



ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE GRANT

The City of Kelowna recognizes the need for financial aid to support the competition needs of our locally-based **high-performance athletes & teams**. In response to that need, the “Athletic Excellence Grant” has been established to assist individual competitors or teams with the travel-related expenses associated with participating in high-level sporting events.

For the purpose of this grant, a High-Level Sporting Event is defined as:

- Western Canadian Championships
- National (Junior or Senior) Championships
- World (Junior or Senior) Championships
- Olympic Trials or Major Games/Events
- Provincial/National Team Championships

Funding levels will be based on the level and location of the event. The annual allocation will not exceed \$500.00 to any one athlete per calendar year and \$1,000.00 to any one team per calendar year. The City’s total annual Athletic Excellence Grant fund allocation is \$10,000.00 per budget year. In the event that these funds are not fully allocated in any given budget year, the remaining funds shall be carried forward to the next budget year.

POLICY GUIDELINES

GENERAL:

1. Applicant(s) must have qualified for the event by meeting an established standard as set by the National Sport Organization or through “play downs” or equivalent entry standard as recognized by the National Sport Organization.
2. Applicant(s) must be a locally based athlete/team residing in Kelowna for a minimum of 6 months
3. All applications must be endorsed by the local and/or provincial sport governing body.
4. Funds allocated must be matched by the athlete, team or sport organization
5. Grant funds are to be used for event travel-related expenses including: registration fees, transportation, meals and accommodation.

FUNDING LEVELS:

Athletes are eligible for funding at the following levels:

Western Canadian Championships:

- Up to \$150.00 per athlete, per event

National Championships or Canada Games or Olympic Trials:

- Up to \$250.00 per athlete, per event, held in Western Canada (BC/AB/SK/MB/NWT/YK/NU)
- Up to \$350.00 per athlete, per event, held in Eastern Canada (ON/QB/ND/NB/NS/PEI)

World Championships or Major International Games/Events:

- Up to \$400.00 per athlete, per event, held in North America
- Up to \$500.00 per athlete, per event, held outside North America

Teams are eligible for funding at the following levels:

Western Canadian Championships:

- Up to \$600.00 per team, per event
- National Championships or Canada Games or Olympic Trials:
- Up to \$700.00 per team, per event, held in Western Canada (BC/AB/SK/MB/NWT/YK/NU)
 - Up to \$800.00 per team, per event, held in Eastern Canada (ON/QB/ND/NB/NS/PEI)
- World Championships or Major International Games/Events:
- Up to \$900.00 per team, per event, held in North America
 - Up to \$1000.00 per team, per event, held outside North America

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. All enquiries regarding application eligibility and other pertinent information should go through the Sport & Recreation Division.
2. Completed application forms should be submitted to the Sport & Recreation Division at a minimum of one (1) month prior to the commencement of the event.

APPROVAL PROCESS:

1. All applications will be reviewed by an "AEG Review Team", with representation from the Sport & Recreation Division, Tourism Kelowna and PacificSport Okanagan
2. The AEG Review Team will evaluate the application(s), make the final decision, and notify the applicant(s) by mail of the final decision within 30 days.
3. If the applicant(s) is successful in receiving grant monies, they must complete and submit the Post-Event Report, including the Grant Information Form (attached as Appendix B to this policy) and copies of related event receipts, within 30 days of completion of the event.

Upon completion and submission of the Post-Event Report, a cheque requisition will be processed and funds provided to applicant(s).