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Because of Jays Care

To help children and youth get the best start in life, Jays Care Foundation supports charity and community groups that offer programs focused on physical activity, life-skill and educational development, and healthy living.

In 2014, Jays Care Foundation invested over $400,000 in Grand Slam Grants, reaching over 6,600 children and youth across Ontario.

“Because of Jays Care...our 900 student-athlete volunteers are able to provide support to local Hamilton community centres and interact with inner-city youth on a weekly basis. Over 700 youth have attended our varsity events, gaining exposure to a post-secondary educational environment, while at the same time bringing a level of exuberance to our stadium and gymnasium that only youth can.”

- Mark Alfano, Associate Director, McMaster Athletics and Recreation
PAST PROJECTS

Below are two examples of successful grants from past years to help your organization understand what to include in your application.

SUCCESS BEYOND LIMITS

The issue: In the Neighbourhood Improvement Area of Jane and Finch, an over-arching theme is the lack of opportunities for success. Youth from this community face a high drop-out rate, low access to post-secondary education and high unemployment.

Proposal: A $50,000 investment in the SBL Summer Program provides students at-risk with high school credits, mentorship, leadership, nutrition, employment opportunities and engagement with post-secondary education.

Why we invested: The program is designed to address issues faced by youth within the community. By preparing students for secondary school, SBL equips them with their first high school credit the summer prior to grade 9.

As a result: In 2015, 110 new grade 9 students will have earned their first high school credit, 20 Mentors will have received paid employment and 30 Youth volunteers will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills. To date: 737 TDSB credits have been awarded with a 93% graduation rate.

CAMP ERIN

The issue: It is well understood that being a grieving child is a lonely experience. Often he or she is the only one in a class who has lost a mom or dad, a brother or sister. At a time in a child’s life when it feels very important to fit in, grief can make him or her feel different and isolated.

Proposal: A $50,000 investment in Camp Erin allows children to attend a summer weekend camp, receive pre and post counselling and, in some cases, year round counselling depending on the individual.

Why we invested: Grieving children have an opportunity to address their feelings and memorialize their loved ones. Children often do not have an avenue to express their grief or to honour and remember the person they held dear. Through a variety of activities including drama, arts and crafts, creative writing and physical activities, children have the opportunity to “get their feelings out.” Camp Erin shows children that what they are experiencing, although painful, is perfectly normal.

As a result: 80 children participated in the summer camp and received one-on-one counselling.
Grand Slam Grants applicants must meet a number of criteria in order to be eligible for consideration. Please read the guidelines below to ensure your project meets the necessary criteria:

- MUST have registered charitable status, non-profit status OR legal affiliation with a registered charity or non-profit organization
- MUST serve children and/or youth in need
- Life Skill Development
- MUST focus on at least one of the following three areas
  1) Physical Activity - includes programs that promote healthy physical activity for children and youth at all ages and skill levels
  2) Education - includes mentoring/tutoring programs, literacy efforts, and programs that encourage academic achievement
  3) Life-Skill Development - includes programs that focus on leadership, teamwork and character development, youth health and welfare, substance abuse education, healthy living and safety initiatives, and self-esteem development
- MUST operate in Ontario (preference will be given to organizations from the G.T.A)
- MUST work with children and/or youth over an extended period of time (generally, Jays Care Foundation does not fund one-time events or workshops)
- Jays Care Foundation’s preference is that Grand Slam Grants funding be used to cover direct program costs
- Organizations who have received funding from the Jays Care Foundation in previous years, must re-submit an application to be eligible for repeat grants, unless otherwise stated in the Letter of Agreement.
- Grand Slam Grants will be awarded up to a maximum of $50,000 per year. All granting decisions are at the discretion of the Jays Care Foundation Board of Directors
Does your project meet the eligibility requirements? If so, you're ready to submit an application for a Grand Slam Grant!

**STEP 1: SUBMIT A GRAND SLAM GRANT APPLICATION**

An online application must be submitted to provide detailed information about your organization and the project for which you are seeking funding. Applications close end of OCTOBER.

**STEP 2: APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS**

Applications will be reviewed by Jays Care Foundation and you may be contacted with any follow up questions. Jays Care Foundation’s Board of Directors will review all recommendations and determine which projects are to be funded.
CONTACT US!

Looking for more information regarding Grand Slam Grants? Feel like speaking directly to a Jays Care Foundation staff member regarding your application? We’d love to hear from you!

Give us a call or send us an email, tweet or facebook message and let’s start the conversation!

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