

# **HIGH PERFORMANCE ATHLETE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

## **INDIGENOUS YOUTH SPORT LEGACY FUND**

### **APPLICATION CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES**

*Deadline: Applications will be accepted until 11:59PM PST on **Thursday, March 25, 2021***

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Province of British Columbia signed an agreement with the Squamish Nation, Lil'wat Nation, and the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation entitled *Partners Creating Shared Legacies from the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games* in November 2002. One of the shared legacies of the agreement was to establish a fund to support Indigenous youth in B.C. to pursue excellence in sport. In March 2004, the Province of B.C. contributed \$3 million toward the establishment of the Aboriginal (now Indigenous) Youth Sport Legacy Fund (AYSLF) and entered into a trust agreement with 2010 Legacies Now to administer the fund. 2010 Legacies Now transitioned to viaSport British Columbia following the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games and viaSport British Columbia has managed the fund in partnership with the West Vancouver Community Foundation since 2014.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The High Performance Athlete Assistance Grant was created to assist amateur athletes of Indigenous ancestry, including athletes with a disability or disabilities, in their pursuit of excellence in sport. The grant seeks to relieve some of the financial costs associated with high performance sport, including registration, travel, equipment, and coaching expenses. Grants are awarded to athletes competing in any sport, with priority given to athletes participating on regional, provincial, and national teams.

## BUDGET

Applicants are able to apply for a grant between \$500 and \$2,000 for expenses incurred between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022 depending on their level of eligibility.

The table below provides examples to better define the levels of eligible support:

Level	Examples of Supporting Criteria	Maximum Funding Eligibility
National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receiving Sport Canada Carding support (SR-1, SR-2, SR, C-1, D)</li> <li>• Own the Podium Tier 1 Athlete</li> <li>• On a Senior National Team</li> <li>• On a Junior National Team</li> <li>• Identified as a NextGen Athlete</li> </ul>	\$2,000.00
Provincial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominated by their Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) or Disability Sport Organization (DSO) as an identified performance athlete (or Targeted Athlete)</li> <li>• On an Aboriginal or Indigenous Provincial Team</li> <li>• Tracking towards or participating in BC Aboriginal Provincial Championship</li> <li>• Tracking towards or participating in BC Games</li> <li>• On Team BC</li> </ul>	\$1,500.00
Regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracking towards or participating in BC Indigenous Provincial Athlete Development Camps</li> </ul>	\$1,000.00

Eligible Expenses include:

- Registration Fees
- Travel costs
- Equipment
- Coach expenses

Applicants will be asked to provide estimates for items included in their proposed budget.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants eligible to apply must be:

- A Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada
- Of Indigenous ancestry
- Between 13 and 30 years of age at the time of application
- Currently living and training in B.C. (exceptions may be made in cases where an applicant is required to reside elsewhere for training purposes)
- Able to demonstrate a strong history of participation in amateur sport and a demonstrated potential to achieve provincial level (or higher) performance results

## CRITERIA

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to athletic development and high performance
- Sport performance objectives for 2020-2021 and/or relevant seasons of play
- Sport achievements to date and demonstrated potential towards future performance
- Letter of support/reference from a coach, mentor, or community member that can speak to your athletic ability and commitment to sport

## SELECTION PROCESS

Eligible applications are evaluated by a review panel consisting of high performance sport experts and Indigenous organizations. The panel bases its recommendations on the eligibility and assessment criteria described in this document.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Applicants may be asked to provide additional supporting information at the discretion of the selection committee.
- Athletes must be currently training and competing (if appropriate) in the sport indicated upon receipt of assistance.
- Athletes who receive funding under this program are subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Canadian Anti-Doping Program. Any athlete found to be in violation under this program (and as a result, penalized), must return the full amount of the grant award received under this program. Any athlete already penalized under the Canadian Anti-Doping Program will not be eligible to apply for funding through this program.

- Athletes will be required to submit reporting based on how their funding was used, including receipts of purchase.
- If an athlete receiving assistance through this program is prevented from continuing with their competition or training for a period greater than 60 days resulting from illness, injury or other circumstances, the athlete shall disclose this to the selection Committee. The athlete may be eligible to retain the funding upon agreement to adhere to the following provisions:
  - Make every reasonable effort to rehabilitate to prior athletic status;
  - Demonstrate long-term commitment to return to high-performance training and competition goals; and
  - Provide in writing from their coach that they have the capacity to return to prior athletic status;
  - Athletes who receive funding under this program and who choose to withdraw from sport participation, will be responsible for returning the full award, or a percentage thereof, as determined by the selection committee;
  - Violations of the program guidelines, terms and conditions may result in forfeiture of eligibility and/or support.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications for funding will only be accepted ONLINE. Please complete the online application form and upload a program budget in the supplied template at the following link:

<https://viasport.formstack.com/forms/highperformanceathleteassistance>

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If you wish to discuss your eligibility or application prior to submitting, please contact us at [grants@viaSport.ca](mailto:grants@viaSport.ca)

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