

Dear Mayor and Council;

RE: COVID RELIEF FUNDING

We are writing to you to seek financial support for our male and female softball athletes who will represent British Columbia at the 2022 Canada Summer Games in Niagara, Ontario. Covid 19 has adversely effected our athletes, including some from your community.

As you know, amateur sport provides a significant financial benefit to your local economy. When softball is played on municipal diamonds local hotels, restaurants and shopping centres reap the economic benefit from visitors spending their tourism dollars. Softball is an inclusive sport that brings together people from varied demographic backgrounds and builds stronger community bonds. Finally, softball enhances community pride when a team or individual succeeds on the provincial or national stage.

The men and women who will represent British Columbia will also attend university and colleges throughout North America. When they return to your community to begin the next chapter in their lives, they will become role models for younger athletes. As future coaches, police officers or possibly council members they will continue softball involvement to promote active, healthy lifestyles.

Our goals are 1) for the teams to represent our province with the highest integrity, 2) promote the great game of softball, and 3) continue to grow the sport in the future. Our teams have been hit hard by COVID-19 restrictions. Your generous financial support will help us adapt our programs to ensure the teams are prepared to perform to the best of their abilities at the 2022 Canada Summer Games in Niagara, Ontario.

Please mail cheques to Team BC, c/o Softball BC, 201-8889 Walnut Grove Drive, Langley, BC V1M 2N7.

Thank You in advance for your generous support.

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