



Parasport Jumpstart Fund – Grant Guidelines

Background:

Since 2013, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities and Canadian Paralympic Committee have been engaged in a partnership to create greater opportunities for children and youth with disabilities between the ages of 4 and 18, and who face barriers to actively participate in organized sports and physical activity. To date the fund has disbursed over \$520,000.

In 2017, the Parasport Jumpstart Fund will support more Parasport programs across the country through a granting style program. The focus still remains on improving access to grassroots participation for children and youth but has expanded to include more opportunities for a variety of sports and programming type.

Eligibility:

Organizations that are eligible for funding are included below:

- a registered charity (including a registered national arts service organization)
- a registered Canadian amateur athletic association
- a registered housing corporation resident in Canada constituted exclusively to provide low-cost housing for the aged
- a registered Canadian municipality
- a registered municipal or public body performing a function of government in Canada
- Her Majesty in right of Canada, a province, or a territory
- the United Nations and its agencies
- Provincial Sport Organizations
- Multi-Sport Organizations
- Disability Sport Organizations
- an organization incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation or society;
- an unincorporated branch or chapter of a registered charity or incorporated not-for-profit organization. The incorporated organization or registered charity must authorize the application and accept responsibility for any approved grant;
- an Indigenous community

Funding Streams:

The Parasport Jumpstart Fund offers three streams of funding for eligible organizations.

1. Paralympic Sport Funding:

This funding stream provides support for Paralympic Sport programming in single sports. There are 28 sports on the Paralympic program. For a complete list of sports click here:

<http://paralympic.ca/paralympic-sport>

This funding stream supports programming for:

- awareness, first involvement recruitment initiatives;
- participation; or
- athlete development

2. Parasport Funding:

This funding stream provides support to programming for sports that are not on the Paralympic program. These sports are generally considered “Parasport” and include wheel dance, waterski and wakeboard, para golf, para sailing and more. This funding will support projects and programs for single sports.

3. Multi-sport Funding:

This funding stream provides support to programs offering more than one sport. Sports and activities included can be Paralympic or non-Paralympic sports, or a blend of both. Jumpstart and CPC recognize that multi-sport programs are often important in entry level programming for children and youth in order to expose them to varying experiences.

Categories of Programming:

Funding for the Parasport Jumpstart Fund will cover costs for three types of programming:

- Awareness, First Involvement and Recruitment;
- Participation; and
- Athlete Development

Applicants will be asked to select which category their program falls under. Note that programs can include multiple categories.

1. Awareness, First Involvement and Recruitment

Awareness, First Involvement and Recruitment programs focus on building awareness of opportunities and providing positive first experiences in sport. Research has shown that providing positive first experiences and ensuring participants have support to access ongoing opportunities is extremely important for sustainable participation.

2. Participation

Participation programs focus on emphasizing sport for fun and for fitness, and aim to provide quality experiences for ongoing participation so that everyone can have access to sport and recreation either at the entry level or active for life stages.

3. Athlete Development

Any athlete may choose to move onto a path to higher levels of competition and performance and thus the transition from recreational or grassroots participation is extremely important. Programs targeting entry level competition and developing performance skills are eligible under all three streams of funding.

Funding Available:

Applicants can apply for funding to cover registration, equipment and transportation costs relating to their program. Examples include:

Registration: Can include coaching fees, facility rentals, resource development, etc.

Equipment: Parasport specific equipment (sport chair) and general sport equipment (basketballs, pylons).

Transportation: Covering the costs of transportation to and from a program, offsetting public transportation costs, coach and athlete transportation costs to events.

Application Process:

1. Read and understand all the eligibility criteria and funding guidelines prior to submitting your application.
2. Complete the application form and provide all the applicable information
3. Once complete applications are submitted by email to: jumpstart_cdp@cantire.com

Applications must be received by August 11, 2017 by 5:00pm PDT. Late applications will not be accepted.

Review Process:

All applications will be adjudicated by a review panel of representatives from Jumpstart and CPC in August and all decisions will be shared in early September.

Jumpstart and CPC reserve the right to decrease any funding request if we feel the budget is too large for the program proposed.

From September to October – you are required to upload the child data (see what child data is required in the FAQ's) and the funds will be released to your organization.

Upon completion of your program you will be required to complete a program report which will be provided to you by Jumpstart.