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Ministry of Housing and Social Development

COMMUNITY GAMING GRANTS AVAILABLE

VICTORIA –As announced last week, the Ministry of Housing and Social Development has lifted the funding freeze for community gaming grants, having completed a review of the program.

Priorities for the remainder of 2009/10 grants will be:

- Programs that support low income and disabled British Columbians.
- Programs that provide food, shelter and support to at risk individuals.
- Programs that support community health services.
- Programs that fund nutritional and similar programs in schools for underprivileged children.
- Public safety programs.
- A limited number of arts and culture activities.
- Community education programs, such as daycares and preschools.
- Public community facilities like community halls and recreation facilities.
- Youth and disabled sports.
- Non-sport youth groups, such as scouts and cadets.

As in previous years, demand for community gaming grants significantly exceeds the available funding. The Province is fully supporting some of the highest priority organizations. Other organizations will receive less funding than they request so that the maximum number of organizations receive support from community gaming grants. Some projects, such as capital project grants, playground grants and three-year grants, will not be eligible for funding this year.

To date, \$53 million has been allocated to gaming grants for 2009/10. The Province considers applications for community gaming grants four times per year. Applicants for this quarter's funding – arts, culture and sports organizations – will be notified of funding decisions in the next two weeks. Applications for the next quarter from public safety organizations and parent advisory committees are due to the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch by Aug. 31, and will be considered by Nov. 30, as usual.

More information about community gaming grants is available at:

<http://www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/>

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