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City invites applications for 2023 recreation and sport community grant

(Barrie, ON) – The City is once again inviting eligible local organizations to apply for the Recreation and Sport Community Grant, which provides funding to enhance access to recreation and sport opportunities in Barrie.

"After the success we saw with this grant last year, we are once again seeking interested communitybased organizations that need funding to innovate, or continue to deliver, encourage or support recreation and sport in our city," says Dan Bell, Director of Recreation and Culture Services. "The grant isn't limited to organizations or activities focused exclusively on sports – it could provide funding for a diverse range of recreational opportunities in our city and encourage participation among our residents."

Organizations can apply for funding in two categories: programming to support new or innovative recreation and sport opportunities, or capital improvement projects. For either funding category, applicants must be an incorporated not-for-profit organization, a community association operating as a not-for-profit or a registered charitable organization. For-profit enterprises may apply in collaboration with an eligible not-for-profit provided they receive no direct financial benefit.

This is the second year the City has offered this grant. Through the 2022 grant process, the City awarded eleven Barrie-based organizations a share of \$283,700.

There is no prescribed dollar amount limit on application requests. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2023, and grants will be awarded no later than April 21, 2023.

Interested organizations can learn more about the grant and apply via <u>barrie.ca/CommunityGrant</u>.

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