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ACTION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: A2022-006
Date: Mar. 18, 2022
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Miskey, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Government Recovery Funding Grants to Member Community Sport Clubs

The Government of Ontario [announced on March 1, 2022](#), through the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism Culture Industries (MHSTCI), it is investing \$30 million to stabilize Ontario's sport and recreation sector as a result of the global pandemic. To help offset increased costs due to the impact of COVID-19 and to support the sector's future recovery in communities across the province, the MHSTCI is working closely with Provincial Sport Organizations (Ontario Soccer) to help disburse funds targeted to community sport Clubs in need.

This funding includes:

- \$20 million to ministry-recognized Provincial Sport Organizations (PSOs) and Multi-Sport Organizations (MSOs) to distribute to their local member clubs such as soccer, karate and volleyball through an application process
- \$7 million to the Ontario Sport Network to distribute to local community-based sport and recreation organizations such as dance and cheerleading, through an application process
- \$3 million to help the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) and its 17 teams meet their academic scholarship commitments for current and former players.

We can confirm that Ontario Soccer will receive **\$696,342.32** from the MHSTCI, with the mandate that 90% of the total funding provided be disbursed to Ontario Soccer Member Organizations and the remainder retained to administer the program.


As a result, Ontario Soccer will develop, manage and implement a fair and transparent funding program, through a grant application process, for our Member Community Soccer Clubs in need.



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Eligibility

The grant application process is open to Ontario Soccer Member Clubs who are duly registered and in good standing with their District Association and Ontario Soccer. Specifically Member Clubs that offer programming that supports alignment within the amateur sport system by offering a range of grassroots and competitive programming. This funding will support member Clubs across the province in sustaining their organizations.

Application process

1) Application submission

Application deadline: **April 22, 2022**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

2) Review and assessment

Ontario Soccer personnel will review your application to make sure you are eligible, that your application is complete, and is a fit with the grant requirements. We will score your application against the grant assessment criteria.

3) Recommendation and selection

Ontario Soccer personnel will make funding recommendations. Ontario Soccer's Board of Directors will approve the recommendations submitted.

4) Notification

Ontario Soccer will notify all applicants of the final decision. The final list of approved grants will be sent to the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

5) Confirmation

Successful applicants will be sent an email from Ontario Soccer with the grant letter attached.

Grant Selection Criteria:

- Demonstration of increased operating costs directly related to the pandemic (e.g. the costs of purchasing personal protective equipment);
- Demonstration of reduction of members and membership revenue during the pandemic;
- Demonstration of increased facility costs required to comply with the Reopening Ontario Act, 2020 and its regulations; or
- Demonstration of operating deficits to maintain programming for fewer participants.

The Funding to Member Community Soccer Clubs application form can be found on [OntarioSoccer.net](https://ontariosoccer.net).


We will continue to advocate for our sport to see much needed improvements being introduced to the amateur sport sector in Ontario.



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We would like to applaud membership for your resolve, resiliency and the teamwork you have shown since March of 2020. Thanks to grassroots leaders like you, soccer where “Everyone is Welcome” is now finally ready to once again “Play, Inspire and Unite.”

How do I stay connected to Ontario Soccer?

For further information please refer to the latest bulletins on the [COVID-19 Updates](#) page, which has all the latest information from Ontario Soccer, as well as resources for your members. Please consider placing a dedicated link to the [COVID-19 Updates](#) on the homepage on your website.

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