

Community Grants Program Application Form

Criteria

1. Applications are due on May 1, 2024, by 4:00pm. Exemptions at the discretion of Council.
2. Applications must be submitted via email to communitygrants@thamescentre.on.ca or a hard copy dropped off at the front desk of the Municipal Office at: Municipality of Thames Centre, 4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON N0L 1G3.
3. Preference will be given to applications which meet one or more priorities set out in the Thames Centre Strategic Plan. In addition, applications should demonstrate community support, efficient use of resources and sound business practices.
4. To be eligible, applicants must provide products/services to the residents of Thames Centre.
5. Limit of one application per organization.
6. Individuals are not eligible to apply.
7. Each application must demonstrate that:
 - a. This grant is not the primary source of funding for the project
 - b. Financial assistance is needed as other sources lack adequate funding
8. The applicant organization must spend the grant funding on the sole purpose for which it was awarded within the fiscal year for which it is awarded.
9. Applicants will be deemed ineligible from future grants if they fail to provide written confirmation of how and where the grant funds awarded in previous years were expended.
10. Grants in one year or over several years don't guarantee future funding commitments
11. Payment – Successful applicants will be paid in full, however grant recipients will need to provide written confirmation of how and where the grant funds were expended by end of the year. Failure to do so may eliminate them from future grant funding consideration.
12. The maximum allowable grant is \$10,000.00,
13. Applications for “in kind” non-financial assistance will be forwarded to the respective department for review with a report to Council for consideration and approval.
14. Successful grant recipients agree to acknowledge the support of the Municipality of Thames Centre in all printed material and through other promotional means.
15. The Municipality of Thames Centre should be informed if the project is delayed or changed substantially for any reason. In the event that the project does not go forward, the application will return those funds granted for the proposed project.

Organizational Information

Name of Organization: Belmont, Aylmer, Dorchester Girls Hockey Association

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 522, Dorchester ON, N0L 1G0

Contact Name: Kyle Lake

Position: Treasurer / Registrar

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Business Registration Number or Registered Charity Number if applicable: _____

1. Provide a brief outline of your organization and indicate if it is incorporated as a non-profit organization:

We are the minor hockey association for girls in the Belmont, Aylmer, Dorchester area. Known locally as the B.A.D. Blazers. We are an incorporated non-profit run by volunteers.

2. What is the general objective/services of your organization:

The B.A.D. Blazers Hockey Organization is dedicated to providing a Top Quality hockey program for all players on all teams at all levels while striving for fair play, team work and commitment. Our goal is to aid in athletic and personal development with our youth through the vehicle of hockey. We aim to unite and empower our players, families and staff to create positive extraordinary life experiences while feeling proud of representing

3. How many volunteers participate in your program:

We have 11 volunteers on our Board. We run 10 teams with approximately 4 volunteer coaches per team. A total of approximately 50 volunteers in our organization.

4. In what geographic area does your organization provide their products and/or services:

We play our home games and practice out of the Flight Executive Centre in Dorchester, the Belmont Arena, and the East Elgin Community Complex in Aylmer.

5. Does your organization provide a service to:

- a) All citizens
- b) A specific group If so, specify: Youth Girls, Ages 4-18
- c) A specific area If so, specify: _____

Categories for Funding

(indicate dollar amounts for appropriate lines)

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Capital/Equipment	\$
Operating Costs (staffing, utilities, materials, etc.)	\$ 5000
Insurance	\$
Other (Specify):	\$ 5000
Other (Specify):	\$
Other (Specify):	\$
TOTAL REQUEST AMOUNT (not to exceed \$10,000)	\$ 10000

Include (attach) quotes wherever possible.

Details of Grant Request

1. For what specific purpose are the requested funds to be utilized?

The \$5,000 grant in operating costs would be used to run our Fundamentals program. This is a program designed for girls new to hockey of all ages. For the 2023/2024 season we offered this program for free at a cost to our association of over \$6,000. We would like to offer it for free again and this grant would do a lot to alleviate our

2. Does this application include any assistance other than financial? Explain. (ie. type and estimated hours of staff support, facilities to be used, dates, etc.)

NO

3. Does your project meet one or more of the priorities set out in the Thames Centre Strategic Plan? Explain.

It does. Active Living which is a key pillar of the Strategic Plan. - I have cut and pasted from the Strategic Plan Page 7

Active Living

4. Briefly describe how your project benefits the community?

The grant for the FUNdamentals program benefits the community by allowing us to offer a hockey program to community members for free. Further, if we are not having to include the cost of jerseys in our costs, we do not need to download those costs to our members making it more affordable for our families to join

5. Explain how you will make efficient use of resources and follow sound business practices.

We will use the resources to pay for the ice time for our FUNdamentals group.

6. Have you received funding from the Municipality in prior years? If so, please provide the amount per year.

No.

7. Has your organization requested financial assistance in the last 12 months from any other government organization or grant funding opportunity in the last 12 months? If so, please list amounts received/approved.

We have sourced small donations from local service organizations over the past year and had 2500\$,of our jersey costs paid from last year paid for by those. We have also received \$600 from a service organization towards our Fundamentals program for the upcoming year

8. What other steps are being taken to cover your costs?

We run a tournament every year. Unfortunately due to the curling even at the F.E.C. we had to reduce the # of teams that could attend and as such our profit from the tournament wasn't as great as hoped. It is our biggest fundraiser. We obviously charge fees for all levels above the Fundamentals. Individual teams run fundraising event's for team specific

9. Will this program ever be self-sufficient?

The Fundamentals program we would love to keep free through grants. It attracted 34 girls new to hockey this past year. It was amazing but not something we can continue to offer free without support.

Financial Information

1. Please attach a financial statement from your previous year for your organization. Financial statements are not required for requests under \$500.If your Organization is unable to provide financial statements, please contact the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer for more information (eschinbein@thamescentre.on.ca)

2. Please provide (attach) a letter of support from your Board or another donor/community partner to validate your company's financial stability.

3. Please provide a project budget, including the following information.

a. Revenue Sources

ITEM	AMOUNT (\$)
Applicant Contribution	
Grants	
Donations	
Sponsorships	600
Fundraising Efforts	
Other Sources	
Total Revenue	

b. Expenses

ITEM	AMOUNT (\$)
Advertising and Promotion	
Program Supplies	
Entertainment	
Administration	
Salaries and Wages	
Facilities Rental	6000 (ice time & OWHA insurance)
Prizes and Awards	
Other	5000 (jersey's)
Total Expenses	11000

PHIL MAUER & ASSOCIATES INC.

56954 Eden Line, Eden, Ontario N0J 1H0 Phone: (519) 866-5677 Fax.: (519) 866-5990

April 29, 2024

Shannon Zylstra
Communications Coordinator
The Municipality of Thames Centre
4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON
N0L 1G3 Canada

Subject: Community Grants Program – Blazers

I am writing in support of the application the BADGHA Blazers Board has made to request funding for the operation of their organization. Phil Mauer & Associates (PMA) has been supporting BADGHA for approximately 15 years and will continue to do so because of the important role sport plays in the development of our youth. PMA strongly endorses this application because of the initiative the BAD Board and their volunteer base have taken to offer their “Fundamentals” program free of charge to help girls new to hockey experience hockey regardless of financial constraints. This is an invaluable service that helps ensure as many girls as possible are given a chance to participate.

I hope you will join us in supporting this outstanding organization. Should you wish to reach out please feel free to contact me at (519) 866-5677.

Sincerely,

//signed//

Phil Mauer
President

Email: phil@philmauer.com
Please visit our website at www.philmauer.com





Terra Leibold

email: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

April 29, 2024

Delivered Via Email

Municipality of Thames Centre
4305 Hamilton Road
Dorchester ON N0L 1G3

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Community Grants Program Application Form for Belmont Blazers

I am writing you this letter on behalf of the Belmont, Aylmer, Dorchester Girls Hockey Association (“BADGHA”) to show our support for a monetary grant through your Council.

I believe our Association is deserving of this grant because of our commitment to help young girls get involved with hockey. The sport of hockey has undeniably positive impacts on the people who play, and we believe those impacts should be shared by all. One of our biggest struggles with girls’ hockey is that it remains underfunded and poorly supported. To ensure that we achieve a long-lasting and genuinely positive impact on the female game, we have focused our funding into three strategic imperatives – development, recruitment, and retention of girls in the sport.

One of the reasons I support the BADGHA is that we provide quality hockey programs to our youth girls at a reasonable cost across Belmont, Aylmer, and the Dorchester area. New this year, our Association introduced a Fundamentals Program. It is an all-ages introduction to female hockey that is free for the participants. The program removes financial barriers to participation, while providing a safe environment where the girls can be themselves, learn and have fun.

Another reason I believe the BADGHA is deserving of this grant is that I know that the money will go directly back into the communities it serves. If you choose to award your grant to the BADGHA, we plan

on using the funding on our new Fundamentals Program so that we may expand our hockey program and continue to help families make this sport affordable for their children. I believe that BADGHA can exceed your expectations and continue to flourish with your assistance.

Further, due to the constantly rising operational costs, ice rentals and referees specifically, very little of our budget is left to update aging equipment and apparel. BADGHA, if awarded, would like to use some of the grant money to update our jerseys and purchase additional jerseys to support the growing number of girls playing hockey in our Association.

For these reasons, I hope you consider the BADGHA as a top contender for this grant. If you have any additional questions about our qualifications, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED].

Yours very truly,

BELMONT, AYLNER, DORCHESTER GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Per:

[REDACTED]

Terra Leibold,
Vice President

	June	July	August	September
Revenue				
Registration	42,502	14,167	31,280	6,442
Try outs				
U15 Extra Ice Registration Pmt				160
Teams Refunding Costs			37	
U13C Sponsorships				1,500
Senior B Sponsorships				
Bad Day Sales				
Banquet Ticket Sales				
Donations	1,000	250	1,000	
Tournament			12,750	27,500
OWHA Refund	1,261			
Bond Pmt In Error				300
Total Revenue	44,763	14,417	45,066	35,902
Expenses				
Ice Rental	\$1,287.57			\$5,248.42
BAD DAY				
OWHA Fees				
League Fees/All Stars				
OWHA Bond				
Provincial Fees				
Referees				
Refunds - Registration		1,108		2,773
Socks		\$560.02		\$728.04
Development				
New Jerseys				\$10,441.20
Sponsorship Pmt To Teams				
Banquet				
Office/Lions Room		73.16		
Advertisements/Donations	\$110.74			
Coaching Fees	\$847.50	380		214
Tournament				
Bank Service Charges	\$45.25	50	30	39
Hangers/Ice Pack/Parade/hot Chocolate/pizza				64
Reimbursement of Bond pmt				
Website				\$954.85
Senior B Pmts				
U13C Payments				67
Total Expenses	2,291	2,170	30	20,528
Gain/(Loss)	42,472	12,246	45,036	15,373
Opening Balance	51,019			
Accumulated	93,491	105,737	150,773	166,147

October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
1,425	4,608	7,000	639.28	150	150		
160				960	800		
238					328		
500	251	3,547					
	200		500				
450		1,088					
					240		
	12,500	1,250	30,209	885	1,032		
		500					
2,773	17,559	13,386	31,348	1,995	2,550	0	0
15,336	19,216	22,512	31,006	10,241	11,936		
2,766							
\$8,935.00							
	600			600			
1,400							
					1,250		
1,399	1,701	1,826	1,988	803	3,719		
		450					
			1,554				
		881					
	207.96						
	156.5	412	135				
		6,046	38,941	8,499			
27	15	15	16	24	55		
37		99	196				
300							
				500			
251	92	4,968					
30,451	21,989	37,208	73,836	20,667	16,960	0	0
(27,678)	(4,430)	(23,823)	(42,487)	(18,672)	(14,410)	0	0
138,469	134,039	110,216	67,728	49,057	34,647	34,647	34,647

Total

108,363

0

2,080

603

5,798

700

1,538

2,250

86,126

1,761

300

209,518

116,783

8,935

1,200

1,400

11,435

4,330

1,288

1,554

11,323

0

0

73

319

2,144

53,486

316

397

300

5,378

220,660

(11,141)
