Gaming Grant 101

PAC EXECUTIVE TRAINING

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Gaming Grant Purpose

PAC:

 PAC grant funding is intended to benefit students by enhancing extracurricular opportunities of students who attend the school represented by the PAC.

DPAC

 DPAC grant funding is intended to foster greater parental involvement in schools and effective communication between schools, parents, students and the community.

PAC – DPAC Eligibility

- PACs or equivalent groups at public schools, group 1 or 2 independent schools, and First Nation band schools
- Separate from the management and operation of the school & composed of parents or guardians of students attending the school
- Not-for-profit do not need to be registered
- Open membership for parents/guardians of students attending the school
- Provide extracurricular programming that is accessible and inclusive for all students
- Democratically chosen volunteer executive
- ▶ In operation for at least 12 months



Funding Allocation

PAC:

- Receive \$20 per student, per year based on the pervious September enrollment
- Schools with fewer than 100 students will be provided a base rate of \$2,000.

DPAC

• Receive \$2,500 each

How to apply



Check your reporting history

Ensure that your PAC is up to-date filing the Gaming Account Summary Reports



Have your BCeID ready

Have your login details for the BCeID ready. If not, apply online for your free BCeID.



Prepare your documents

New PACs have to provide their constitution & bylaws and AGM minutes. These should be provided if changes occur.



Apply online

To complete your application, click the Apply Now button and follow the steps. Have your L&G number ready to retrieve your account information.



Save and complete your application

Save your progress, and once complete, submit your application. You can also print a copy for your records.

Before you apply

NEW PACs /first time applicants:

PAC/DPAC information, including constitution and bylaws, AGM minutes

Annually (have on-hand):

- L&G number from past decision letter to prepopulate the form
- A complete list of annexes/school(s) that the PAC/DPAC represents
- Names, positions and contact information of 2-4 members of the PAC/DPAC responsible for the application
- Ensure recent Gaming Account Summary Report(s) have been submitted
- A dedicated bank account to receive the grant "Gaming Account" and the Direct Deposit Application form (FIN 312) is needed for new applicants and those who have not received funding in the past 12 months (April 2024 March 2025)



Tips and Advice for Applying

- Subscribe to Community Gaming Grants' "News & Updates" webpage to receive reminders and updates.
- Read the most recent PAC/DPAC Guidelines
- Review the Preapplication checklist
- Phone a help line, if needed. Someone available every business day
- Review the Application Tutorial
- Ensure your Gaming Account Summary Reports are submitted
- Apply on time. It is highly unlikely that late applications will be funded.



Eligible Expenses - PACs

- Field trips within B.C.
- Presentations or performances (e.g. music, theatre, science).
- ▶ PAC school spirit and family engagement events (e.g. school carnivals, movie nights, school dances, other social activities).
- Entertainment or leisure activities for non-instructional times (e.g. graphic novels/comics, magazines, extracurricular fiction and non-fiction books, board games, colouring books).
- Student publications (e.g. newsletters, yearbooks).
- Student competitions (e.g. writing, debating, chess, music).
- Student computers for extracurricular activities/clubs (e.g. software, hardware, accessories for photography club, robotics club, yearbook club).
- Student clubs or societies (e.g. drama club, chess club).



Eligible Expenses - PACs

- Student ceremonies (e.g. graduation, dry grad).
- Team or club uniforms (e.g. jerseys, t-shirts) and/or equipment for extracurricular activities.
- Equipment for extracurricular sports.
- Items that directly benefit students (e.g. playground equipment or enhancements).
- Student recognition (e.g. certificates, trophies, grad memorabilia).
- Student conferences within B.C.
- BCCPAC membership fees.
- Fees or travel/accommodation costs incurred to travel to the BCCPAC annual conference
- Emergency, safety or earthquake related supplies or equipment that is not ordinarily the responsibility of the school/school district.
- ▶ With prior approval, student transportation and travel outside of B.C



Eligible Expenses - DPAC

- Informational and promotional materials for parents (e.g. newsletters, websites, social media, etc.)
- Administrative costs (e.g. meeting room rental, printing costs, presenter/guest speaker fees, etc.).
- Parent training and workshops (e.g. Foodsafe, student health or wellness classes, Robert's Rules for Boards, etc.)
- British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils membership fees for the DPAC only.
- Travel for regular DPAC meetings.
- Fees or travel/accommodation costs incurred to travel to the BCCPAC annual conference



Ineligible Expenses – PAC/DPAC

- Curricular activities or items (e.g. instructional materials, textbooks.
- Items used primarily in the classroom to assist in the delivery or completion of curriculum (e.g. tablets, smart boards).
- Grant funds may not be used for any fundraising components at PAC events (e.g. the sale of goods/services to generate revenue).
- Out-of-province travel, unless approved by the Branch.
- Replacing/repairing school facilities that are the responsibility of the school/school district (e.g. structural repairs, water refill stations, school infrastructure).



Ineligible Expenses – PAC/DPAC

- Items that are the responsibility of the school/school district (e.g. audiovisual equipment, digital news boards, PPE).
- ▶ (PACs-only): Goods and services that benefit the parents (e.g. parent education, parent workshops).
- Administrative and/or operational costs incurred to support the PAC (e.g. office supplies and equipment, accounting or insurance fees).
- Costs related to paid staff, teachers on call, education assistants (e.g. luncheons, wages, travel, training/professional development).
- Monetary prizes or gift cards
- Financial assistance, monetary support, donations, or items/services purchased on behalf of other organizations or individuals
- Past debt (i.e. previous fiscal year expenses), loans, or interest payments.
- Scholarship and bursaries



Spending Timeline



PACs: Grant funds must be spent within 24 months of receipt.

DPACs: Grant funds must be spent within 12 months of receipt.



Grant funds can back-pay expenses incurred in the same fiscal year the grant is received.



This is done by transferring funds from the Gaming Account to the General Account for previously incurred eligible expenses. You cannot pay past debt or future costs not yet incurred.

Spending Rules



Grant funds are deposited into an organization's "Gaming Account



All eligible expenses should be paid directly from the Gaming Account. Grant funds may be transferred – by cheque or electronically – from the Gaming Account to the General Account for the reimbursement of eligible program expenses.



Method of payment - Cheque or board-approved electronic transfer.



Documentation - Invoices and receipts must be retained for five years.

Financial Reporting

- All Gaming Grant spending must be reported in the "Gaming Account Summary Report (GASR)
- All organizations that receive Community Gaming Grants or have previously received a grant and still have money in their Gaming Account, must submit a GASR.
- Must be submitted within 90 days of the organization's fiscal year end (do not submit prior to FYE)
- ► The GASR details: "Gaming Account" balance at beginning of fiscal year; grants received; funds disbursed; and balance at end of fiscal year.
- ▶ GASR also requires a description of how the funding benefited the community – ie. students.



Sample Gaming Account Summary Report

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Sample Gaming Account Summary Report

Financial institution address: Unit, S Account information and balances:	Street, and/or PO Box				
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	(attach an additional sheet	t if necessary)			
Account type:		Acc	ount number:	Bala	ance:
Gaming Account at fiscal year	-end:			s	41
Term deposit(s): (gaming funds	only)			s	4
GIC(s): (gaming funds only)				s	5
Other: (short description):				s	5
Total of account balances: (add lines	48 to 51 – this total must	agree with line 47)		>>> S	51
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SECTION 9 = COMMUNITY Briefly describe how the broader comm For each funded program, please proviouslic access such as number of even Community Gaming Grants Branch. (L.)	nunity benefited from your ide statistics (if applicable) ts, classes, sessions or op), including, for examerating times. Pleas	nple: the number of people e note that this information	e served, attendees on may be made publication	or participants, licly available by the

SECTION 10 - CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned board members, certify on behalf of the organization that all of the information stated is correct and that the board of directors has approved the submission of this report.

1	Position: (with the organization)		First name:		Last name:			
	Address: Unit and Street		City			Province	Postal Code	
	Business phone number: (XXX) XXX-XXXX		Home phone number	ne number: (XXX) XXX-XXXX		Cell phone number: (XXX) XXX-XXX		
	E-mail address: (provide a valid e-mail address)		Signature:		Date signed: (DD-MM-YYYY)		-MM-YYYY)	
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	Address: Unit and Street	City	Province			Postal Code		
	Business phone number: (XXX) XXX-XXXX	Ext:	Home phone number	r: (XXX) XXX-XXXX	Cell pl	none numb	er: (XXX) XXX-XXXX	
	E-mail address: (provide a valid e-mail address)	Signature:		Date s	igned: (DD	-MM-YYYY)		
Re	port prepared by: (if the report was prepared by	one of the	people above, include or	nly their name below)				
_	Position: (with the organization) First n			Last name):			
	Address: Unit and Street	City			Province	Postal Code		
	Business phone number: (XXX) XXX-XXXX	Home phone number: (XXX) XXX-XXXX		Cell phone number: (XXX) XXX-XXXX				
	E-mail address: (provide a valid e-mail address)	Signature:		Date signed: (DD-MM-YYYY)				

The information requested on this form is collected under the authority of the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch and the Community Gaming Grants Branch pursuant to the Gaming Control Act. The information provided will be used to assess compliance with the conditions of a gaming event licence and community gaming grant. Questions regarding licensing may be directed to the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch. Questions relating to grants may be directed to the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch.



Capital Project Grant

- Capital projects with a total cost between \$20,000 \$1,250,000
- Between 20% and 50% of the total cost of a project may be funded Grants up to \$250,000 (max)
- Matching funds are required
- \$5M Annual Funding
- Competitive Process
- Application intake period June August
- Notifications: December 31
- One application per year, only one grant per project
- You can still apply for your Community Gaming Grant



Project Eligibility

- Facilities— construction of new facilities; renovation or maintenance of existing facilities Purchase new/used buildings, community or childcare facility, recovery house, interior or exterior renovation (kitchen/bathroom/flooring/roof); HVAC system, elevators, tennis bubbles, lighting, curling club refrigeration.
- Community Infrastructure— development of public amenities that improve B.C. residents' quality of life Playgrounds, outdoor structures, community space, skate park, hiking/walking trails, public wharf, ecosystem restoration.
- Acquisitions— purchase of fixed capital assets for long-term ownership and use by the applicant organization Vehicles, buses/vans, computer systems, office or technical equipment, audio/visual equipment, sports equipment, boats.



Competitive Scoring Process

- Community benefit (20%)
- Inclusiveness and accessibility (5%)
- Project Feasibility (25%)
- ► Financial Considerations (45%)
- Financial Considerations (45%)



Gaming Licences

- All gambling events in BC require a licence A, B, C or D
- Licences must be applied for and approved before the start of the event. All applications must be filed online. Class A and C require a minimum 10 week processing time. Class B and D require a minimum 10 day processing time
- Type of licence applied for depends on the event and the maximum amount of money to be raised
- Each event requires a separate licence
- ► Each licence requires a Gaming Event Revenue Report to be filed at the completion of the event. Report is due 90 days after expiry of licence
- All gaming proceeds must be deposited into the gaming account
 - Running a gambling event without the required licence will run you the risk of losing your gaming funds



Key Resources and Contacts

Community Gaming Grants Branch (CGG)

- Website: https://gov.bc.ca/gaminggrants General Questions: communitygaminggrants@gov.bc.ca
- Phone: 250-356-1081

Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)

- Website: https://bccpac.bc.ca/
- Email: info@bccpac.bc.ca

British Columbia Association of Charitable Gaming (BCACG)

- Website: https://bcacg.com
- Email: gamingquestions@bcacg .com
- Chilliwack Fraser Valley CCGA https://fraservalleyccga.ca/



Q: Can a PAC give grant funds to the school or school district?

A: No. Per section 10 of the Conditions for a PAC/DPAC Grant, PACs are not permitted to make advances or donations of gaming funds to a school or school district.

However, the PAC may reimburse the school, school district, school group, or an individual for eligible disbursements as long as supporting documentation is retained in the PAC's gaming records.

It is preferred that the PAC pays suppliers of goods and services directly whenever possible.



Q: How do PACs make capital purchases? Does the PAC or the school own the asset?

A: PACs should not be making purchases for the school/school district and should retain management and control over any assets purchased using PAC grant funds.

Instances where the ownership of eligible assets are transferred over to the school or school district for storage, maintenance, operation, or liability insurance purposes is acceptable, but should be agreed to in writing. PACs should seek any necessary permissions or permits required from their school, school district and/or city prior to making purchases for any projects that require installation or which take place on school grounds. Installation fees should be paid for by the school/school district and/or city.



Q: Why can't our PAC use funds for scholarships and bursaries?

A: Using funds for scholarships and bursaries does not align with the intentions of the CGG PAC grant funding. The funding should benefit as many children as possible and provide opportunities for extra-curricular activities for students currently attending the school.



Q: Can we purchase playground equipment?

A: PACs can use their funding to purchase playground equipment. If there are modifications to the school grounds (e.g. levelling of ground, digging) required to install the equipment, this would fall under the school's responsibility.

PACs may retain their PAC grant funding for up to 24 months, so there are PAC groups that save this funding to make a larger purchase, such as a playground.

PACs may also apply to the Capital Project Grant program for funds for a playground; however, playgrounds located on public school grounds that are eligible for the Ministry of Education's Playground Equipment Program (PEP) are not eligible for a Capital Project grant. School Districts are responsible for applying for the PEP; confirm with the SD if your project is eligible for the PEP.



Q: What happens if my PAC applies for a grant after the intake closes on June 30?

A: It is highly unlikely for a late application to receive funding. CGG receives over 5,000 applications to the program each year and will prioritize funding those applications submitted on-time. The ability to provide funding to late applications is subject to the overall availability of funding. As the CGG program is often oversubscribed with funding requests that extend beyond the \$140 Million budget, it is highly unlikely that there would be enough money left to fund late applications.











THANK YOU FOR SERVING YOUR PAC!