



IDEA

FREE KICKS - TRY IT GRANT: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the FREE KICKS – TRY IT Grant?

Canada Soccer is excited to offer funding opportunities to community soccer clubs and academies as part of our commitment to IDEA. The grant program, funded by Sport Canada, aims to reduce barriers for new to Canada participants while promoting inclusion in organized soccer through club-hosted Free Kicks - Try it Event.

What is the desired outcome of the Free Kicks – Try It Grant?

The Free Kicks - Try It Grants aims to create an opportunity for new to Canada participants to engage with their local community soccer organization through a free and fun event. We recognize the barriers faced by new to Canada participants which include but are not limited to; transportation, language, system navigation and cost. This funding will support Clubs to create a new event designed to connect with new to participants not currently registered with their Club. We encourage Clubs to work with local organizations that have experience with newcomers and refugees as a way to learn and adapt.

Who can apply to host a FREE KICKS Try It Event?

Any organization that is a member (in good standing) of their Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO). The organization must be a Canada Soccer Club License holder or planning to obtain their license in 2024.

When will clubs hear back on the status of their application?

Clubs will hear back about their application by February 21st, 2024

How much will my grant be?

Grants are \$1000.00 CAN per approved application.

Are online applications the only way to submit?



Yes, however, if you require accommodation to complete the application or have any additional questions about the application process, please email us at emccaw@canadasoccer.com.

Are there specific requirements on how my grant must be used?

Yes, Try It Events must be hosted between March 1, 2024, and May 31, 2024. Grant funds are intended to be used to cover the costs of hosting a Try It Day, designed to welcome more new to Canada participants, and/or an event celebrating inclusion within an organization. The grant is **not** intended to support programming for existing registered members of the club.

Do I have to work with a community partner?

No, however, it is highly recommended that you collaborate with local partners who have experience working with newcomers and refugees.

How will I receive my full grant?

You will receive your grant in one payment following your approved application.

For More Information

If you have read the FAQ and have further questions, please contact Elizabeth McCaw:

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