



Capital Regional District
Grant-In-Aid Application Form
FOR ELECTORAL AREAS ONLY:

Juan de Fuca

Salt Spring Island

Southern Gulf Islands

CRD GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM

Grants-In-Aid are for the CRD Electoral Areas only: Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island, and Southern Gulf Islands

Application Submitted By

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Application Summary

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:

Baseball and Softball Field tarping - For the protection, extension of use and assistance in maintaining the home plate of both the baseball and softball fields and the pitching mound at the portlock baseball field. These tarps would cover these areas through the winter months and during wet weather in season to allow for better overall condition and utilization.

Amount of grant requested \$ 4,900.00

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is:

- **NOT** being made on behalf of an industrial, commercial, or business undertaking
- **NOT** available for the personal benefit of any individual, proprietor, member or shareholder


(signature of authorized signatory)

President
(title)

Eric Beamish
(print name)

Project / Proposal Profile

1. Assistance is being requested for:

capital project and / or equipment

special event

other purpose (Capital Purchase of Field Tarps _____)

2. Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. Attach additional information if required.

We are requesting grant funds to purchase field tarps for both Portlock park baseball diamond and the Fulford/new Hydro Softball Fields. These tarps are for covering the home plate areas of both fields and the raised pitching mound of Portlock. These tarps are high quality and weighted to endure weather and last for an estimated 10+ years.

3. Please describe how this proposal will benefit the community.

The fields are a finite asset to the community and with patterns of intense inclement weather we are experiencing in this day and age, field protection and striving to retain our length of season with adequate field use is a top priority for SSIMBA. This year we were unable to use fields for the first 2 weeks of our season due to their condition from wet spring weather. With a 10 week spring season, this is a significant(20%) delay in our ability to get island youth playing baseball and softball. Tarped fields protect the cinder and gravel material from erosion, degradation and contamination. We hope to mitigate these delays in future and provide an easier to maintain area for CRD maintenance staff.

Funding and Financial Information

1. Attach supporting financial information, i.e., budget / financial report. Ensure the following information is clearly itemized;
 - o project budget,
 - o grants / funding from other sources,
 - o funding contributed by applicant through fund raising activities or other sources of revenue and,
 - o financial statement that itemizes total expenses for the fiscal year, including any monies and/or benefits paid to members or officers.

2. Have you applied for a grant / funding from another source(s)? ☐ NO ☒ YES

If yes, complete the following chart. *If no*, please explain _____

Name of Grant or Funding Agency	\$ Amount Applied For	Status of Grant Application		
		Approved (Y)	Denied (Y)	Pending (Y)
BC Community Gaming	\$ 37,742.00	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BC Community Gaming	\$ 16,500.00	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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3. Have you received assistance (grant in aid / waiving of fees, etc.), from the CRD in previous years?

☒ NO ☐ YES..... *If yes*, please complete the following chart.

Year	\$ Amount	Purpose for which assistance was used

Budget for Tarps Required to protect fields from adverse weather conditions

Income

Fundraising	\$ 1,600.00
CRD Grant-in-aid	\$ 4,900.00
Total	\$ 6,500.00

Expenses

20' Pitcher mound cover, weighted For Portlock Park	\$ 1,233.00
26' Home Plate Cover, Weighted For Portlock Park	\$ 1,662.00
30' Home Plate Cover, Weighted For Softball Field	\$ 2,005.00
GST & PST	\$ 588.00
Shipping, estimated	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 6,488.00

Deficit/Surplus \$ 12.00

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BUDGETS**

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31

	2024	2025
	BUDGET	BUDGET
		(PROPOSED)
INCOME		
PROGRAMS REGISTRATION:		
BASEBALL	7500.00	6000.00
SOFTBALL	8000.00	5000.00
Fundraising	4000.00	20000.00
Government Grants - Provincial (BC Gaming Grants)*1	37742.06	18000.00
CRD Grant-In Aid		4900.00
Other Income	57242.06	45900.00
EXPENSES		
Tournaments		
Softball affiliation fees	4525.00	2500.00
Baseball affiliation fees	2000.00	601.00
Baseball clinics	1469.75	1500.00
Equipment	9500.00	5000.00
Weather Tarps for Fields	6700.00	7500.00
Capital Reserve - New Softball Field		6500.00
D&O Insurance		5000.00
Uniforms	851.25	851.25
Umpires	5696.06	7500.00
Website and operations costs	4,000.00	4,000.00
	3,000.00	3,000.00
	37742.06	43952.25
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	19500.00	1947.75

*1 Requested Fundline from BC Gaming Grants. 2024 was the requested amount but received \$16,500. In 2025, figure used is estimate of what we anticipate receiving



SALT SPRING ISLAND MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association Program Description

What? The Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association (SSIMBA) offers year-round programming for youth baseball and spring programming for softball. Salt Spring Island's strong connection to the sport of baseball is deeply rooted in the heritage of our Island and SSIMBA has been providing a fun and encouraging environment for children to develop their baseball and softball skills for many years. We believe that involvement in team sports provides our members with healthy, positive sport opportunities, social interaction, character development, fitness and health, recreation, friendly competition, and a community way of life that benefits our members and our community both on and off the field. We promote and teach values of respect, discipline, self-control, loyalty, perseverance, and responsibility as team members and as individuals.

Who? We offer grassroots baseball and softball programming for players of all skill levels between ages 5 and 18 as well as competitive programming for players in divisions 11U and above. Our goal is to continue growing our association in order to serve more of our Island's youth community. For a full breakdown of programming offered, please see **SSIMBA Programming Timeframe** on page 3.

Where? We serve youth from Salt Spring and the surrounding Gulf Islands in cooperation with the Vancouver Island community and beyond. We have two baseball diamonds on CRD property, and two softball diamonds leased from a private owner.

How? SSIMBA is run by a dedicated and passionate group of volunteers who make all our programming possible. In 2019, a small but mighty group of parent volunteers wrote bylaws and a constitution for the association and we became an incorporated society in accordance with the BC Societies Act.

Why? Because of our remote location, SSIMBA programming is needed in our community for the families who live here. Leaving the island to play sports is a huge expense that many families cannot afford. Having a baseball and softball league gives our local kids the chance to try and play a sport with the friends in their community, instead of driving to another community off island to play – something that only a relatively few can afford to do.

Accessibility & Inclusivity: Our programs are accessible to all, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression (LGBTQ2S+), sex, age, ability, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, language, education, income, or geography, etc. Our SSIMBA programs benefit youth in our community from diverse backgrounds and skill levels. We understand that participating in team sports can have a profound effect on the social, emotional, and physical development of youth of all ages. The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of Sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." The impact of each player's experience on the field and in the dugout may last their



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entire lifetime. SSIMBA strives to ensure that we support each player's unique development as well-rounded, self-confident, and engaged citizens.

We offer access to financial assistance to those who cannot afford to play through KidSport, Athletics for Kids and ViaSport grants.

The community is made aware of our programs through our website's and social media accounts as well as via local schools and free local advertising (the Salt Spring Exchange).

There is a cost to participate in our programs. Participation costs are affordable for most and we offer discounts and subsidies for fees and equipment as needed. With thanks to our current Gaming Grant funding, we are able to offer our youngest participants in 7U T-Ball and 9U Tadpole participants a lower registration fee than in previous years, which along with free clinics, has significantly increased participation at those levels. We are building our association from the bottom up as we continue to grow.

Community Support: We have a supportive community who through cash donations usually contributes on average \$5000-\$10000 per year in sponsorship. Given much of our community is dependent on tourism, we are extremely thankful for Gaming Grant funds to add to this community support and help us build for future field and facility needs.

With Gaming Grant support, we look forward to continuing to deliver such high-quality programs for many more years, creating positive experiences for our youth and strengthening our community.



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SSIMBA Programming Time Frames are defined as follows:

Spring Ball - April to June

➤ Grassroots House Ball Program

Registered players from all levels of baseball/softball within SSIMBA participate in practices and skill development on our baseball/softball fields and batting cage. We also interlock with neighbouring associations for game play on and off the island. This year our 11U through 15U players have a 12 game season amongst the 5 local associations.

➤ Special Grassroots Clinics for Players & Coaches

During the spring season, we offer weekly clinics for all baseball players and coaches, which are run by Master Coach Developer and former MLB player, Anthony Pluta. These clinics are designed to further assist our players in developing their individual/team skills, particularly considering interruptions in development and play caused by Covid-19 over the past years. We were also able to run NCCP coaching clinics this spring to develop/enhance coaching education and coaching skills, and parent/guardian classes for parents to learn the rules of the game and how the program functions (specific score keeping, team manager, pitch counting).

Summer Ball - July to August

Registered players interested in continuing their baseball season are invited to try out and teams are selected for competitive play. Teams then practice 2 times weekly and play games on weekends, followed by an island zones tournament and, if successful, provincial competition. Historically our teams have done very well in these competitions where we compete against much larger associations. Our 2018 Mosquito Summer Team even won the Provincials. We are proud of our hard-working teams!

Fall Ball - September to October

Fall Ball provides baseball players with an additional season consisting of two practices and one game per week. The program is designed to develop skills and prepare the participants for the following winter/spring season. We also coordinate coaching clinics and training seminars with neighbouring associations to support our coaches in developing their skills.

Winter Clinics – December to February

Winter Clinics provide our baseball players and coaches' skill development clinics in an indoor facility on a weekly basis. Experienced and skilled instructors provide education and skill development training to the players and coaches prior to the start of the Spring Season. We initiated this program in 2020 and were able to offer training with a Master Coach Developer for players and coaches in divisions 11U through 15U.