

Inclusive Community Recreation Infrastructure Fund

Purpose:

Recreation is rooted in the principle that it is to be inclusive for and by all to enjoy its benefits. However, this principle is sometimes challenged which can make it difficult for certain population groups to participate and experience its benefits. Supporting the general principles of recreation, the [NEW BRUNSWICK RECREATION AND SPORT POLICY FRAMEWORK](#) provides a set of concepts, principles and roles to ensure that our citizens and communities benefit fully from the system's impressive potential to enhance our quality of life.

With these guiding principles, the Sport and Recreation Branch has developed the *Inclusive Community Recreation Infrastructure Fund*. The main goal of this grant is to support community recreation efforts that improves inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation.

Who is eligible:

- Municipalities, First Nation Communities, and community recreation/sport non-profit organizations who have the responsibility and mandate for the provision of recreation and sport activity.

This fund will focus on the following key priority: Improvements to existing infrastructure to increase inclusion and access in recreation and sport activity.

Description:

- Assistance is based on need and the Fund can support up to 100% of eligible expenses to a maximum of \$10,000.
- Funding amounts will be dependent on the volume of applications and level of financial need.
- Infrastructure improvement initiatives that support increased participation for persons with a disability, women and girls, and newcomers.
- Please provide at least one (1) cost estimate from a supplier for each expense.

Eligible Expenditures (include, but are not limited to):

- Infrastructure improvements that increase access to participation include, but are not limited to; access ramps and pathways, power door operators, lifts, accessible swings, aids for visual impairments, creating culturally and socially supportive environments, diverse and equitable spaces (ex: universal change rooms), lifts (i.e. access to pools) etc.

Ineligible Expenditures (include, but are not limited to):

- Non fixed equipment
- Planning studies
- New builds
- HST

Ineligible Organizations:

- Provincially or Federally owned infrastructure
- Private or for-profit entities
- Religious, Educational or Political organizations