

BC Hydro GO Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

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Eligibility

Are Parent Advisory Councils eligible to receive funding?

No, Parent Advisory Councils are not eligible to receive funding. In addition, schools, Government of all levels, individuals, political organizations, and third party fundraisers are not eligible to receive funding.

Are playgrounds eligible to receive funding?

No. School equipment, school programs, and school events are not eligible to receive funding.

Are for profit recreational programs providing regular sport lessons to children eligible to apply for funding?

No. For profit businesses are not eligible to receive funding. The GO Fund is to support programs that support vulnerable populations. An example of a sporting program that would be eligible to apply would be a skating organization that is offering lessons and skating equipment to low-income families at a discounted price, so that children who otherwise would not be able to participate can join. Organizations such as Kidsport (www.kidsportcanada.ca) may be eligible.

Are programs that offer skating programs at regular registration costs eligible to receive funding?

Generally no. Regular sports programming groups are not eligible to receive funding. If a program is offering special opportunities to low-income families or children with disabilities, then these programs may be eligible. If in doubt, please contact NDIT to discuss your specific program idea.

Can you provide more examples of that type of support would be beneficial to target vulnerable populations or groups?

Some examples of projects that may be eligible for funding include:

- Materials to support nutritional information sessions at foodbanks.
- Nutritional foods to supplement existing donations at a foodbank.
- Child development programming to provide after school programming for at risk tweens and teens
- Materials and meeting space rental costs to provide training to at risk community members on family violence, addiction, healthy relationships
- Costs to increase access to technology (computers / internet) at emergency shelters, transitional housing, support centres.

What costs are eligible for funding?

Appropriate costs and programs may include: education or material development, program supplies, direct program staff salaries, operational costs including facility or space rental costs.

What costs are ineligible for funding?

Examples of costs that are not eligible for funding include regular sports programming, sports tournaments, school events, school equipment, Safe Grads, GST and PST, and costs incurred prior to formal notification of funding approval.

Question on Registered Society Status

Are non-profits that are not registered as a society eligible to apply for funding?

No. If a non-profit does not have the basic society registration then they are not eligible to apply. Options for an un-registered non-profits are:

- Register as a BC society
www.bcregistryservices.gov.bc.ca/bcreg/corppg/societies/index.page
- Partner with another Non-profit that does have society registration and submit a joint application.

Moving Forward

Additional Questions and Answers will be added as the GO Fund is established and implemented.