



**Organization Information**

Name of Organization: Williams Lake Speed Skating Association (WLSSA)	
Mailing Address (office): [REDACTED]	
Phone # (office): [REDACTED]	E-Mail (office): n [REDACTED]
Purpose of Organization: To provide a supportive and empowering environment for skaters of all ages to achieve their full potential.	
BC Society or Charitable Registration Number (required for requests over \$500): Incorporation # S0059430 Business # 82560 0885 BC0001	
Primary Contact (name and title): Nancy Jalbert	
Phone #: [REDACTED]	E-Mail: [REDACTED]
Secondary Contact (name and title): Nic Suapa	
Phone #: [REDACTED]	E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Who does your organization serve? (i.e. residents from City, CRD, province)

*WLSSA serves individuals of all ages from Williams Lake and surrounding communities, including both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of the Cariboo region, who are interested in recreational or competitive speed skating at the club, provincial, and national levels. For many years, WLSSA has served participants who may be unable to take part in mainstream sports such as hockey. These individuals come from diverse backgrounds and may live with physical, mental, or economic challenges.*

Does your organization receive any other supports from the City or CRD? (i.e. Fee for Service or other financial support, rental subsidies, contribution agreements, tax exemptions, use of government-owned facilities, property leases). If yes, what supports and amounts?

*WLSSA has not received any grants, funding, or support from the City or the CRD.*

How will you indicate that the City or CRD is contributing to your organization?

*WLSSA acknowledges the city's contribution to the club by providing access to ice time for practices during the season at a modest group discount.*



**Current Year Grant Request**

Current Grant Request: \$5,000

Previous Year Grant from City (if applicable): \$0

Previous Year Grant Project Description (if applicable):

n/a

Previous Year Grant from CRD (if applicable): \$0

Previous Year Grant Project Description (if applicable):

n/a

*\*NOTE: A final report for your last grant MUST be included with this submission.*

**Current Year Grant Project / Event / Expenditure Summary**

*Please answer the following questions, using additional paper if necessary.*

Applications must fall within one of the following funding categories (select one):

- Capital Expenditure** – equipment purchase, construction, repair or upgrade of facilities; or
- Special Event** – seed funding for new events or funding of an ongoing event; or
- Special Project** – funding for a special project, program or activity; or
- Event / Tournament / Conference Hosting** – hosting an event, tournament or conference that will have economic benefits for the community.

Brief description of proposed use of grant being applied for:

*WLSSA Equipment Rental Program: To support and grow youth participation in speed skating, WLSSA will purchase high-quality skates and speed skating suits to offer as rental equipment. A standard pair of speed skates can range in cost from \$400 to \$1,200, depending on brand and components. Similarly, speed skating suits cost between \$200 and \$500. These high upfront costs present a significant barrier to many families—especially as children quickly outgrow their gear and often require new equipment each season. By providing rental equipment, WLSSA aims to reduce the financial burden on families, remove barriers to entry, and promote sustained participation in the sport. Renting is a practical and cost-effective solution that ensures more youth can enjoy speed skating, regardless of their economic background. WLSSA plans to purchase 8 complete speed skating sets, each consisting of a pair of skates (approximately \$425) and a speed skating suit (approximately \$200). These sets will be made available for rent to participants throughout the entire season.*



Start date: January 6, 2026

End date: March 15, 2026

Funding received will be used for Winter and Spring 2026. The program will annually resume every September.

How does this projects, activity or event strengthen and enhance the well-being of the community, promote volunteerism and support the goals and [strategic priorities of the City of Williams Lake](#)?

*WLSSA continues to promote recreation and support the health and well-being of community members, especially committed to inclusivity, offering respectful and equal opportunities for individuals who may be unable to participate in mainstream sports. This includes children and adults living with physical or mental disabilities, as well as those facing financial barriers. It is dedicated to fostering long-term participation in sport and recreation, while promoting inclusive access, community well-being, and healthy lifestyles for all.*

Describe the key activities and timelines to complete the project/event.

*WLSSA practices begin in mid-September and continue through to mid-March. Regular practice sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM.*

*Throughout the season, participants have the opportunity to compete in tournaments at various levels, including club, regional, provincial, and national events.*

How will you determine if the project/event was successful?

*WLSSA increased in registration numbers from 8 to 19 and 38, reflecting a growing interest and participation. Participants have qualified for and competed in provincial-level tournaments, highlighting the development of athletic skill and competitive opportunities. Feedback from participants and their families has been overwhelmingly positive. They expressed appreciation for sport options available, which enable children and youth to stay active and engaged throughout the year. WLSSA programs are recognized for being more financially accessible than many other sports, reducing barriers to entry and participation.*

Is your agency is applying for funds from other levels of government, or other sources, for this project / event / expenditure? If yes, list sources and amounts.

*WLSSA applied for a \$15,000 Gaming Grant; unfortunately, the application was not successful.*



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Would you still be able to complete the project if you do not receive the other funds applied for?

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*WLSSA faces a high risk of being unable to operate if participant numbers remain low, leading to insufficient funds to cover ice time costs. As a result, the Speed Skating season may end prematurely and permanently, as many participants cannot afford the expenses associated with speed skating, such as skates and other related costs.*

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Describe the impact of this application being denied or approval of an amount less than requested. Will you be able to complete the project/event if you do not receive the funding requested?

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*The denial or approval of an amount less than requested will prevent many kids from participating in speed skating, as their parents cannot afford to buy a full set of gear. Additionally, the number of WLSSA registrations will decrease, resulting in insufficient funding to pay for ice time. Ultimately, WLSSA will be unable to continue supporting and promoting inclusive and active living within the community.*

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Provide a draft budget for the project (to be submitted with completed application).



THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.



**Privacy Acknowledgement:**

*The collection of personal information is authorized under section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA).*

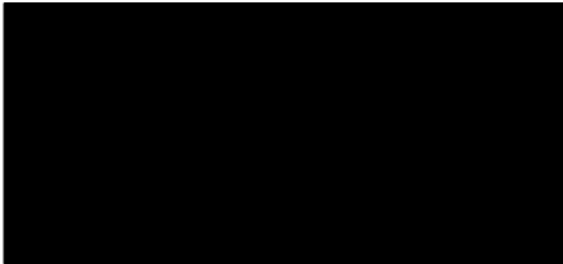
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# Williams Lake Speed Skating Association

## Profit and Loss

April 2024 - March 2025

	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>	
Club Fees	6,300.50
Donations	145.00
Sponsorships	2,808.10
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>2,953.10</b>
Equipment Rental	1,138.00
Equipment Sales	450.00
<b>Total Equipment Rental</b>	<b>1,588.00</b>
Fundraising	1,034.28
KidSport Funding	600.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,475.88</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$12,475.88</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Bank charges	140.96
Dues and Subscriptions	
Kidsport Funding Reimbursement	600.00
<b>Total Dues and Subscriptions</b>	<b>600.00</b>
Office expenses	70.00
Supplies	134.75
<b>Total Office expenses</b>	<b>204.75</b>
Rent or lease payments	10,554.95
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,500.66</b>
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>\$975.22</b>



## Project Summary

### WLSSA Equipment Rental Program

#### Williams Lake Speed Skating Association

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Equipment Purchases	Approximate Price/Unit	Expecting to Purchase	Total
<b>Skates:</b> Zandstra Ving Semi Soft Clap Skate 3592 or any like this model <a href="https://canada.outdoorxl.com/zandstra-ving-klapschaats-3592.html">https://canada.outdoorxl.com/zandstra-ving-klapschaats-3592.html</a>	\$425	8	\$3,400
<b>Suits:</b> Long Track Skin - Nagano Skate Design or any like this style <a href="https://naganoskate.com/en/products/skin-longue-piste-nagano-skate-design">https://naganoskate.com/en/products/skin-longue-piste-nagano-skate-design</a>	\$200	8	\$1,600
Grand Total			\$5,000

