



Guidelines for City of Victoria H.E.L.P. Initiative

On behalf of an individual athlete

The City of Victoria, Bell and True Sport believe in the power of sport to connect communities. The Bell Community Sport Fund aims to help reduce the barriers to direct participation in organized sport for children who otherwise could not afford the opportunity to play.

As a 2007 Bell Community Sport Fund grant recipient, the City of Victoria is proud to introduce H.E.L.P (Hockey Equipment Lending Program). H.E.L.P is for children ages 6-12 years and will support program participants by outfitting them and then provide the assistance in order to support the transition from hockey camp to league registration.

Please use the most recent application form as guidelines may change at any time.

Who is Eligible?

Priority will be given to City of Victoria permanent residents who apply for the Program. Secondary consideration will be given to those who do not live in Victoria but fall within the Victoria Minor Hockey catchments. This includes all family members/dependents residing at the same address and in the same household. Applicants must have lived in the City of Victoria for at least 30 days, show a permanent address within the City of Victoria and been a resident of B.C. for 6 months in order to qualify for primary consideration

Guidelines

- Children 6 – 12 years of age are eligible for support
- Participants must be able to skate (not sure? Give us a call 361-0708).
- H.E.L.P. participants can borrow equipment from the program for up to one full season. Successful applicant may apply again the following season, however, priority will go to 1st time participants.
- Participants will benefit from two Introduction to Hockey Mini-Camp sessions for a total of three hours of fun on ice instruction at Save On Foods Memorial Arena with a highly qualified instructor.
- Upon completion of the mini-camp sessions, participants are invited to borrow the gear for the rest of the season **IF** they choose to enroll in minor hockey.
- Assistance transitioning to minor hockey may be available – to be determined on a case by case scenario based on need and funding available.





Process

- All information provided in this application will be used solely for evaluating eligibility for the H.E.L.P. program and will remain confidential unless the city is required by LAW to disclose.
- You are eligible for the HELP Program if you are not a post-secondary student, you are a current LIFE program participant and/or your combined annual gross family income is within or below the following income levels & /or your children are receiving Provincial Subsidy.

# in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Combined Income	\$17,895	\$22,276	\$27,386	\$33,251	\$37,711	\$42,533	\$47,354

- Random checks will be done and participants may be asked to verify revenue based on Revenue Canada's most recent tax return. Program benefits will be canceled if information provided is discovered to be false. If residency changes please notify the front desk staff at the crystal pool & Fitness Centre.
- You may also be eligible for H.E.L.P. if the application is accompanied by the signature of an "Adjudicator" familiar with the applicant's financial situation as their signature verifies the financial need of the family.
- An Adjudicator can be a professional in social work or family services, a school principal or counselor, a senior recreation administrator, or a public health nurse.
- Adjudicators, other than those listed above, may be considered if a written letter from the potential adjudicator outlining the financial need of the family is included with the application.
- Family members, coaches, registrars or directors of clubs/leagues are not accepted as adjudicators

RETURN APPLICATIONS TO:

City of Victoria Hockey Equipment Lending Program
 C/O Sports Services Programmer, Parks, Recreation and Community Development
 City of Victoria, 2275 Quadra Street, Victoria, BC, V8T 4C4
 Ph: (250) 361-0708 Fax: (250) 361-0723



How do I qualify for HELP?

There are **three ways to qualify** for H.E.L.P. Please select ONE of the following ways to demonstrate need and provide information required - then complete the Applicant Information Section on the next page.

Option 1

Are you currently a LIFE program participant?

No Yes - LIFE card # _____

Option 2

Consent: If requested, I _____ (Signature) agree to meet with a representative of the City of Victoria and will at that time disclose financial information detailed in my latest Revenue Canada tax return.

Self Declaration: I _____ (Print Name) hereby declare that:

- (a) I am 18 years or older;
- (b) I am not a post-secondary student;
- (c) My combined annual gross family income for the calendar year 2007 is estimated to be \$_____
- (d) I am a permanent resident of the City of Victoria;
- (e) My combined annual gross family income for the calendar year 2006 was \$_____

Option 3

Adjudicator (*not the applicant – see process note on previous page*):

Name: _____ Email: _____

Position: _____ Organization: _____

Tel (wk): (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Mailing Address

City

Postal Code

I have thoroughly read and understand the guidelines of the HELP initiative and agree that this applicant meets those guidelines. I believe the family of this applicant has financial need and that support of H.E.L.P. would allow this child to participate in organized hockey this year. I agree to a brief telephone follow-up if required.

Adjudicator's Signature: _____



Applicant information:

Name of parent or guardian : _____

Phone # _____ Alternate. Phone # _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

	Participant's Name (s)	Gender	Age	Date of Birth	BC Care Card
1.					<input type="checkbox"/>
2.					<input type="checkbox"/>
3.					<input type="checkbox"/>

- As part of the H.E.L.P. program, I wish to register my child for the spring and/or fall Intro to Hockey sessions.

My child will need to borrow the following equipment from the Hockey Equipment Lending Program

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| <input type="checkbox"/> hockey pants | <input type="checkbox"/> jersey | <input type="checkbox"/> shoulder pads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> elbow pads | <input type="checkbox"/> shin pads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> helmet & face protection | <input type="checkbox"/> equipment bag | <input type="checkbox"/> skates – size _____ |

**** NOTE****

participant provide their own stick, tape, hockey socks, suspender system and jock or jill

- I intend to register my child in minor hockey this coming season.
 I will require financial assistance in order for my child to participate in minor hockey this season.

Damaged or lost equipment: By signing, parents or guardians of participants agree to be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged equipment and payment for replacement within 60 days of reporting damage or loss of equipment.

Signature: _____

For office use only:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Applicant | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Applicant | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Residency |
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Staff Signature _____ Received: _____ Approval Date: _____