock League for our younger players and offer special clinics to anyone who wishes to get certified, enahnce their skills or gain greater fitness. This past year, The Whistler Youth Soccer Club ran our annual soccer programs for youth ages 4 - 18 years. WYSC hosted 2 referee clinics in the Spring, that were full with people attending from Whistler, Squamish, Pemberton and the City. We also hosted one Canada Soccer coaching course that was well attended. WYSC also offered an Intensive Goalie Camp in the Fall with a visiting coach from the Okanagan. Sport is important for both physical and mental health.</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>#1.</p> <p>2024 Community Enrichment Grant - Approved \$6,000.00 2024 BC Gaming Grant - Approved \$4,500.00 2024 Pitch in Day Participation - \$630.00</p> <p>2025 Community Enrichment Grant - Applying for \$6,000.00 2025 Pitch in Day Participation - Pending April 2025 2025 Gaming Grant - Applying for \$6,000.00</p> <p>#2.</p> <p>Whistler Youth Soccer Club has not applied for or been rejected by any other funding.</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: | \$129,510 | \$2,000.00 | Junior coaching fees |
| General operations: | \$46,450 | \$4,000.00 | \$1,500.00 coaching courses. \$2,500 Tournamen |
| One-time project / program: | 0 | | |
| Physical assets: | | | |
| Rent (RMOW facilities): | \$16,000 | N/A | |
| Rent (other facilities): | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ 191,960 | \$ 6,000.00 | 3 _____% <i>(Grant request ÷ Annual budget amount)</i> |
| Reminder: The grant amount requested cannot be more than 50% of the annual operating budget of the organization. | | | |

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| 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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| 7. Attachments: | <i>Please indicate the attachments you are including with your Grant Application Form:</i> |
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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

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| 8. Please describe how your organization can contribute to the RMOW Strategic Plan: | <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...

Please See Attached

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?

1. Collaboration with Indigenous Communities: WYSC ensures that soccer opportunities are accessible to Indigenous youth, including those from the Lílwat Nation. This partnership promotes open communication and shared resources.
 2. Cultural Sharing and Relationship Building: The interactions between coaches like Mark Freeman and Indigenous players, help create opportunities for cultural exchange and relationship building.
 3. Support for Indigenous Players: WYSC's inclusion of players from the Lílwat Nation highlights a commitment to supporting Indigenous youth. The club's assistance with program fees and gear ensures that financial barriers don't prevent participation, making soccer more accessible.
 4. Ongoing Commitment: By maintaining open communication and offering support for Indigenous players, WYSC is actively working to create an environment where Indigenous youth feel valued, respected, and included in the sport.
- These actions show that WYSC is committed to supporting Indigenous communities and advancing reconciliation through sport.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

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| Submitted by: | Erin Crawford |
| 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] |

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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#8. COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The CPIs that this grant addresses are:

- Enriching Community Life
- Partnering for Success

This is measured by 3 key success items:

- Spirit of Cooperation
- Personal Health Status
- Resident Affordability

1. WYSC has a strong list of rotating adult volunteer coaches as well as a pool of Jr coaches who volunteer to support our House programs from preschool to U10. We also have a smaller pool of certified coaches who have committed to being trained and certified with Canada Soccer certified courses. All of our coaches dedicate many hours both on and off the field to our organization. The coaches and managers ensure our members enjoy quality age-appropriate programming. Many of our Jr coaches are high school or University students who have aged out of our programming but wish to continue to be involved with soccer.
2. WYSC provides local youth the opportunity to participate in low-cost, year-round sport that encourages a healthy lifestyle through exercise and connecting with peers through sport. By offering full season teams at the older age groups, we hope to foster a greater sense of team and belonging that encourages players to continue to play well into high school and beyond. We are proud of the number of players we have at the U13 – U18 age groups. Our U18 girls team alone had 26 players on the roster this year.
3. WYSC looks for opportunities to give back to the community wherever possible. This past year, we offered at no cost to the schools, soccer instruction to grades K – 7 for 2 weeks each. The program aims to provide mentorship to the teachers to increase their competence and confidence to teach soccer while exposing the students to soccer and hopefully inspiring some to carry on playing. By offering this in schools we are removing any barriers to participation.

WYSC makes older equipment accessible at the field should someone who no ball wants to kick the ball around. Our Head Coach leaves old balls on the deck for anyone to use. WYSC also has players and their families who have moved away contacting us when they are in town to use a ball and have a kick around.

WYSC also participates in the annual Community Clean Up day each year in April. Our U10 – U18 teams head out in their teams to help in the clean-up of our designated areas.

4. WYSC continues to provide two \$500 scholarships to graduating high school students each to 2 graduates who has shown exceptional characteristics whilst being a member of our organization which is used towards post-secondary education.
5. WYSC encourages older members to become qualified as referees or coaches and supports and mentors them on the field. This helps them become confident in their capacity to referee and coach to provides them with another opportunity to keep active and involved in the community.