



## COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Non-Profit Recreation Facilities

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Non-Profit Recreation Facilities provides grants for non-municipal, non-profit recreation facilities that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and require emergency financial assistance to ensure the continuity of operations. The grant is intended to enable Recreation Facilities to continue to operate to support the mental health and physical well-being of residents and their communities.

### GOAL

To assist non-municipal, non-profit Recreation Facilities that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Non-profit organizations, registered and in good standing with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies, that own and operate a Recreation Facility **and**;
- Have seen a reduction in revenues (from rental fees, events, membership, fundraising, sponsorship, operational grants etc.) as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Non-profit organizations who own and operate facilities whose sole or primary purpose is not sport and recreation.
- Places of assembly such as community halls or churches.
- Federal, Municipal or First Nation Band owned facilities.
- Universities and colleges.

### FUNDING GUIDELINES

- Funding will be contingent on demonstrated need and amounts will be based on a formula that considers the facility's overall revenue/loss and annual operational expenses.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Applications must be submitted by Friday, August 6th, 2021.

### DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this grant program:

- “**Recreation Facility**” is a facility where the sole, or primary, use is sport and recreation activities. For the purpose of this application, a Recreation Facility does not include places of assembly such as community halls or churches.
- “**Revenue**” includes all money received from rental fees, events, membership, fundraising, operational grants/funding (ie. from a municipality or a sponsor).
- “**Operational Expenses**” include staff wages, utilities, insurance, taxes/mortgage payment and annual start-up costs.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

To submit your application, or if you have any questions about this grant program, please contact the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage's Recreation Consultant:

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