

## Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games Legacy Fund

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The Board of Directors of Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games Society is pleased to announce the release of the Legacy Fund following the Summer Games of July 2016.

Steve Carlton, Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games, President, said, 'After hosting a very successful Summer Games in Abbotsford last July, the Board of Directors of the Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games Society is pleased to announce that we have \$152,000 in our Legacy Fund to disburse to qualified non-profit sport, recreational and cultural organizations of governing bodies operating within the City of Abbotsford. The tremendous success of our Summer Games was due in part to the generosity of our provincial, corporate and community partners combined with the prudent management of the Games' budget. As a result, we are proud to have a substantial Legacy Fund that will give permanence to the spirit of the Summer Games across the community.'

The Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games hosted 18 provincial sporting events at 24 local and regional venues for 2441 athletes, 479 coaches and 300 officials. There is also a living legacy left in the community with the 2700 volunteers who increased their skill development. As part of the legacy from hosting the Summer Games, funds are available to inject back into the community through non-profit sport, cultural or community organizations.

The Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games continued the long and proud hosting history of our community and the allocation of legacy funds. The Legacy Building at Rotary Stadium was built with legacy funds from the 1995 Western Canada Summer Games. Similarly, the City of Abbotsford Community saddle tent is one of several legacy gifts from the Abbotsford 2004 BC Summer Games.

Organizers of the Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games are now accepting applications from organizations qualified to receive Legacy Fund grants. The Board of Directors of Abbotsford 2016 BC Summer Games has approved the criteria for such applications. It is anticipated that successful recipients will be notified in April or May of 2017 with the public presentation in July.

Please access the criteria and the application form at [www.abbotsford.ca/BCSGapplication](http://www.abbotsford.ca/BCSGapplication)  
Applications close March 31, 2017.