

NEWSLETTER: October 2015

As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Sports Legacy Fund is taking funding applications for its 7<sup>th</sup> year. The deadline is November 30, 2015 and applicants are again reminded that all completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the Society no later than the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. The majority of organizations use the on line application program but completed submissions are also accepted by mail.

There is only one application period each year to access funding. Results of this year's granting process will be released in late January 2016.

Please consult the website, [www.kamloopsblazerssportsociety.com](http://www.kamloopsblazerssportsociety.com) for the eligibility criteria and list of required documents outlined on the application form. The application will not be considered unless the documentation is complete on submission. Questions can be directed to Bob Smillie by email at [rsmillie@shaw.ca](mailto:rsmillie@shaw.ca). Organizations that have previously submitted their constitution and bylaws need not resubmit unless they have had significant revisions.

Since of inception of the Sports Legacy Fund in 2009, \$2,158,000 has been granted to 84 Kamloops and Region sport groups. Consult the Annual Report, March 2015 on the website to catch up on last year's grants and the Fund's accumulated total.

Applicants are encouraged to review the eligibility criteria for incorporated sport societies and ensure that the information is as complete as possible. 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 are also excluded due to the limited capacity to be inclusive of all the potential requests.

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 plan. Fund raising should be well advanced before an application is submitted.

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 program.

On March 25, 2015, Bill 24 BC Societies Act was introduced in the BC Legislature, which has implications for all incorporated societies. There will be a 2 year transition after regulation resulting in a requirement to restate and submit a new constitution and bylaws that adhere to the Act. The deadline appears to be 2018. The Sports Legacy Fund may

undertake assisting the sport community to accomplish this goal by providing workshops and direct support.

The Board of Directors is responsible for all decisions regarding the allocation of funds and services. The process is reviewed annually to ensure that the administration of the fund is aligned with the sport priorities of the Kamloops Region.

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 memberships 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. The Society is partnered with the City of Kamloops to ensure sport is well represented in the decision making processes vital to the well-being of the community.

The members and Board of Directors of the Kamloops Blazers Sports Society extend this invitation for applications in the spirit of community investment and making the Kamloops Region a better place to live.