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FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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## APPLICATION FORM

# 2025 Grant in Aid

**MANDATORY:** REVIEW "POLICY 4-01 COMMUNITY GRANT IN AID" DOCUMENT  
REVIEW "APPLICATION CHECKLIST" ON PAGE 4 OF THIS DOCUMENT

## Applicant Information

Application Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

Full Legal Organization Name

Street Address

City  Prov

Postal Code

Organization Website

Organization President /  
Executive Director

Title

Phone Number  E-Mail

Contact Person (if different)

Title

Phone Number  E-Mail

## Organization Information

Not for profit?  Yes  No

Registration Number

Did you receive a Permissive Tax Exemption in 2025  Yes  No

Did you receive a Grant in Aid in last two years?  
(Include \$ amount of financial and/or in-kind received)

2024	<input type="text" value="\$1000.00"/>	2023	<input type="text" value="\$2640.12"/>
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## Organization Information

Current Fundraising Initiatives (500 characters or less)

Our annual 'Volleyfest' tournaments are our primary fundraising initiatives. Our small committee organizes 2 tournaments every year to raise funds with 3 objectives in mind. A. Sponsoring high school graduation through scholarships, B. Donation to Local Charity(s) and C. Sponsoring our local high school volleyball program.

Mission Statement/Purpose (500 characters or less)

The Merritt Volleyball Association is a non-profit organization that works to promote volleyball within our community

Brief Description of Organization (1,000 characters or less)

As a very community minded, non-profit organization, we have been working to promote the sport of volleyball in the Nicola Valley for more than 25 yrs. All members of our MVA committee are local volleyball enthusiasts who volunteer their time. We work together to organize and facilitate our local volleyball leagues as well as hosting 2 annual volleyball tournaments (Volleyfest). Our overall objective is to encourage and promote the sport at all levels.

Please don't hesitate to attach supporting documents with further information about your organization.

# Proposal Request

Program / Project / Event Name

Volleyfest 2025

Description of Event (1,000 characters or less)

We host a Ladies tournament and a Co-ed tournament annually, with 40-50 teams of 6-8 players/team, on 2 separate weekends every spring. There are many local players, however, the majority of players come from surrounding areas. We are happy to say that our tournaments benefit the city with an influx of visitors that support local restaurants and hotels. Each year we choose a local charity to donate funds to. Teams play games in 3/4 local gyms and play begins Friday night finishing up on Sunday.

Please don't hesitate to **attach supporting documents** with details about your program, project or event.

Type of Funding Request

Financial Aid

In-Kind

Contact Facility Booking Department at (250) 315-1050 for a quote for your event

Amount Requested

\$2541.24

Maximum of \$7,500 per organization or \$500 per teams/individuals participating in recognized competitions

Program Budget

\$30,000.00

Percent of your Program Budget covered by this request

8.5

%

(i.e. a \$1,000 grant would cover 10% of a \$10,000 event)

Tell us how much money you have fundraised for this event. \$

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Please explain how your Organization or Event plans to increase external fundraising in the future. (500 characters or less)

Our primary option for fundraising is increasing registration fees, for both Volleyfest tournaments and both Co-ed and Ladies leagues.

## Declaration (Two Authorized Signatures Required)

- 1) On behalf of and with authority of the Organization, I certify that the information given on this grant application and attachments is true, correct and complete in every respect and if the Organization is awarded the grant, agrees to abide by the established grant terms and conditions.
- 2) The personal information collected on this form is done so pursuant to the *Community Charter* and/or the *Local Government Act* and in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The personal information collected herein will be used only for the purpose of processing this application or request and for no other purpose unless its release is authorized by its owner, the information is part of a record series commonly available to the public, or is compelled by a Court agent duly authorized under another *Act*.
- 3) Neither the City of Merritt or any Member of Council, individually or collectively, is in any way responsible for any deficits or cost over-runs in relation to any event or initiative.

Print Name of Board Chair or President

Lila Murphy

Signature

Lila Murphy

Print Name of Person completing the application

Paulette Racine

Signature

Paulette Racine

Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)

12/12/2024

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST - ALL REQUESTS

- 2025 Grant Report** - If you received a Grant in Aid in 2024 you will be required to submit a final report to Council in order to be considered for 2025 funding. This may include actual revenues/expenses, attendance, and economic/social impact of the grant.
- Completed and signed Grant in Aid application.**

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST - REQUESTS OVER \$1,500

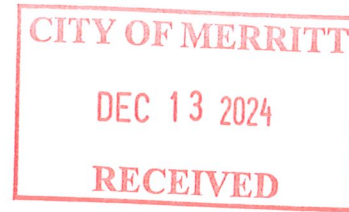
- Budget** - Include a detailed budget for the program, project or event, including all potential revenue sources.
- Financial Statements** - include annual financial statements that are certified (signed) by a Director (or alternate) of the organization.
- Organization Budget** - Include the current annual operating budget for the organization.
- Long-Term Plan** - For recurring applications, please provide a business plan showing how the organization intends to become more self-sufficient and less reliant on the City Grant in Aid program in the future.





## Merritt Volleyball Association

December 12, 2024



Dear City of Merritt Mayor and Council,

The Merritt Volleyball Association consists of a group of volunteers that meet regularly and who enjoy the game of volleyball. We organize events in the Nicola Valley to keep the love of the game active in Merritt.

The MVA organises the community volleyball league that runs from October to March each year promoting the sport and keeping active lifestyles alive in Merritt. There are currently 20 teams of 8 – 1-players each participating in the league.

We are looking forward to our 2025 tournaments. This year will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> Volleyfest tournament that we have hosted!! Our biggest event hosted a total of 90 teams. We enjoy reviewing our feedback and always have fantastic comments from the participants as well as how they would love to come back to our little city for this event.

Last year was the first year of the 'club' volleyball organization for our community. We were very happy to support the new team with our donation of funds to purchase their new team jerseys. These kids are the future of volleyball and we want to encourage their participation.

Our bookkeeping is very basic, so we do not have regular financial statements, although I have enclosed financial reports for our 2024 tournaments, as well as a copy of our recent banking information. At present, our balances seem to be quite healthy, however, there have been some monies allotted for items such as:

- Purchasing volleyballs and other equipment for league play and Volleyfest tournaments
- Preparations for 2025 Volleyfest tournaments (ie; deposits etc.)
- Monies allotted for gym rentals and insurance fees for 2024/2025
- Future sponsorship of club volleyball

Please feel free to contact our treasurer, Angela Russell at 250-315-2154 with any questions regarding financial information.

We are very hopeful to be awarded the Grant in Aid for the 2025 tournaments in order to help with the cost of renting the Civic Center for our social gathering. The grant helps keep the costs for teams at a more affordable rate and ensures they will return to our beautiful city year after year. The revenue that is brought into Merritt over these 2 weekends is substantial and assists greatly in boosting the local economy. The Grant in Aid also gives the MVA the ability to make a sizeable charity donation (in 2024, we were able to donate \$4000.00 to the NV&District Food Bank).

It is very difficult for businesses to give us a number/percentage of increase over the specified weekends (whether is difficult to calculate, or they prefer not to disclose this information is unclear). We did have a few of the local hotels estimate approximately a \$4,000.00 increase in business over the Volleyfest weekends. This is obviously not hard to believe with approximately 80% of the attendees visiting from outside The City of Merritt.

2024 presented a successful year for our association as far as meeting our objectives and bolstering our community through the sport of volleyball. With regards to the Grant in Aid, we are not confidently able to say whether the MVA and our Volleyfest tournaments will ever be 100% self sufficient financially. We can say for certain that we would not be able to support local graduates of MSS with such a generous bursary/scholarship, OR donate to local charities without the support of The City of Merritt and the cost break for the rental of the Civic Center for our social gathering at the tournaments.

Please accept this information for our financial budget plan for the 2025 tournaments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paulette Racine', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paulette Racine

MVA

250-378-7879

2024 Volleyfest Financials

**Mixed Volleyfest**



Shirts	\$ 1,830.00
Other Items (loonie ball, poker)	\$ 410.00
Registration	\$ 18,135.00 *48
<b>Total A</b>	<b>\$ 20,375.00</b>

Insurance	\$ 275.00	
Civic Centre	\$ 1,333.56	
Yaki Joe's Pizza	\$ 1,436.40	
Trackers	\$ 5,200.33	(Plus donation)
Gym Rental	\$ 2,817.90	
DJ	\$ 750.00	
Printing	\$ 173.10	
Designated Drivers	\$ 250.00	
Decoration/supplies (incl vballs)		(most supplies donated)
<b>Total B</b>	<b>\$ 12,236.29</b>	

Donations	\$ 2,000.00
Burserys/Scholarship	\$ 500.00
Misfits Club Team	\$ 2,554.26
<b>Total C</b>	<b>\$ 5,054.26</b>

Final amount Income - costs - donations

<b>Total</b>	
<b>A-B-C=</b>	<b>\$ 3,084.45</b>

2024 Volleyfest Financials

**Ladies Volleyfest**



Shirts	\$ 1,635.00
Other Items (loonie ball, poker)	\$ 636.00
Registration	\$ 12,645.00 *37
<b>Total A</b>	<b>\$ 14,916.00</b>

Insurance	\$ 275.00	
Civic Centre	\$ 1,333.56	
Yaki Joe's Pizza	\$ 884.52	
Trackers	\$ 4,002.11	(Plus donation)
Gym Rental	\$ 2,600.00	
DJ	\$ 500.00	
Printing	\$ 153.85	
Designated Drivers	\$ 250.00	
Decorations/supplies (incl vballs)	\$ 1,868.40	(most supplies donated)
<b>Total B</b>	<b>\$ 11,867.44</b>	

Donations	\$ 2,000.00
Burserys/Scholarship	\$ 500.00
Misc/Referees	
<b>Total C</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>

Final amount Income - costs - donations

<b>Total</b>	
<b>A-B-C=</b>	<b>\$ 548.56</b>