



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Canadian Women & Sport – The Next Play Grant Funding Program

Please be advised that today, Canadian Women & Sport launched applications for their “The Next Play” grant program designed to help create more sport and active recreation opportunities for girls and gender-diverse youth across Ontario. This project is also supported by the Government of Ontario.

Key Highlights of The Next Play Grant Funding Program:

- Sport leaders will receive training on how to better design sport and active recreation experiences for girls and gender-diverse participants. Participating organizations will receive a \$1,000 honorarium to support with this training.
- Participating organizations will develop and submit a project proposal outlining their plans for better engaging and retaining girls and gender-diverse youth in active recreation in their communities. Proposals should reflect the unique needs of their communities and organizations, and learnings from the program design training. Organizations with successfully completed proposals will receive a \$4,500 grant to support their initiatives.
- Start active recreation initiatives in May 2025 and complete final reporting by August 30, 2025.

Eligibility:

- Open to Ontario-based active sport organizations.
- Focus on engaging girls and gender-diverse participants from diverse backgrounds.

Key Dates:

- Applications opened on **Monday, April 28, 2025**, and close on **Friday, May 9, 2025, at 5:00 PM ET**.

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Important Notes:

- The Next Play is offered **only in English**.
- Application resources are available [here](#).
- Applications can be submitted [here](#).

If there are any questions about the opportunity, Canadian Women & Sport can be contacted directly at nextplay@womenandsport.ca.

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