



2023 Community Coaching Grant

Program Description:

The *Community Coaching Grant* aims to support Ontario coaches and participants with the tools they need to cover the rising costs for organized sports, while keeping safety top of mind.

Many sport organizations are reporting increased programming costs with the current economic situation leading to reduced participation rates among Ontario youth. To help ensure young people can continue to enjoy their favourite sports, eligible coaches and organizations can apply to receive up to \$1,000 to cover sourcing new equipment, safety training, and much more.

This fund aims to offset some of these expenses for coaches so that sport remains safe and accessible for all Ontarians.

Purpose of the Program:

- To help coaches and organizations offset expenses related to fostering safe sport environments
- Help keep the cost of sport reasonable and accessible to all participants

Funding Availability & Eligible Expenses:

- At least 32 grants up to \$1,000 CDN per applicant

Eligible Applicants:

- Individual sport coaches in Ontario
- Open to coaches of all levels and contexts of sport in Ontario (i.e., community, competitive, high performance)
- Organizations in Ontario applying on behalf of a group of coaches within an organization directly benefitting from the funds

Eligible Expenses:

- Safety training (i.e., NCCP training, other safety focused training either eLearning or in-person, consultant/speaker delivering a workshop)
- New equipment for your team to replace outdated and unsafe equipment
- Any other expenses that you can demonstrate directly contribute to safe sport environment

Past expenses incurred PRIOR to acceptance, if applicable, are not eligible.

Expenses must be incurred during the grant period of August 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 and proof of purchase is required.

Timeline:

- Applications open May 31, 2023
- Applications close June 25, 2023 @ 11:59pm EST
- Recipients notified August, 2023
- Grant expenses incurred between August 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024



Selection:

- All applications will be acknowledged upon submission
- Each application will be reviewed by the CAO/Hydro One Selection Committee and be ranked based on demonstration of need and a commitment to safety
- Following the review period, all applicants will be contacted and informed as to the success of their application

Funding Release:

- Selected recipients will submit purchase receipts and a final impact report
- CAO will reimburse selected recipients via cheque for up to \$1,000 of eligible expenses
- Purchases must be purchased from a Canadian retailer or Canadian retail affiliate
- Purchases must be submitted by March 31, 2024