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As of October 1st, the Sports Legacy Fund is once again taking funding applications for its 16th allocation period. The deadline is November 30, 2023 and applicants are reminded that all completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the Society no later than the deadline.

There is only one application period each year to access funding. Results of this year's granting process will be released in late January 2024.

Most organizations use the online application program but completed submissions are also accepted by mail or email. The online application is available on the website at www.kamloopssportslegacyfund.com. It is important to review the grant eligibility criteria and the list of required documents outlined with the application form.

The mailing address is also available on the website. The application will not be considered unless the documentation is complete on submission. Questions may be directed to Bob Smillie by email at rsmillie@shaw.ca. Organizations that are incorporated are requested to submit their amended constitution and bylaws that are aligned with the new BC Societies Act. This is not required if they have been submitted with previous applications since 2015.

Since the first allocation of the Sports Legacy Fund in 2009, \$4.8 million has been allocated to 126 Kamloops and Region sport groups. The region is defined by the boundaries of the Thompson Nicola Regional District. Consult the Annual Report, March 2022 on the website to catch up on last year's grants and the Fund's accumulated total.

The opportunity for leveraging Society funds and matching of grants significantly extends the capacity of the Sports Legacy Fund and is encouraged.

Multiyear requests continue to be discouraged at this time due to potential annual funding demands on the Legacy Fund. Requests for individual or event sponsorships, program funding and travel grants including accommodation, meals, transportation and per diems remain ineligible. SD 73 affiliated organizations continue to be excluded due to the limited capacity to be inclusive of all the potential requests. Organizations that offer programs to the school district are encouraged to apply for funding.

Organizations considering capital projects are required to submit a budget outlining the project and sources of funding. The Sports Legacy Fund grants are based on the cost to complete and will be the last funds committed to ensure completion of the project. Fund raising should be well advanced before an application is submitted.

Team coaches and officials are funded for workshop registration and to upgrade coaching certification with the goal of improving their capacities and experiences to support community sport. These grants are complimentary to the PacificSport Interior of BC program. Requests are to be submitted by the applicants' local sport organization.

Each year, the grants are evaluated, and the outcomes published in the Annual Report. This ensures that the funds are appropriately expended in an open and transparent manner and the process open to public scrutiny.

Applicants are encouraged to join and maintain their membership with the Kamloops Sports Council. Although this is not a requirement for securing funding, it reflects the applying organization's commitment to enhancing the community sport experience.