

Community Charitable Gaming Association Information

The recent transition to a community gaming grants program ensures community organizations will have fair and equitable access to gaming grants. To further enhance the working relationship between community organizations and the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB), Community Charitable Gaming Associations (CCGAs) will be established across British Columbia. As previously announced by former ADM Derek Sturko at the BCAGC Symposium in October 2010, the CCGAs will assist their member groups and promote improved communication between community organizations and the branch.

CCGAs will assist in the exchange of information, help address gaming grant and licensing issues as they arise in the community, and provide timely reminders of application and reporting deadlines to their member organizations. The associations will be established as non-profit societies and be eligible to apply for gaming grant funding.

It is anticipated that this new approach will foster a collegial working relationship between the province and the non-profit organizations that work to provide programs and services to their communities.

1. Purpose

- Facilitate communication and the effective flow and exchange of information between GPEB and recipients of community gaming grants in B.C.

2. Objectives

- Act as a liaison between recipients of community gaming grants and GPEB;
- Enhance the effectiveness of the working relationship between GPEB and grant recipients;
- Improve the administration of community gaming grants and gaming event licences by reminding grant recipients of application and reporting deadlines;
- Improve and facilitate communications and the exchange of information between the parties including:
 - providing GPEB with issues and themes of interest to GPEB as they arise or are anticipated within the community;
 - the dissemination of GPEB information and direction to grant recipients via the Community Charitable Gaming Associations.

3. Membership

- Community Charitable Gaming Associations (CCGAs) will represent recipients of community gaming grants and licences in a defined geographical area, and will include former direct access grant recipients, former bingo affiliation recipients and charitable gaming licensees.

4. Scope

- CCGAs will liaise between member organizations and/or their provincial organizations and GPEB with respect to clarification of grant programs and gaming event licences, provincial legislation, regulations, policies and procedures governing these activities.

5. Approach

- CCGAs will be established for defined, geographical areas to represent the recipients of community gaming grants and licensees in that area.
- CCGAs will be established as non-profit societies with a constitution and bylaws that reflect this understanding between parties.

6. Funding

- Funding for CCGAs will derive from funding previously allocated to the former bingo associations.
- For 2011, CCGAs may apply for funding from GPEB between February 1, 2011 and February 28, 2011, using the community gaming grant application (see www.gaming.gov.bc.ca/grants/community-gaming.htm). Future applications for funding will occur in the Human and Social Services Sector between August 1 and November 30, 2012.

7. Timeframe

- CCGAs, once established, will be reviewed as other grant applicants based on their ongoing program delivery.

8. Reporting

- In addition to any reporting requested by the BC Association for Charitable Gaming and/or the BC Bingo Council, CCGAs will submit financial reports directly to GPEB, as per community gaming grant funding conditions.

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