




# Guide to Financial Assistance Programs for Recreation, Sport and Physical Activity

Participation in recreation, sport, arts and physical activity programs is important for children and youth's physical, social, intellectual and emotional development.

For families that experience financial hardship, there are programs that offer financial assistance to enable children and youth to participate.

	 <b>Recreation Fee Subsidy Program</b>	 <b>KidSport Richmond</b>	 <b>Canadian Tire Jumpstart</b>
<b>Who is eligible?</b>	All ages	18 years of age and under	4 to 18 years of age
<b>How much financial assistance is available?</b>	A 90% discount on registered programs: Up to a maximum of \$300/year in subsidy for children and youth (0 -18 years). Up to a maximum of \$100/year in subsidy for adults and seniors (19+ years).	Up to \$700 per calendar year.	Up to \$300 each application to a maximum of \$600 per calendar year.
<b>What can be funded?</b>	Registration fees for most parks, recreation and arts programs offered at City of Richmond facilities, as well as free admission to many drop-in programs and services. <a href="http://www.richmond.ca/register">www.richmond.ca/register</a> .	Registration fees for sports teams and programs offered by local sport organizations and clubs that are affiliated with Sport BC.	Registration fees or equipment for any sport or recreational activity that includes physical activity.
<b>Restrictions</b> *This is a summary of key restrictions; each program may have additional restrictions not listed here.	Subsidy does not apply to private lessons; personal training; court rentals; licensed programs; Seniors Facility Passes and specialty passes; Fee-for-Service Wellness treatments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 8-week sport season or 8 week lesson/program</li> <li>• No camps or equipment</li> <li>• Must be provided by Sport BC members <a href="http://sportbc.com/membership-list-2">http://sportbc.com/membership-list-2</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 5 sessions for a total of at least 5 program hours</li> <li>• Can also apply for equipment only for use in a program</li> </ul>
<b>How often do you apply?</b>	Once a year.	Multiple times in a calendar year, until a maximum of \$700 is reached	Multiple times in a calendar year, until a maximum of \$600 is reached
<b>When do you apply?</b>	Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.	Before or at the beginning of the requested season.	At least 2-4 weeks before program begins; 4 or more weeks if equipment is requested.
<b>How do you apply?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete an application form <a href="http://www.richmond.ca/subsidy">www.richmond.ca/subsidy</a></li> <li>• A listing of required documentation is included on the application form</li> <li>• Submit to any City of Richmond community facility or email to <a href="mailto:subsidy@richmond.ca">subsidy@richmond.ca</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print and complete an application form <a href="http://www.kidsport.ca/richmond">www.kidsport.ca/richmond</a></li> <li>• Ask an 'Endorser' to sign the application form (see form for qualified endorsers) or a copy of the family's last CRA Notice of Assessment.</li> <li>• Submit by mail or email to <a href="mailto:kidsportrichmond@gmail.com">kidsportrichmond@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the online application <a href="http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca">http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca</a></li> <li>• Upload copies of income tax documents OR 3 recent paystubs for all income earners in family OR an endorsement letter from a community leader</li> </ul>
<b>How does the financial assistance work?</b>	Applicants that are eligible for RFSP will be emailed or mailed an approval letter. Included is a Welcome Package with instructions on how to access subsidy.	Applicants will tell the sport club that they have applied for KidSport funding and follow registration instructions provided by the club. Applicants will notify the club when funding is approved and a cheque will be sent directly to the club.	Applicants will tell the sport organization that they have applied for Jumpstart funding and follow registration instructions provided. Applicants will receive a funding approval email that they will show to the organization and a cheque will be sent directly to the organization.
<b>Questions?</b>	Accessibility and Inclusion - City of Richmond Email: <a href="mailto:subsidy@richmond.ca">subsidy@richmond.ca</a> Phone: 604-247-4909	KidSport - Richmond Chapter Email: <a href="mailto:kidsportrichmond@gmail.com">kidsportrichmond@gmail.com</a> Phone: 778-803-7115	Canadian Tire Jumpstart - Program Administration Email: <a href="mailto:jumpstart_admin@cantire.com">jumpstart_admin@cantire.com</a> Phone: 1-844-YES-PLAY (toll free)