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Financial Management Committee  
City of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC, Canada  
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Attention: Chair and Members of the Committee

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Recreational Sports Grant Application  
Provincial "B" Cup Tournament – July 4 through 8, 2016, Kamloops  
Burnaby Girls Soccer Club "U17 Blaze"**

My name is Maria Burtini. I am the manager for my daughter's soccer team, U17 Blaze, with the Burnaby Girls Soccer Club.

I am writing to the Financial Management Committee to request grant funding of \$1,000, under the General Policy and Guidelines, for help with travel-related expenses that will be incurred by our girls to attend the Provincial "B" Cup Tournament in Kamloops, British Columbia, July 4 through 8, 2018.

Our team comprises:

**Coach: Jennifer Morrison (lives in Vancouver and is a teacher at Burnaby Mountain Secondary)**

**Assistant Coach: Arainn Atkinson (lives in Vancouver and works in Vancouver, but grew up in Burnaby and played for Burnaby Girls Soccer Club)**

Team Members:

**Alysha Malli (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)  
Angela Reis (lives in Burnaby and goes to school in Vancouver)  
Bethany Lim (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)  
Brigita Cecic (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)  
Carly Hayes (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)  
Cristina Burtini (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)  
Georgia Cheung (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)  
Juliana Valerio (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)  
Laura Powell (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)**

Margot McCallion (lives and goes to school in Vancouver)  
Milena Bellotti (lives in Burnaby and goes to school in Vancouver)  
Nicole Kuhn (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)  
Rachel Tomlinson (lives and goes to school in Port Moody)  
Sienna Mastromonaco (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)  
Sophia ("Troye") Stivanakis (lives in Burnaby and goes to school in New Westminster)  
Stephanie Ferriera Kay (lives and goes to school in Vancouver)  
Thalia Hernandez-Depaoli (lives and goes to school in Burnaby)



This team is a group of 17 wonderful, energetic, vibrant, young ladies, some who have played soccer together since U6, and most of whom have played together since U11. It has been a pleasure to watch these girls grow into the young ladies they are today.

Let me explain to you their journey to get to the Provincial "B" Cup.

The girls started out in September 2017 very strong and they were a tough team to beat. After the winter break, things seemed to turn for the team as many players suffered numerous injuries, concussions, strained/sprained ankles, strained/sprained knees and various other ailments. It didn't look good for the girls. After some much need rest, the girls came back fighting the Coastal Cup playoffs. It is an amazing thing, as a mom, to watch these girls pull together as a team and fight through one game at a time. This is a team that just doesn't give up!



Their first game in the Coastal Cup was against the Chilliwack U17 Attack on April 8, 2018. Our girls won 5-2.

Their second game was against the North Shore Girls U17 Pegasus on April 15, 2018. Our girls won 2-0.

Their third game was against Richmond Girls U17 Selects on April 22, 2018. Our girls won 4-1.

The girls were very excited...they were heading to the final round!

On Sunday, May 6, 2018, the BGSC U17 Blaze played the GVVU U17 Devils. Our girls lost 2-11 to the Devils.



These girls have worked very hard to get here, and are very proud and excited to be moving forward to represent the City of Burnaby, Burnaby Girls Soccer Club, and Burnaby Soccer District at the Provincial B Cup Tournament in Kamloops.

We kindly request the Committee help us make this journey most memorable for these girls. The memories, friendships and bonds from this trip will be carried with each girl for a lifetime.

Thank you for considering this request. Please let me know if you need any additional information that may influence your decision to approve the funding of \$1,000 to support our girls.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Burtini". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maria Burtini,  
Manager, U17 Blaze