

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	British Columbia Fencing Association
Name of the program(s) (if applicable):	Whistler international fencing camp
Society Registration Number:	S-0016120
Organization Mailing Address:	[REDACTED]
Contact Name & Title:	John French (administrator)
Organization Phone Number:	[REDACTED]
Organization Email Address:	info@bcfencingassociation.com
Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence)</i>	The BC Fencing Association is the governing body for the sport of fencing in British Columbia
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?	~60 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>	The BCFA currently has 701 competitive licence members, and around 2,000 development members
For sport organizations, how many youth (U18) participants are enrolled in your programs?	533 competitive members and all development members are under the age of 18.
How many Whistler residents members does the organization have in the current year?	The BCFA does not currently have any members in Whistler
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	we have 6 board members, 2 admin staff (contractors), a contract high performance coach and ~100+ volunteers
Age range of participants in the organization:	5-86 years

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	https://www.bcfencingassociation.com instagram - bcfencingassociation and bcfencingofficial facebook: bc fencing association twitter: bcfencingofficial
What are the membership and participation requirements?	full members are required to purchase an appropriate membership licence developmental members participate in introductory programs of at least one day in length
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 funding will help support an international high performance fencing camp to be held in Whistler in 2025. The fencing camp will be run in conjunction with Dynamo fencing club, our largest club and the largest and arguably most successful club in Canada. Working with Dynamo fencing, we have held numerous successful camps in the past, either as summer camps or combined with the International fencing world cup that we have hosted since 2013. We wish to host the camp in Whistler to attract athletes to BC and Whistler, and to promote Whistler as a sport tourist destination. The funding will help us to attract international level coaches and athletes to the camp.</p>	

2. Is This a New Program or Activity?	<i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i>
<p>As noted above, International fencing camps are not new and we are experienced in hosting such events. However, this will be our first time hosting a camp in Whistler. Our goal is to run a successful camp and create an annual camp in Whistler.</p>	

3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
<p>The BCFA and its member clubs support the community by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Running school or community development programs to introduce youth to the sport, and thus encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle 2) Hosting Provincial, National and International Fencing tournaments and associated high performance camps, which attract visitors to BC and generate significant revenue for businesses, municipalities and the province. In 2025, we will be hosting several camps, senior and youth provincials, a Canadian national competition and an International world cup. 3) Creating successful competitive athletes, including Olympic games qualifiers, Pan-American Games champions, international world cup medalists, and national competition medalists, and by supporting numerous athletes to get full scholarships or Ivy League placements to compete in the NCAA. 	

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>For 2025, to date, we have applied for two Via Sport hosting grants, and a Paralympic sport development grant. We will be applying for a Richmond Sport Hosting grant, and potentially other grants as they come open. We have not heard back from any grant applications as of yet.</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:	65,000	0	
General operations:	37,125		includes administration, development programs and safe sport training
One-time project / program:	11,000		referee and coach training sessions
Physical assets:	20,000	0	
Rent (RMOW facilities):		N/A	
Rent (other facilities):	30,000		competition and venues
Other:	281,000	10,000	competitions and high performance development programs and athlete / coach support
Total	444,125 \$	10,000 \$	2.25% (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>
	<p>The high performance camp will be held in Whistler from August 17th - 23rd. The athletes and coaches will be staying at the Whistler Athlete centre, and training at a school gymnasium. We anticipate ~ 100+ attendees, representing 342 room nights. If successful and there is support from the municipality, we anticipate that this will have the potential to become an annual event, adding to the reputation of Whistler as a competitive sport tourist destination.</p>

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"/> <i>Other:</i>

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...

This grant addresses the priority of "Smart Tourism" by attracting new sports to the municipality via week long training camps, using the Whistler Athlete centre and local gyms in the summer period, and by enabling visitors to experience Whistler's unique culture and environment.

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?

As part of our committent to truth and reconciliation, our organization has partnered with the Tseil-Waututh First Nation to deliver development programs to Indigenous youth, with the Artist Susan Point to develop logo's for the organization, by inviting elders to provide opening speeches at the International world cup, and by providing land acknowledgements on our website.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	John French
Phone number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	INFO@BCFENCINGASSOCIATION.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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