
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 9, 2009
File No.: 0550 - 01
To: City Manager
From: Director of Recreation & Cultural Services
Subject: **Family Active Nights Grant Application**

Report Prepared by: Louise Roberts-Taylor, Manager of Community & Neighbourhood Programs

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council endorse the attached application to the *School Community Connections Program, Strengthening the Connection program* for funding to initiate Family Active Nights in two Elementary Schools in Kelowna during the 2009-2010 school year.

BACKGROUND

The Recreation and Cultural Services, Community & Neighborhood Programs Branch is responsible for the development and delivery of a broad spectrum of sport, recreation, and cultural programs. The Branch focuses its resources on providing a wide-range of multi-age programming for individuals of all abilities that promote active lifestyles. One of its' primary objectives is to support initiatives that foster neighbourhood awareness and connectiveness.

The *School Community Connections Program, Strengthening the Connection program* was created by the provincial Ministry of Education and is jointly managed by the Union of BC Municipalities and the BC School Trustees Association. This program is designed to support partnerships between boards of education and local governments through providing grants to address local issues and provide direct benefit to students, their families and the community.

The proposed Family Active Nights program would consist of monthly family focused (intergenerational) activity nights offered to the community out of North Glenmore Elementary and Black Mountain Elementary. These Family Active Nights would focus on providing a variety of opportunities for families to participate together in physical activities. The purpose of these activities would be to promote: active lifestyles, healthy family interaction, and a sense of neighbourhood.

These activity nights are based on a model that has been successfully implemented out of the Parkinson Recreation Centre. These two school locations will serve as a local neighbourhood facility to bring together students, families and the larger community to participate in recreation opportunities that are facilitated by the City of Kelowna Community & Neighbourhood Programs Team in the school gym. Both of these school communities have been identified through the Central Okanagan Early Development Instrument data as vulnerable communities, particularly in the domain of Physical Health and Well Being. This project will establish a collaborative relationship between School District 23 and the City of Kelowna in addressing this identified community vulnerability and ultimately better



serving the needs of the community. This initiative would run during the fall & winter months, October 2009 – April 2010.

INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:

General Manager, Community Services
Grants Manager

FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:

The majority of the cost of the program would be covered by the School Community Connections Program grant. The grant funding request of \$8,000 would cover the school rental fee, custodial charge, contract instructor wages, and miscellaneous program supplies & materials. The costs not covered by the grant can be accommodated within the approved 2009 budget.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:

Neighbourhood Program Staff would be involved with coordinating and executing the Family Active Nights as part of their regular work assignment.

LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:

The grant application requires the endorsement of the local municipality.

EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Board of Education (School District 23) endorsed this grant application at their Feb 25th, 2009 board meeting.

Considerations that were not applicable to this report:

LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

EXISTING POLICY:

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted by:



J. Gabriel, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services

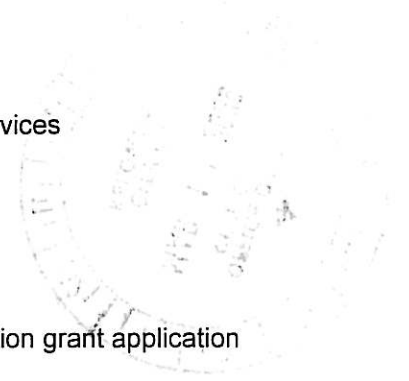
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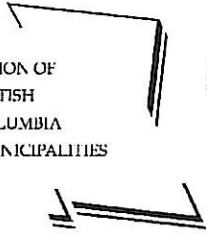


J. Vos, General Manager, Community Services

Cc: General Manager, Community Services
Director, Financial Services
Grants Manager

Attachment: School Community Connections Program, Strengthening the Connection grant application





School Community Connections Program

Strengthening the Connection – a continuation of the program launched in 2008

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APPLICATION FORM

The deadline for applications to this program is **March 31, 2009**. Please type directly in this form or print and complete. Use additional space or pages wherever required.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Questions? Contact Local Government Program Services at (250) 356-5134.

Applicant Information (must be Board of Education or Local Government – applications submitted by an illegible applicant will be returned to the

Applicant:

Recreation & Cultural Services
City of Kelowna

Mailing Address:

Parkinson Recreation Centre
1800 Parkinson Way
Kelowna, BC, V1Y 4P9

Contact person:

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1. SHORT NAME OF PROJECT: FAMILY ACTIVE NIGHTS

2. APPLICATION # 3 OF 3: (Please note that only three applications may be submitted from each board of education service area. Applications in excess of that limit will be returned to the applicant)

3. FUNDING CATEGORY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Learning | <input type="checkbox"/> Safer, Greener Communities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Healthy Kids and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Security and Nutrition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries and Literacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancements to completed 2005 SCC projects | |

4. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT (Please provide a general overview of the project)

Our project would consist of regular (monthly) family focused (intergenerational) activity nights offered to the community out of the following 2 schools: North Glenmore Elementary and Black Mountain Elementary. The project would run during the fall & winter months, October 2009 - April 2010. These Family Active Nights would focus on providing a variety of options/opportunities for families to participate together in physical activities. The purpose of these activities would be to promote: active lifestyles, healthy family interaction, and a sense of neighbourhood & community. These activity nights are based on a model that has been successfully implemented out of our community recreation facility-Parkinson Recreation Centre.

5. MEETING SCC OBJECTIVES (Describe how your project meets the SCC objectives as described in Section 1 of the Program Guide)

This project meets the SCC Objectives by developing a sustainable relationship between the Board of Education and the City of Kelowna Recreation and Cultural Services. The two school locations will serve as a local neighbourhood facility to bring together students, families, and the larger community to participate in active recreation opportunities that are facilitated by a City of Kelowna Community & Neighbourhood Program Team in the school gym. For both of these school communities, this will be the first time this type of programming has been offered. This project is intended to demonstrate how a successful relationship can be developed between the school community and the City of Kelowna Recreation and Cultural Services, with the intention to continue to offer these opportunities beyond the scope of the project deadline. In addition, both of these school communities have been identified through the Central Okanagan Early Development Instrument data as vulnerable communities, particularly in the domain of Physical Health and Well Being. This project will establish a collaborative relationship between the Board of Education and local government as a first step towards addressing community vulnerability and ultimately better serving the needs of the larger community. Finally, it makes greater utilization of available school facilities.

6. SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS (SCC applications must have the support of both a Board of Education and Local Government as per item 5 in the Program Guide. If there are other community partners, please list them here as well)

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Board of Education

City of Kelowna Recreation and Cultural Services

North Glenmore Elementary School

Black Mountain Elementary School

7. PROJECT COSTS (Please indicate the estimated cost of your project, as well as an anticipated budget indicating how the funds will be used. If there are other funding sources or in-kind contributions, these should be listed as well. Final reporting will require verification of funds spent)

* 10 Family Active Nights (5 at each school) at a cost of \$800 each = \$8,000

* The \$800/activity night covers the cost of the: school rental fee, custodial charge, contract instructor wages, and miscellaneous program supplies & material

* In-kind contributions include: City of Kelowna - Recreation & Cultural Services staff (Community and Neighbourhood Team) time to plan & coordinate the activity nights, and SD No. 23 staff (Health Promoting Schools Coordinator) time to assist in facilitating the activity nights.

8. PROJECT COMPLETION (Please provide the anticipated end date of the project.)

April 2010

9. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (please use this space to add any other relevant information about your project)

There are a number of long term outcomes that we hope to advance through this initiative:

- 1) a sense of neighbourhood & community
- 2) increase access to opportunities for families to participate in physical activities
- 3) build capacity through collaboration with community partners to enhance services delivery

10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE ATTACH):

- Letter(s) of support