

Each recipient of our Council's Bingo Funding must conform to government regulations and Council policy, as summarized in the following Criteria:

1. Is:

- a non-profit organization,
- without political, partisan or commercial activity as a primary purpose;
- cannot be a hospital or school, but can be a Hospital Foundation or School Parent Advisory Council.

2. Serves the wider community within or near the Council 5423/Holy Cross Parish geographical area.

3. Is:

- reputable,
- accountable and
- responsive;
- compliant with
 - all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws and regulations, and
 - our Council's paperwork requirements.

4. Shows acceptably

- high benefit,
- low cost, and
- demonstrated need.

5. Is not:

- our Council, except:
 - as specifically allowed below, or
 - for programs or expenditures pre-approved in writing from the Gaming Branch, nor
- another Service Organization.

6. Agrees will specifically not spend its Bingo Grant money on:

- costs not related to direct delivery of programs and services within BC;
- activities that do not deliver an immediate benefit to the community;
- without prior written approval by the Gaming Branch,
 - travel outside BC, or
 - capital projects over \$20 000 for construction, renovation or maintenance of facilities;
- other travel that is:
 - social, recreational or invitational, or
 - to
 - +| Annual General or Board Meetings, or
 - + conferences,
 - + retreats or
 - + inter-league tournaments;
- loan or interest payments;

- staff professional development;
- sustaining or endowment funds;
- procurement or delivery of contracted services;
- research;
- subsidized housing;
- vocational training;
- religious ceremonies or services,
- priest's salaries,
- spiritual education,
- church activities,
- church and rectory renovations and maintenance, and
- other activities that benefit mainly the congregation.

7. Is, however, specifically allowed these expenditures:

- one-time or short-term relief to individuals or families in exceptional circumstances;
- senior & youth activities;
- food programs for the disadvantaged;
- family educational seminars;
- postgraduate scholarships/bursaries directly to students for combined
 - academic merit,
 - volunteer work and
 - financial need;
- for our Council,
 - 7% of total Bingo Grant for its own purposes, plus
 - receipts for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Council volunteers in fulfilling our Council's attendance commitments at the Bingo Hall.

8. Works by means, and to ends, not incompatible with:

- the aims and spirit of the Knights of Columbus and
- the teachings of the Catholic Church.