



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

Juan de Fuca

Salt Spring Island

Southern Gulf Islands

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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:

We are requesting funding to support the purchase of new, professional-quality oars for an expanding fleet of quad (4-seat) racing boats. This equipment is essential to growing our junior rowing program, and increasing access to the sport for more youth in our rural community. Adding these new oars to our inventory will directly impact our ability to serve more athletes, deliver higher-quality training, and ensure the sustainability of our volunteer-driven rowing club.

We take exceptionally good care of our oars and expect at least a 20 year service life.

Amount of grant requested \$ 10,000

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)

Director — Salt Spring Island Rowing Club
(title)

Michael Strumberger
(print name)

Applicant Profile

1. Please describe the services / benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these services / benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

Salt Spring Island Rowing Club (SSIRC) provides inclusive, year-round rowing programs for youth and adults. Our junior program is small yet especially strong, offering athletic development, community, and mental wellness support for local teens, the majority of whom are girls. Uncommon in the rowing world, our coaching staff is all women, and we create an empowering environment that keeps girls engaged in sport well past the dropout age (statistically 14 years old) common among their peers.

We also offer adult learn-to-row and recreational opportunities, which are growing in popularity, particularly appropriate among our island's aging population due to the sport's gentleness on the body. We have learned that a thriving adult program is critical to the health of our rowing club, due to the added volunteer capacity for this not-for-profit. This new equipment will also enhance our ability to grow our adult programs to provide healthy recreational programming for the wider island community.

2. Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.

We serve Salt Spring Island. Our members come from various parts of the island, and we cater to youth and adults who otherwise lack access to structured, and inclusive athletic programs—especially in a rural context with limited recreation infrastructure.

3. Is your organization voluntary and non-profit? ☐ NO ☒ YES

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.

Our non-profit club is almost entirely volunteer-run. In 2023 and 2024, our head coach received a modest stipend for administrative support, amounting to less than 10% of total hours served. Senior coaching staff, board members, and volunteers donate their time and expertise. We are committed to growing to the point where we can fairly compensate coaches and staff in the future. Expanding our equipment fleet is a critical piece of that puzzle.

Please indicate the number of members / volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.

Adult members (2024): We currently have 13 masters (adult) members
Junior athletes (2024): 31 student athletes (27 girls, 4 boys)
Volunteer Head Coaches for junior program: 2 head coaches
Paid youth assistant coach: 1
Volunteer junior team manager: 1
Student summer Learn-to-Row coaches (2024): 3 paid with support from Canada Summer Jobs grant
Volunteer board members: 5
Part-time administrator: 1, paid a small stipend
Parents of junior athletes volunteering ad hoc: approx 15

Project / Proposal Profile

1. Assistance is being requested for:

capital project and / or equipment

special event

other purpose (_____)

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

We are seeking \$10,000 in grant funding toward our goal of acquiring 16 sets of professional-grade sculling oars to accompany a fleet of four quad racing shells (previously owned) that we are acquiring through various fundraising efforts over the next two years. These oars are essential to putting the new boats into active service and expanding our capacity to serve junior rowers in our community.

By purchasing high-quality oars suited for training and racing, we will ensure that our athletes—most of whom compete at the regional level, some at nationals—have the safe, functional tools they need to train effectively and grow in the sport.

We are currently evaluating quotes from two reputable suppliers—Croker West (Canada) and Concept2 (USA). Our preferred option may be a combination of the two as we balance performance and value.

At \$1,232 per set, Croker S2 represents the most cost-effective solution—with the added benefit of supporting a Canadian supplier.

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

This investment will have an immediate and lasting benefit for our local youth. Our junior program—currently made up of 27 girls and 4 boys—offers a rare, year-round opportunity for teens in our rural island community to develop athletic skill, confidence, teamwork, and resilience. Some of our athletes identify as neurodivergent, and our all-women coaching team provides individualized support to help each young person thrive in a safe, encouraging, and inclusive environment.

With more boats ready for use we can increase the number of rowers who can train simultaneously, and accommodate new members as interest in our club grows. The oars funded through this grant will be the final key piece of equipment needed to put these new boats into active service.

Looking ahead, these oars will also be used in adult learn-to-row programs and recreational rowing opportunities that serve Salt Spring Island's wider population. Rowing is a low-impact, full-body, highly social exercise that supports lifelong physical and mental well-being—particularly important in our rural, retiree-heavy demographic.

In short, this grant will enable us to grow our programming, expand our reach, and deliver meaningful health, social, and developmental benefits to our community.

Funding and Financial Information

1. Attach supporting financial information, i.e., budget / financial report. Ensure the following information is clearly itemized;
 - project budget,
 - grants / funding from other sources,
 - funding contributed by applicant through fund raising activities or other sources of revenue and,
 - 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)
KidSport Active Girls	\$1000	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
BC Community Gaming Grant	\$10,000	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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
2023	\$5000	AED, portable toilet, building materials
2019	\$5000	Windstorm damage to boats
2013	\$5000	Toward an outboard motor
2011	\$4000	Toward a new rowing dock

4. Does your organization:

Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Provide services that fall within the mandate of either
a senior government or a local service agency? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct
Contributions to the project (e.g., fundraising for the project)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Or, is your organization:

part of a Provincial or National fund raising campaign? ☐ Yes ☒ No

The information provided in Section 4 is for data collection purposes.

Followup:

Please refer to Page 6 of the ***Grant-In-Aid - Application Completion Guide*** regarding the following:

1. Acknowledgement

2. Reporting

Please remember to attach:



Itemized Mini Budget: Sculling Oars Purchase (Croker S2s)

Salt Spring Island Rowing Club

23 April 2025

Produce by M. Strumberger for SSI Rowing

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost (CAD)	Total (CAD)	Notes		
Croker S2 Sculling Oars (pair)	16 pairs	\$1,100	\$17,600	Carbon composite oars		
GST (5%)	–	–	\$880	Standard Canadian tax		
PST (7%)	–	–	\$1,232	Provincial sales tax		
Shipping & Handling	–	–	N/A	We will arrange our own pickup		
Estimated Total	–	–	\$19,712	Prices in CAD		
Anticipated Funding Sources						
Source	Amount (CAD)	Status	Purpose			
CRD Grant (this application)	\$10,000	Requested	Oars (partial funding)			
Junior Row-A-Thon Fundraiser	\$10,000	In progress (goal)	Oars or boats depending on success			
Club General Funds / Other Fundraising	\$TBD	Ongoing	Balance & shipping if needed			
Oar purchase comparisons						
Supplier	Model	Unit Cost	Subtotal (16 pairs)	Taxes / Fees	Shipping / Brokerage	Total (CAD)
Croker (S2)	S2/S2Soft (Standard Lightweight)	\$1,100	\$17,600	GST + PST = \$2,112	N/A (pick-up)	\$19,712
Croker (S40)	S40/S40Soft (Ultralight "Skinny")	\$1,300	\$20,800	GST + PST = \$2,496	N/A (pick-up)	\$23,296
Concept2 (USA)	Ultralight Smoothie2	\$1,245	\$19,920	Import Tax = \$2,400	Brokerage = \$375 (shipping included)	\$22,695 (est.)

Salt Spring Island Rowing Club

Profit & Loss

January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24	Jan - Dec 23
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Income from Fees		
Adult Fees	7,687.50	7,861.75
Adult LTR / Coaching Fees	0.00	3,100.00
Junior Fees	3,220.00	3,575.00
Junior Learn to Row Fees	0.00	3,200.00
Learn to Row Fees	15,538.26	0.00
Total Income from Fees	26,445.76	17,736.75
Guest Rower	20.00	0.00
RAR Income / Fundraising	11,365.23	13,559.12
Grants	11,750.00	22,512.00
Fundraising & Donations	7,587.00	24,614.97
Interest/Dividends Income	44.40	8.95
Misc. Income	69.15	0.00
Total Income	57,281.54	78,431.79
Expense		
Administration/Office	0.00	420.00
Advertising & Promotion	188.92	120.30
Bank Charges & Interest	160.04	160.13
Building & Site Maint & Repair	6,075.81	168.00
Coaching - Subcontract	4,427.02	4,151.76
Donations & Gifts	125.33	457.27
Equipment Maint.& Repair	7,396.89	3,994.52
Equipment under \$500	519.19	0.00
Fees, Dues, Licences		
Licences	25.00	25.00
Membership Fees/Annual Dues	3,975.00	3,645.95
Registration/Participation Fees	3,664.99	7,601.73
Total Fees, Dues, Licences	7,664.99	11,272.68
Freight, Courier, Delivery	0.00	698.90
Fundraising Costs	555.62	757.62
Garbage & Recycling	33.07	21.00
Insurance	50.00	785.00
Misc. Supplies	1,118.36	362.51
Net Pay	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	256.81	95.95
Payroll Expenses		
Wages		
Canada Summer Job fundi...	-16,210.00	-4,701.00
Wages - Other	25,845.21	9,536.53
Total Wages	9,635.21	4,835.53
Source Deductions	1,999.59	856.05
Total Payroll Expenses	11,634.80	5,691.58
Race Around the Rock Expenses	13,122.61	14,639.99
Regatta Expenses	615.00	2,220.56
Safety Boat / Automobile Fuel	239.39	675.61
Training & Education	1,471.60	3,341.21
Travel Expense	183.90	182.30
Total Expense	55,839.35	50,216.89
Net Ordinary Income	1,442.19	28,214.90

Salt Spring Island Rowing Club
Profit & Loss
January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24	Jan - Dec 23
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense		
Suspense	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00
Net Income	1,442.19	28,214.90