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Applications open for the 2023 Recreation and Sport Community Grant

Second intake of applications will be accepted until October 6, 2023

(Barrie, ON) – The City of Barrie is accepting applications from eligible local organizations for the fall intake of the 2023 Recreation and Sport Community Grant, which provides funding to enhance access to recreation and sport opportunities in Barrie.

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.

Since the inception of the Recreation and Sport Community Grant in early 2022, the City has awarded over \$400,000 in funding to advance new and innovative programs that focus on the health and wellbeing of residents, including more than \$118,000 in grant funding provided to 15 Barrie-based organizations in June of this year. This second intake will seek to allocate the remaining 2023 funds to eligible organizations for fall and winter initiatives.

There is no prescribed dollar amount limit on application requests. Applications will be accepted until October 6, 2023, and grants will be awarded in late October 2023.

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

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