

RICHMOND SPORTS COUNCIL – CITY OF RICHMOND
ACTIVE RECREATION & SPORT FUND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Richmond Sports Council and City of Richmond’s Active Recreation & Sport Fund was established to provide funding for children and youth (18 and younger) to participate in active recreation programs and sports where financial barriers impact inclusion. Participants must be residents of Richmond.

Our goal is to help young people participate in their chosen activity or sport by improving access to active recreation and sport programs in our community.

Richmond Sports Council administers this program with the generous support of the City of Richmond and considers social and economic barriers facing families when assessing all applications. Every application will receive a response within 30 days of the application deadline.

What recreation activities and sports are covered?

Programs that are eligible for funding include active recreation and sports that takes place in Richmond and include:

- An organized activity, with an instructor or coach, running on a set schedule and includes at least one session per week
- Camps, active recreation programs like dance, martial arts, cheer, and sports that have an established presence in Richmond.

Individual training or private lessons are not covered.

The Active Recreation & Sport Fund will not cover City of Richmond programs as they are funded by City Recreation Fund nor those affiliated with a Provincial Sport Organization which are eligible for KidSport funding. Applicants may also wish to apply to Canadian Tire JumpStart. Links to these organisations are at the end of this document.

*See the attached list of activities to see what qualifies for this funding.

Who is eligible to receive these funds?

Children and Youth age 18 and younger who reside in the City of Richmond and have financial need – eligibility is based on the Government of Canada’s Low-Income Guidelines.

What does the funding cover?

- Registration fees up to \$500 per person, per calendar year (January – December)
- Funding does not cover equipment , uniforms or travel costs to tournaments

Guidelines

- Applications will be considered based on the financial information you provide. Applicants who meet the Low-income threshold (see Application process section for specific details) can receive up to \$500 per child/youth per year.
- Applicants must be 18 years or younger on the first day of the program they wish to attend.
- Successful applicants may be funded up to the full amount of the registration fees or \$500 whichever is lower. All funds must be used for the payment of registration fees only.
- Current industry standards and best practices regarding bullying, harassment and respectful codes of conduct must be in place for the organization, for the funding to be approved.
- Funds will be paid directly to the recreation or sport organization by Richmond Sports Council and notice will be shared with the applicant.
- The recreation or sport organization will refund the amount provided by Richmond Sports Council to the person who paid the program fees for the child/youth.
- The Parent/Guardian or Organization must notify Richmond Sports Council if the child/youth withdraws from the recreation or sport organization. Only the applicant for whom the funds were approved can use the funds. No portion of the funds may be transferred to someone else. Funds may need to be returned to Richmond Sports Council.

How to apply?

1. Review the list of recreation activities and sport to see if your child/youth's chosen activity is included. New activities can be added at any time. Submit questions by email to recreationsportfund.rsc@gmail.com
2. Review the financial verification process below to see if you can apply.
3. Register your child in an active recreation or sport program.
4. Once you have registered your child/youth, submit your complete application including financial verification and proof of registration documents to Richmond Sports Council:
 - a. Complete and submit the application online here (LINK) and attach your documents,
OR
 - b. Complete the application and print it, mail it with documents to:
Richmond Sports Council: Box 216. 186 -8120 No 2 Road, Richmond BC, V7C 5J8
 - c. Please note: Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant which could delay a decision on funding.
5. Applications must be received prior to, or at the beginning of the requested session of recreation activity or sport.
6. The application deadlines are:
 - a. July 15th for September programming
 - b. November 1st for January programming
 - c. May 15th for summer programming.
7. All applicants will receive notice of the decision by email within 30 days of the application deadline, if no email is available we will send a letter by mail.

How do I receive payment?

- Notice of the successful application and a cheque will be sent to the recreation or sport organization listed on your application and that matches the registration receipt document that you provided with your application.
- This notice will include information for that organization advising that by accepting the cheque they are agreeing to participate in the process of refunding fees to the person who paid the registration fee for the child/youth.
- The recreation or sport organization will process the cheque and issue a refund for the amount paid by Richmond Sports Council to the person who paid the fees for the registration.
- The Parent/Guardian or Organization must notify Richmond Sports Council if the child/youth withdraws from the recreation or sport organization. Only the applicant for whom the funds were approved can use the funds. No portion of the funds may be transferred to someone else. Funds may need to be returned to Richmond Sports Council.

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Application Process

Who applies?

The parent or guardian of the child/youth prepares and submits the application.

You will need **one** of the following as part of your application:

1. Financial Verification

You will submit your Notice of Assessment from the most recent tax year that shows Line 15000.

Applicants must meet the Low-Income cut-off financial threshold as outlined below:

# in Household	2	3	4	5	6
Max Household Income	\$52,800	\$63,800	\$73,600	\$81,400	\$ 90,200

If you do not have a copy of your Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment you can call Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) at 1-800-959-8281 or log into you CRA account online.

OR

2. Endorser

The parent or guardian must ensure the application is verified by an objective party, the endorser. The endorser is familiar with the athlete’s family and is able to assess the social and economic obstacles faced by the family.

The endorser acts as an objective 3rd party who is familiar with the child’s family and is in a position to assess the barriers facing the family.

- The endorser can be: School Principal or Vice-Principal, Doctor, Lawyer, Notary Public, Social Worker, Family Services, School Counsellor, Accountant, Social Service Organisation
- The endorser cannot be: someone from the organisation that will provide the recreational activity or sport. They cannot be a family member.

Privacy and Confidentiality

Richmond Sports Council and City of Richmond respect your right to privacy.

Information that you provide in this application is being collected for the sole purpose of administering the Active Recreation & Sport Fund. Information will only be disclosed to personnel who need the information to carry out the responsibilities of the Fund, and to organizations that may need to be contacted by the Fund as part of processing the application.

Richmond Sports Council and the City of Richmond will never sell, trade, loan or share your information to any other organisation or department. By submitting this application you agree to have all the collected information stored for record keeping purposes in a confidential data storage system.

Other sources of funding you may wish to consider:

City of Richmond programs funding:

<https://www.richmond.ca/culture/social/accessibility/subsidies/recreation-fee.htm>

KidSport Richmond covers sport with Provincial Sport Organisations:

<https://kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/richmond/apply-for-a-grant/>

JumpStart – Canadian Tire: <https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants>

For assistance with this application please email us at recreationsportfund.rsc@gmail.com or

richmondsportscouncil@gmail.com