



## POTENTIAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBER CLUBS

### Preamble:

One of the most difficult areas for nonprofit organizations, which includes Skate Canada: Alberta – NWT/Nunavut (Section”) member clubs, is the raising of funds over and above what they receive from membership fees, course or program fees and standard operational or grant funding that may be received from a governing body such as Section.

Therefore, set forth below is a listing of federal, provincial or local agencies and organizations where a member club may be able to apply for grant assistance or look to find information where application can be made to apply for grant assistance. Please note that any application for grant assistance is subject to the applicant meeting the criteria for grant assistance and is also subject to approval by the specific agency or organization. Further, in most cases, the grant assistance programs are matching programs whereby the applicant is required to contribute funding towards the program, project, etc. that is to be funded by the grant assistance.

### Federal:

CharityVillage.com (<http://www.charityvillage.com> ) Charity Village is Canada’s supersite for the nonprofit sector – 3,000 pages of news, training, jobs, information and resources, including information on grant funding. To find out about what is listed for grant funding, after you click enter on the home page and are on Main Street at Charity Village, scroll down to Resources and Library, select Funding Sources and you will then have access to the information.

### Provincial:

**Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation (“ASRPWF”)**  
(<http://www.tprc.alberta.ca/asrpwf> )

The ASRPWF is the main provincial funding body for nonprofit sport organizations and offers the following grant programs for member clubs:

- Coach and Official Development Initiatives
- Hosting Program
- Sport Participation Initiative Program (member clubs must apply through Section)

**Alberta Lottery Fund** (<http://albertalotteryfund.ca/> ) The Alberta Lottery Fund, through the Community Initiatives Program (“CIP”), will support project-based initiatives in areas such as community services, senior’s services, libraries, arts and culture, sports, education, health and recreation. The maximum grant will be \$75,000.00 per project per year, and applications can be submitted anytime throughout the year. CIP funding is approved on a matching grant basis. The matching requirement may be met in the form of any contribution of money, volunteer labor, services or donated materials or equipment for the project. If the group can demonstrate significant difficulty in raising matching funds, funding will be considered on a non-matching basis. Community nonprofit groups, such as Section member clubs, are eligible applicants.



**Corporate Grant Programs.** Many of the large corporations operating in Alberta such as EPCOR, UFA Co-op, etc. have community based grant programs for nonprofit organizations. It is therefore worthwhile for member clubs to schedule some time to review the websites of these corporations and grant funding opportunities and eligibility.

**Alberta Gaming Programs:** Applying for a Gaming License as a registered Not-For-Profit organization is another option. The license enables clubs to apply to host a Casino and/ or Bingo events.

**Local:**

It is important to look and see what community based grant assistance programs may be available through your community, town, city, etc. In some cities, hosting grants, travel grants and operational funding grants are available to eligible local non-profit groups.

It is also important to look at local service groups such as Kiwanis, Kinsmen, etc. and see what grant assistance programs are offered and whether member clubs are eligible to apply.

**Other Considerations:**

More and more nonprofit organizations are looking to partner with other complimentary nonprofit organizations on projects or programs that will benefit both (i.e. a member club with a dance school, Special Olympics, schools, etc.). The member club may not be eligible for grant assistance for the project or program but the other organization is eligible for grant assistance. In such cases, the grant assistance would be the contribution to the project or program of the complimentary organization, in addition to what ever else is agreed. In addition, agreement would be reached as to what the member club would contribute (such as volunteers, in-kind contribution, coaches, additional funding from other sources, etc.)

Therefore, take the time to make a list of the other local nonprofit groups in your area and determine if there is opportunity to partner and obtain grant assistance for a project(s) or program(s).

**Major Capital Projects:**

Where member clubs are looking to find funding for major capital projects such as arena repair or building, it is the town, city, etc. that would be eligible to make application to the Province of Alberta for such funding. The Alberta Provincial Government announced funding for infrastructure repair and building in its 2007 budget. This funding program is already oversubscribed for 2007 but it is hoped that the Province of Alberta will continue to provide such funding in future years.

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