

Indigenous Hockey Coaching Grant

Program Description:

As part of our ongoing commitment to fulfilling the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's (TRC) Calls to Action for sport, CAO and Hydro one are excited to launch the 2nd annual Indigenous Hockey Coaching Grant.

This fund aims to support Indigenous coaches in Ontario who are participating in the 2024 Little NHL by providing funding to help remove barriers to coaching and improving access to sport.

Purpose of the Program:

- To remove some of the financial barriers that Indigenous coaches experience.
- Help keep the cost of sport reasonable and accessible for Indigenous coaches and their athletes.

Funding Availability & Eligible Expenses:

- 35 grants of up to \$1,500 CDN in funding per recipient.

Eligible Applicants:

- Open to all coaches participating in the 2024 Little Native Hockey Tournament (LNHL) who reside and/or coach in Ontario.

Examples of Eligible Expenses:

- Safety training (i.e., NCCP training, consultant/speaker/expert).
- New equipment for your team to replace old, outdated, and unsafe equipment.
- Any other expenses that you can demonstrate **directly** contribute removing barriers to coaching in your community.

Timeline:

- Applications open March 11, 2024
- Applications close March 25, 2024
- Recipients notified April 29, 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:
 1. Demonstration of need.
 2. Level of detail and specificity provided about how this grant will help remove barriers for you as a coach, as well as the impact on your athletes and/or team.
 3. Budget summary detail & accuracy of costs.

- 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 \$1,500 of eligible expenses.
- Purchases must be purchased from a Canadian retailer or Canadian retail affiliate.
- Purchases must be submitted by March 31, 2025.