



LOCAL SPORT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND FACT SHEET - July 29, 2009

The Local Sport Program Development Fund (LSDF) aims to increase participation in community sport by funding new or expanding sport programs. Funded by 2010 Legacies Now and the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, the LSDF provides up to \$2,500 to B.C. municipalities, community organizations and clubs and Aboriginal communities.

A total of \$80,000 was dispersed in three funding intakes - October 15, 2008, January 15, 2009 and April 30, 2009.

In the April 30, 2009 round of funding a total of \$27,078 was invested in 12 communities, including:

City: Burnaby

Lead organization: Special Olympics British Columbia

Program: Rhythmic Gymnastics

Amount awarded: \$2,500

Description of program: Rhythmic gymnastics is a new program offered this year by Special Olympics British Columbia, Burnaby, and the funds will aid in start-up expenses related to training, equipment and uniforms.

City: Campbell River

Lead organization: John Howard Society of North Island

Program: On the Rocks Climbing for Youth

Amount awarded: \$2,448

Description of program: The funding will provide 16 vulnerable youth ages 13-18 with regular group training and practice at On the Rocks Climbing Gym in Campbell River.

City: Delta

Lead organization: Delta Gymnastics

Program: Tsawwassen First Nation Recreational Gym Program

Amount awarded: \$2,000

Description of program: Funding will allow for a pilot gymnastics program to be developed in the Tsawwassen First Nations Recreation Center and delivered on-site at the reserve. This twice a week program for Grades 1 to 5 will run for eight weeks with the potential to develop further.

City: Fort St. James

Lead organization: Far Fetched Archers

Program: Aiming for Success



Amount awarded: \$2,500

Description of program: Archery is an excellent opportunity for cross-generational participation, peer competition, and personal growth for youth and adults alike. The funds will enable the purchase of club equipment and allow the club to introduce this sport to youth and families.

City: Fort St. John

Lead organization: Fort St. John Elks Speed Skating Club

Program: Adult Speed Skating Program

Amount awarded: \$2,500

Description of program: This funding will expand the children and youth programs to adult skaters and provide people between the ages of 18 and 80 an opportunity to learn a new sport or to improve skills.

City: Kitwanga

Lead organization: Gitanyow Band Council

Program: Gitanyow Youth Soccer League

Amount awarded: \$1,930

Description of program: The Gitanyow Band Council will provide up to 82 youth between 5 and 11 years of age with the opportunity to start a soccer team. Gitanyow Little Chiefs Youth Soccer Club would encourage children and youth to participate in soccer tournaments held during the summer months all over the northwest.

City: Nakusp

Lead organization: Special Olympics British Columbia

Program: Start Up of Special Olympics Program

Amount awarded: \$2,500

Description of program: Funding supports the program start-up in its first year of operation to serve people with special needs within a 100 km radius of a vast mountainous geographical area. Athletes range in age from 10 to 43 years of age and span a wide range of disabilities to include physical, mental and cognitive disabilities.

City: New Denver

Lead organization: Hills Nordic Ski Club

Program: Junior XC Ski Program

Amount awarded: \$2,500

Description of program: The Hills Nordic Ski Club will introduce a variety of programs to expand its youth programming in the region stretching from Nakusp to Slocan City. This includes an after-school ski club, a ski trade-up equipment program and a Saturday program for children and youth interested in skills development and racing techniques.

City: Powell River

Lead organization: Powell River Disability Sport Club

Program: Model Community Project

Amount awarded: \$2,500



Description of program: The club is open to participants of all ages and abilities and will promote social and physical wellness. The program will focus specifically on those with disabilities and provide an equal opportunity to learn sports.

City: Prince George

Lead organization: Prince George Gnats Rugby Football Club

Program: Promotion of the 2010 Prince George Mini Rugby Program

Amount awarded: \$2,500

Description of program: Education of young athletes in the Prince George area through the game of rugby. Financial support allows the club to purchase the proper equipment, secure the necessary venues, and promote the Mini Rugby Program.

City: Salmon Arm

Lead organization: Shuswap Ringette Association

Program: Shuswap Ringette Mentorship Program

Amount awarded: \$1,200

Description of program: Shuswap Ringette Association will institute the Mentorship Program so players may develop into top calibre coaches and experience leadership opportunities. The Shuswap Ringette Association expects that the program will benefit approximately 70 ringette players ranging in age from 5 to 18 years old.

City: Williams Lake

Lead organization: Williams Lake Indian Band - Recreation Program

Program: Williams Lake Indian Band Youth Baseball Program

Amount awarded: \$2,000

Description of program: The program aims to promote a healthy lifestyle within the community and use baseball as a tool to revitalize community culture.

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