

June 7, 2016

Executive Committee of Council (Grants)
Clerk's Department
Burnaby City Hall
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Dear Chair of the Executive Committee of Council (Grants):

This is an application for a 'Recreational-Sports' grant for our team.

I am representing the Burnaby Girls Soccer Club, U17 Impact team. Yesterday, very unexpectedly, we were invited to compete at the BC Youth Provincial Soccer Championships (B Cup), to be held in Penticton from July 6th through July 10th, 2016.

The U17 Burnaby Impact is an enthusiastic and athletic team of 16 and 17 year old girls, under the direction of Coach Perry Pomponio and Assistant Coach Phil Green. Of the 19 players on the roster, sixteen of them either live in or attend school in Burnaby. These Grade 11 girls represent every high school in Burnaby (public and private). Most of the players have been together on this same 'selected team' since 2009. The Coach and Manager (myself) are also Burnaby residents.

During this 2015-2016 soccer season, the U17 Burnaby Impact placed second in our league, but were unfortunately eliminated at the Coastal Cup level when they were placed in a difficult wild card 'draw'. However, yesterday a team withdrew from Provincials at the U17 age group, so the Burnaby Impact have been invited to attend due to their placement in the League Championships! This team played at Provincials last year, so are very eager to continue with this wonderful soccer opportunity to represent Burnaby and the Lower Mainland. The U17 Burnaby Impact players have a strong passion for the game of soccer and their determination, teamwork and skill are being rewarded by this invitation to participate at Provincials.

We would like to please be considered for a contribution from the City of Burnaby to assist us in our travels to Penticton. The U17 Burnaby Impact players will be travelling the 400+ kilometres from Burnaby to Penticton (and home again) with their families. The cost of gas, hotel rooms and food will be expenses that we are expecting for each player and the coaches to pay, in order for the Burnaby Impact to participate in this 4 day championship. While we will be representing the City of Burnaby, the Burnaby Girls Soccer Club, the Burnaby Soccer District and the regional Coastal Cup, the players are extremely eager to face the upcoming challenge of provincial competition.

We appreciate your consideration of this grant application. This is a very exciting and unexpected opportunity at the end of the soccer season, and the U17 Impact are looking forward to representing the City of Burnaby and bringing home the Provincial Cup!

Sincerely,

Margo McGarry
U17 Burnaby Impact manager
Burnaby Girls Soccer Club