First Nations Fencing Program

Background

In 2002, federal, provincial and territorial governments endorsed the first Canadian Sport Policy that acknowledged the existence of barriers to sport participation for Indigenous peoples with a goal to increase access and equity in sport.

The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring that Indigenous peoples across the country have access to meaningful and culturally appropriate sport activities in their communities.

This is why the Canadian Fencing Federation (CFF), as result of funding received from Sport Canada, is offering a limited number of grants to provincial/territorial fencing associations and clubs.

Program objective

The primary objective of this program is the creation of programs aimed at fostering greater inclusivity, understanding, and support for first nations athletes, coaches and communities. The program will focus on promoting cultural awareness, building meaningful partnerships and providing equitable access for first nations youth to participate in the sport of fencing.

Grants Available

A limited number of grants will be provided to selected provincial/territorial fencing associations and/or clubs up to a maximum of $2,000 per grant. These grants may be used to pay for travel expenses, instructor fees, facility rental, purchase of additional equipment, etc. All programs must be completed by March 31, 2027. Following completion of the program, a project summary report must be submitted to the CFF.

Evaluation of Applications

All applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Program length,
2. Number of anticipated participants, and
3. Potential for implementing ongoing programs for first nations participants.



Email ed@fencing.ca for more information and to submit an application. The deadline for application submission is December 18, 2026.