**After the School Bell Rings Grant Application Information – Winter 2015**

*What is the After the School Bell Rings: A Manitoba After School Recreation Project?*

It is a provincial initiative focusing on promoting and supporting increased access and opportunities for children and youth, ages 6-12 years, to engage in physical activity and healthy living practices in the critical after school time period (3:00 to 6:00 pm). For more information about the project, visit [www.afterschoolmanitoba.ca](http://www.afterschoolmanitoba.ca).

This project also works in conjunction with the Active and Safe Routes to School Program at Green Action Centre to promote active transportation for schools and after school programs around Manitoba. For more information about this program, please visit: [www.greenactioncentre.ca/program/asrts](http://www.greenactioncentre.ca/program/asrts)

*What are the grants for?*

The grants are for Manitoba after school programs to introduce a **new** activity or active transportation initiative between January and March 2015 that supports the blended program framework. Successful applicants are eligible to receive a grant of up to **$500** to support their activity or initiative.

*What types of grants are available?* **Activity Grants** can be used to help cover costs like specialized instructors, supplies, equipment, or transportation (Funds cannot be used for regular, ongoing program costs – program leaders, facility, and administration). This is a great opportunity try out a fun exercise activity, art project, game, dance, sport, or science activity. It could be a one-time event or a weekly activity (minimum 30 minutes at least once/week for four weeks). A one-time event would be eligible for a grant of **up to $250**. A weekly activity (minimum 30 minutes at least once/week for four weeks) would be eligible for a grant of **up to $500.**

**Active Transportation Grants** can be used to implement an event, program, or initiative that encourages active transportation. Here is your chance to try out a walking or cycling program, purchase bike racks or other resources that encourage safe, active transportation to and from after school programs. Recipients are eligible for a grant of **up to $500** to support their initiative.

*Who is eligible to apply?*

Non-profit organizations, schools or local governments that are providing programs and activities for children 6 to 12 years of age during the after school hours (3:00 to 6:00 pm). Organizations are only eligible for one grant.

*Criteria:*

1. The activities must promote physical activity, healthy living and/or active transportation, while reflecting program components of the blended program framework – recreation, health, learning, local content and active transportation. For more information on the blended program framework, click [**here**](http://www.afterschoolmanitoba.ca/main.asp?fxoid=FXMenu,2&cat_ID=1&sub_ID=250)
2. Activities must be for groups of children between the ages of 6 to 12 years of age
3. Activities must take place in the after school time period (3:00 to 6:00 pm)
4. Activities must be completed prior to the end of March 2015
5. Recipients must submit a short post activity report by end of March 2015
6. Requests from previous recipients of an After The School Bell Rings Activity Grant (Fall 2014) will only be considered after requests from applicants who did not previously receive a grant (including the Active Transportation Grant).

Note: There are limited funds available for the grants. To ensure grants are allocated across the province, applications will be grouped by region of the province and drawn randomly following the January 16 submission deadline.

*Organizations & Initiatives Outside of Program Guidelines*

Requests that are declined will be done so simply on the basis that they do not meet the grant criteria or priorities, or funds are no longer available. The decision does not suggest that the proposed activity is not needed nor have value. The following are considered **not** eligible for funding:

* Equipment only – CLARIFICATION: Grant funds may be allocated to purchasing equipment to support the proposed activity *OR* for the Active Transportation Grant
* Uniforms
* Youth sports teams – recreational and competitive
* Individuals
* Commercial or For Profit Organizations

Please complete the attached form and return it by **January 16, 2015.**

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If you have questions for clarification contact Samantha Wagner at 204-925-5751 or recconnections.pro@sportmanitoba.ca Please include your specific question(s) and contact information within any emails or voicemail enquiries.

If you are working with teens aged 13-19 years check out the ParticipACTION Teen Challenge Grant at www.participaction.com/TeenChallenge

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**Contact Information**

Contact Name: Click here to enter text.

Contact Phone: Click here to enter text.

Contact Email: Click here to enter text.

Organization Name: Click here to enter text.

Organization Mailing Address:

STREET/ P.O. BOX

CITY/TOWN/RM

POSTAL CODE

After School Program Name: Click here to enter text.

After School Program Location: CITY/TOWN/RM

After School Program Region (Check one):

Norman [ ]

 Westman [ ]

 Parkland [ ]

 Central [ ]

 Interlake [ ]

 Eastman [ ]

 Winnipeg [ ]

Grant Applied for:

 Activity Grant [ ]

 Active Transportation Grant [ ]

(If Selected for Grant) Cheque Payable To: Click here to enter text.

**Proposed Activity Information**

Activity/Initiative Name: Click here to enter text.

One-Time or Reoccurring/Weekly*(Check one*):

 One-Time [ ]

 Reoccurring/Weekly [ ]

Number of Participants: Click here to enter text.

Age of Participants**:** Click here to enter text.

Grant Amount Requested: Click here to enter text.

*Note –*

*Activity Grant max. $250 for one-time activity, or max. $500 for reoccurring/weekly activities*

*Active Transportation Grant max. $500*

How will the funds be used?

Click here to enter text.

How will your activity/initiative promote physical activity and healthy living *AND/OR* active transportation (walking and biking), while reflecting the blended program framework?

Click here to enter text.

[ ] Please add me to the *After the School Bell Rings* e-newsletter mailing list to receive regular updates on after school resources, training, funding and other opportunities.

[ ]  Please add me to the Off on the Right Foot e-newsletter mailing list to receive regular updates on active transportation resources, events, news and other opportunities.

Please return completed form by **January 16, 2015.**