

COVID-19 Recovery

SPORT FUND COVID- 19 RECOVERY

Sport Fund supports quality, sustainable community sport programming to provide more opportunities for Nova Scotians to participate.

Sport Fund criteria will be temporarily expanding to assist eligible sport organizations with one-time COVID-19 recovery funding.

CRITERIA

- Local sport clubs and community sport organizations who are members in good standing of a provincial sport organization.
- Community organizations who provide sport opportunities and are incorporated with active status as a "not for profit" society under the Joint Stocks Societies Act of Nova Scotia.
- Municipalities, villages, or First Nation communities.

NOTES

- All applicants must be located and delivering sport within Nova Scotia.
- We do not directly fund schools or education institutions.

PROCESS

Sport Fund COVID-19 Recovery grants will not be assessed by the Regional Sport Fund Committees. These grants will be reviewed by the regional sport consultant, with a finalized agreement from Sport Nova Scotia and the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

DEADLINE

Please reach out to your regional sport consultant no later then Monday February 22, 2021 with applications due by March 1, 2021.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Sport Fund COVID-19 Recovery is one-time funding and intended to help organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is intended to help groups continue to contribute to the sport sector and their communities. Funding will be provided to help offset increased expenses incurred by organizations because of COVID-19.

Sport Fund COVID-19 Recovery grants will be awarded to eligible sport organizations who have been impacted by the pandemic. Expenses that support COVID-19 related program delivery adaptations, such as increased facility rentals, extra equipment, additional coaches/ leadership support and cleaning materials are all considered adequate.

Please note that organizations will be asked to outline the expenses they incurred due to the pandemic and provide proof (detailed/itemized receipts) for all expenses.

HOW TO APPLY

- Step 1: Connect with your regional sport consultant, no later then Monday February 22, 2021
- Step 2: Discuss if your organizations is eligible and what is considered eligible proof of increased expenses. If an applicant is a member of a provincial sport organization, the provincial sport organization will be contacted directly by the regional sport consultant.
- **Step 3:** Sport Fund COVID-19 Recovery application form provided by your regional sport consultant
- **Step 4:** Send the completed application and related proof of increased expenses to the regional sport consultant in your area by Monday, March 1, 2021, at 11:59pm.

Please note, no late applications will be accepted.



FAQ

Q: My organization spent money in May 2020 on additional facility space and cleaning supplies, can we retroactively apply for funding?

A: Yes, eligible expenses may be dated from March 22, 2020 until the deadline of the Sport Fund COVID-19 Recovery Grant. Please know that detailed/itemized receipts are required. If you do not have receipts, please discuss with your Regional Sport Consultant.

Q: What types of increased expenses are eligible for Sport Fund COVID-19 Recovery Funding?

- A: Expenses that support COVID-19 related program delivery adaptations, such as the following:
 - Increased facility rental fees: to ensure physical distancing you needed to rent additional facility time to run your program.
 - Additional equipment: you needed to purchase more equipment because participants were not able to share.
 - Additional coach/leadership support: you needed to hire or train more coaches because you had to run more sessions.
 - Cleaning Materials: items like hand sanitizer, cleaning chemicals, cleaning cloths, masks, etc.

Q: My organization hosts an annual tournament, and we were not able to because of COVID-19, can we apply for revenues lost?

A: No, we are not covering lost revenues due to COVID-19. The Sport Fund COVID-19 Recovery Fund is to help support eligible organizations that have incurred increased expenses because of COVID-19.

Q: Our registration numbers were down this year, and we had fewer members to cover our expenses. Can we get funding to cover those losses?

A: No, we are not covering lost revenues due to COVID-19. The Sport Fund COVID-19 Recovery Fund is to help support eligible organizations that have incurred increased expenses because of COVID-19.

Q: My organization offers multi-sport programming. Can we apply more than once for Sport Fund COVID-19 Recovery?

A: No. We would ask that your organization list all the programs that had to be adapted because of COVID-19. Please submit one application on behalf of your organization.

Q: How much can my organization apply for?

A: The current allocation for Sport Fund COVID-19 Recovery Grant is \$140,000 province-wide. The maximum ask is \$5,000. It is not anticipated that the grant will cover all expenses incurred, however, our hope is to provide a bit of financial relief to help groups continue to contribute to the sport sector and their communities through these difficult times.

Q: When will my organization know if we receive funding?

A: The deadline to contact your regional sport consultant is Monday February 22, 2021 with applications due by March 1, 2021. We will work as fast as we can to review the applications. Please anticipate a four-week turnaround time. Organizations will receive one cheque for 100% of the allocated amount.



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