

Sport Event Grants & Funding Opportunities

Looking to bring a sporting event to Nanaimo or grow one you're already running? There are a number of grants available at the local, provincial, and national level that can help with costs like travel, facility rental, marketing, and event operations.

We've rounded up some of the key programs below.

Local Support - What does this look like?

Tourism Nanaimo Sport Hosting Grant

Tourism Nanaimo offers funding to sport events that attract visitors and generate overnight stays. If your sport event brings people to Nanaimo, you may be eligible to apply for this grant.

→ [Learn more here](#)

City of Nanaimo Grants

The City of Nanaimo provides grant funding under a number of programs.

→ [Learn more here](#)

Provincial Funding Opportunities (British Columbia)

Hosting BC (viaSport)

Supports provincial, national, and international sport events hosted in BC. Funding can be up to \$35,000.

→ [Hosting BC Grant Info](#)

Community Sport Program Development Fund (viaSport)

Helps communities increase participation in sport, with a focus on underrepresented groups.

→ [Community Sport Program Info](#)

Major Sport Event Hosting (Province of BC)

For larger-scale national and international competitions. Funding generally ranges from \$25,000–\$150,000.

→ [Learn more here](#)

Travel Support (BC Ferries Sport Experience & Gaming Grants)

Non-profit sport groups can apply for help with ferry travel and certain travel-related expenses.

→ [Travel Support Info](#)

Indigenous Sport Programs

Funding available to support Indigenous participation and community sport development.

→ [Learn more here](#)

National Funding Opportunities

International Single Sport Events (Government of Canada)

Supports National Sport Organizations hosting international competitions like World Cups or Olympic qualifiers.

→ [ISSE Program Info](#)

Need Help?

Tourism Nanaimo is here to support you. If you're considering applying for a grant, or want to talk through which program is the best fit for your event, reach out—we'd love to help.

Note: If you know of any grant funding opportunities that aren't listed above, please reach out to Sydney Solland, Sport Tourism Coordinator at sydney@tourismnanaimo.com to have them added.