



14-Feb-2024

Application Type: Community Gaming Grant
Application No: [REDACTED]

Officer(s) Responsible: [REDACTED]
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Thank you for your application for a Community Gaming Grant. The services that you are providing to British Columbians are highly valued and appreciated.

I regret to inform you that your request for funding has been denied and your organization has not been awarded a grant this year.

In assessing your application, consideration was given to how well your application met the program guidelines as well as your demonstrated financial need and the level of available funding. Analysts in the Community Gaming Grant branch work very hard to adjudicate each application fairly within this context.

In order to be successful in future applications, it is strongly recommended that you take steps to address the following issues with your application:

- Organization Financial - Surplus (e.g. financial need): The financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, show available cash of approximately \$189,700. When the current liabilities and restricted funds of \$20,956 are deducted, \$168,744 of unrestricted funds remain. With operating expenses of \$72,274, the surplus percentage is 233 per cent. Based on the financial information provided, funding has not been provided (see Guideline 3.3).
- Organization Financial - Other: The financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, did not include notes or a list of deferred revenue sources. With the next



application, please ensure that the financial statements include these details. Without this information, these funds will not be included as deferred revenue for the purpose of calculating the surplus percentage (see Guideline 3.3).

- **Reporting - Report is Due:** The Gaming Account Summary Reports (GASRs) for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2022, are outstanding. A GASR is due to the Branch for any fiscal year during which there is a balance in the gaming account, regardless of whether or not a grant was received in that fiscal year. These reports must be submitted within 10 business days of the date of this notification. Failure to submit all required GASRs will impact grant funding (see Guideline 7.4).
- **Organization Structure - By-laws:** Our letter dated December 30, 2021, stated in part "In order to determine organization eligibility, each applicant organization must submit a copy of its most current constitution and bylaws. A review the file indicates a constitution and bylaws have not been submitted since 2015. With or before the next application, please submit certified copies of the current constitution and bylaws." The application does not include a copy of the organization's constitution and bylaws. Without this information, the Branch could not assess the organization's eligibility.

Since you have received Community Gaming Grants in the past, it is important to know that you are still required to report on your use of gaming funds using the Gaming Account Summary Report (GASR). As you can appreciate, it is very important that we are able to demonstrate that public funds are being used appropriately and for the purpose they were intended. Because of this, all recipients of Community Gaming Grants are required to report on the use of gaming funds using the GASR. The report must be submitted to the Community Gaming Grants Branch within 90 days of the organization's fiscal year end. GASR forms can be found here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/form-acct-summary-rpt.pdf>. Please do not hesitate to contact the Community Gaming Grants program if you have any questions about your GASR. The form, along with the complete list of conditions for this grant, is available on our website.

The Community Gaming Grants program operates on an annual funding cycle and applications are assessed on their own merit and in the context of available funding each year. As such, if you are able to address the reasons for your denial over the course of the next year or your organizational circumstances change, it is possible that your organization/programming will become eligible for funding in the future.



If you believe an error has been made in assessing your application, you may request a reconsideration. Please provide the branch with your reasons for requesting a review within 30 days of your receipt of this notification.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your staff and volunteers for the work that you do to support your community.

If you have any questions about your grant, please do not hesitate to contact program staff at CommunityGamingGrants@gov.bc.ca or (250) 356-1081.

Sincerely,



Executive Director
Community Gaming Grants Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs