

Guidelines for Funding COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Sport

The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation is collaborating with the Government of Canada to provide emergency financial support to Newfoundland and Labrador provincial sport and recreation organizations. The COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for Sport (CESF) is a temporary relief measure designed to:

- maintain jobs and support business continuity for organizations whose cash flow and short-term operational viability have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- stabilize a sector that is a major driver of the Newfoundland and Labrador and Canadian economies.

Applications will be accepted in two phases. Applicants are eligible to apply for funding in both phases, however would not be funded for the same expenses in both phases.

Who is eligible to apply?

Non-profit provincial sport and recreation organizations that are recognized/funded by the provincial government.

Who is ineligible to apply?

For profit organizations; professional sport organizations; municipalities; religious, educational or political organizations; club sport organizations and recreation organizations eligible to receive support through the Community Healthy Living Fund (CHLF).

*Request for funding to support club sport may be included in the application submitted by the provincial sport organization and CHLF eligible recreation organizations should consider COVID-19 related expenses via the CHLF.

Deadline for applications:

Phase 1 - October 30, 2020.

Phase 2 - December 31, 2020.

Eligible groups may apply for support from any time the CESF program is launched until the deadline dates

What types of expenditures are eligible?

- Expenditures incurred, as a result of the implementation of new operational protocols required, as a result of COVID-19;
- Expenditures that offset the cost of increased program expenses, as a result of COVID-19; and
- Expenditures that offset lost revenue, resulting from program cancellations or registration reductions resulting from public health guidance.

What types of expenditures are ineligible?

- Expenditures funded under any other municipal, provincial or federal government COVID-19 emergency funding program, including, but not limited to the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, Canada Emergency Business Account and Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance for small businesses; and
- Expenditures that are not directly related to COVID-19.

How will my application be assessed?

Applications will be assessed on merit and demonstrated level of need.

How will payments be processed?

Grant payments will be made following the approval of an application. Payment will be issued to the organization identified on the application.

What are the reporting requirements?

Organizations that are approved to receive CESF grants are required to submit a final report within 30 days of funding being expended. All approved funding must be expended in full by March 31, 2021.

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