Available grants for elementary schools

1. S’cool Life Fund
   http://www.scoollifefund.ca/

   We support DREAMS - Drama, Recreation, Extra-Curricular, Arts, Music, or Sports. Schools that have been successful in receiving a grant have amazed us with their applications for projects reaching the most children with the most interesting things - S’Cool does not look to fund core academic subjects, but instead those areas that fall outside of the core curriculum but are no less important for a child’s development.

   - Each school is limited to one grant application per school year.
   - The average grant is under $5,000. A limited number of projects will be funded at $10,000.
   - The application period runs from September 15 to December 31.
   - Grant announcements will be posted on the website in the spring.
   - Cheques will be presented the following September.
   - All communication with S'Cool will be via email. Please ensure that your email address is correct on the application.
   - If you are unable to fill out the online application, you may request a hard copy by writing to the address below.

2. Parents Reaching Out Grants (Ministry of Education)
   School councils (only) can apply for this grant
   http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/schools.html

   This grant is to support school-based initiatives focusing on engaging parents who may experience challenges in becoming involved in the school due to language barriers, recent immigration, poverty, newness to Ontario's school system, or other factors. School councils are encouraged to work with schools and their school board's Parent Involvement Committee to identify potential project opportunities. School councils may submit a project proposal on their own, or in partnership with other school councils, parent or community groups.

3. Parents Reaching Out Grants for Regional/Provincial Projects (Ministry of Education)
   Parent organizations, school boards, non-profit organizations and post-secondary institutions can apply for this grant
   http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/regional.html

   Regional/provincial grants are available to parent organizations, school boards, non-profit organizations, volunteer-sector associations, or post-secondary institutions working in partnership with parents. Please note that regional/provincial grants are not for individual schools and that school councils should apply through Parents Reaching Out grants for schools.

   These projects, designed to enhance parent involvement on a regional or province wide basis, will fall under at least one of the following categories:
   - Parents as partners
   - Welcoming school board and school environment for all parents
   - Skill-building opportunities for parents
4. The Communities In Action Fund (CIAF)  
http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/sportandrec/ciaf/default.asp

The CIAF is an annual cost-sharing grant program designed to assist organizations in creating more opportunities for sport and/or physical activity among Ontario’s disadvantaged or underprivileged populations. The Fund provides grants for noncapital projects that will contribute to increasing Ontario’s physical activity and sport participation rates. Implementation, planning and development-type projects will be eligible for one or two years of funding. Collaborative projects (where two or more organizations work together to achieve a common goal) aiming to create and/or expand a physical activity plan in their community are also encouraged to apply through this program.

5. Breakfast for Learning’s Nutrition Program Grants  
http://www.breakfastforlearning.ca/en/services_information/apply_for_grant.php

Provide funds directly to communities who want to start or improve the quality of a nutrition program. Grants are provided to partially fund food, equipment or staffing.  
Who can apply? Applications are accepted from Canadian schools and community-based groups wishing to establish or enhance breakfast, snack or lunch programs for children and youth.  
How do I apply? To apply for a grant, you must submit a formal written grant application to Breakfast for Learning. At the end of each funding period, programs must submit a progress report.  
Don't forget! Grant application must be completed in full before a request can be considered. The application deadline for Nutrition Program Grants in Ontario is October 31, 2008. New funding criteria: Program must operate a minimum of 3 days per week Program must serve a minimum of 45 students or 20% of the school population (for example, if the school population is 200 of which 40 students participate in the nutrition program, you would be eligible for funding) Program must be registered on Breakfast for Learning's Online Club and complete a program profile

6. Bell’s Connected to Communities program  

Bell expects its social investments to have a positive, measurable impact. To that end we partner with organizations which share our company’s values, deliver programs that align with our policy, have clearly defined social goals, and demonstrate results. Within the program, Bell focuses particularly on projects that enhance the health of children and youth. Connected to Communities represents our belief that Canada’s future is directly tied to opportunities we make possible today—ensuring that children have the means to become all they can be. Our support for children’s hospitals and pediatric innovations are leading to major advances in healthcare for the young. Our partnerships with organizations offering kids the opportunity to participate in hockey, soccer and snowboarding are raising the bar for community sport. We are making an important difference in the lives of children who are lonely, vulnerable and afraid, through Kids Help Phone. We are enhancing online safety and helping make learning faster and more fun through our ongoing commitment to youth and technology. And we are active supporters of innovative programs that encourage and enable kids to stay in school.
Grant Categories

**Advocacy Development Projects** Funds are to aid groups in the planning and development phase to carry out specific advocacy efforts that support increased opportunities for physical activity and/or access to healthy food for children in Ontario. **Funds available:** Up to $5,000

**Community Action Grant Projects** Funds are for projects to mobilize communities to make significant change that will have a sustainable impact to support increased opportunities for physical activity and/or access to healthy food for children in Ontario. **Funds available:** Up to $25,000 for one year projects, or up to $50,000 for two year projects

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria, and priority will be given to projects that:

- Seek to influence decision makers to increase opportunities for physical activity and access to healthy food for Ontario children.
- Demonstrate sustainability or lasting impact. (Seeks policy development and/or change.)
- Demonstrates collaboration with other partner organizations.
- Clearly defines and substantiates the issue being addressed, and contain project components that are suitable in light of the project objectives.
- Contains an evaluation plan.
- Respond to the needs of Aboriginal, African/Caribbean-Canadian, South Asian or Chinese communities.

8. True Sport Community Fund


The True Sport Community Sport Fund will help communities increase inclusion and accessibility in new or existing sport programs for children and youth, aged four to seventeen, from low income, Aboriginal and new Canadian families. Over the next year, communities across Canada will benefit from $5,000 grants and $25,000 grants. Although all communities are eligible, greater priority will be given to those in Yukon, North West Territories, Nunavut, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador.

Those applications that show long-term sustainability and legacy potential and are able to impact the greatest number of people in a community will also be given priority.

These grants will be awarded to community organizations, teams or clubs that demonstrate in their application how a True Sport Community Sport Fund grant will increase accessibility and promote inclusion for community-based youth in sport programs.

9. Sport Chek’s Power of Sport For Kids Program

[http://www.sportchek.ca/sportchek/do/customerSupport/powerOfSportForKids](http://www.sportchek.ca/sportchek/do/customerSupport/powerOfSportForKids)

To be eligible to participate, your organization must meet the following criteria:

**must be a community group, non-profit agency or school**

**work with disadvantaged or at-risk children between the ages of 5-18 years**

**incorporate a recreation program into their curriculum**

**have some private funding as part of overall budget (not be 100% government funded)**

**be invited to participate by a representative of The Forzani Group Ltd.**

**your organization meets the following detailed [Program Guidelines](http://www.sportchek.ca/sportchek/do/customerSupport/powerOfSportForKids#ProgramGuidelines) (PDF)**

This Program is made possible by the commitment of The Forzani Group Foundation.

The intent of The Power of Sport for Kids Program is to provide groups of underprivileged, disadvantaged and at-risk children who may not otherwise have access to sporting equipment with the sporting equipment that they need to give them the opportunity to play and enjoy sports. The Program Sponsors will work with selected the organizations to develop a sporting goods wish list that would have the most impact to the children.
10. GoodLife Kids Foundation Granting Program
Through the Goodlife kids foundation
http://www.goodlifekids.com/newEvents.aspx

GoodLife Kids Foundation is a Canadian charitable organization whose mission is to reach the hearts and minds of kids – to inspire them to want to be fit and healthy. All programs initiated or sponsored by the foundation, promote healthier, life-long fitness and nutritional habits for all Canadian children.

Proposals identifying projects which fit the following criteria will be considered:
Fitness/Activity & Nutrition – Initiatives which focus on prevention and offer the opportunity to change the behavioural skill and mind set of Canadian children ages 5 – 12 years. Scope – Projects which provide a significant and unique contribution to community life. Action – Initiatives which can demonstrate the activity/program is being used. Resources – Projects which consider possibilities for GoodLife Kids Foundation to be involved beyond a financial capacity.

11. The Healthy Community Fund
http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/healthy_communities/default.asp
The Ministry of Health Promotion’s new approach to Healthy Communities will support initiatives at the local level, at the provincial level, and will also support community planning structures. This new approach, “Healthy Communities Ontario” encourages the development of new partnerships and strengthens existing ones, resulting in improved access to priority health promotion programs and services for Ontarians. This new approach will be mobilized by the Healthy Communities Fund, which will support provincial and community organizations to plan and deliver integrated initiatives that address multiple risk factors and promote health and wellness, at all levels, across the province.

12. Breakfast Club Canada
http://www.breakfastclubscanada.org/
Anyone currently operating a breakfast program meeting the criteria below can send a request to Breakfast Clubs of Canada.
Required
• Feed children living in underprivileged areas
• Schools with children aged between 5 and 18 years old
• Meet requirements of a healthy meal as recommended by the Canadian Food Guide (2006 reviewed version)
• Located outside the province of Quebec
• Access to the program for all children attending the school
Completed document with all other required documents (see Section 5) to Breakfast Clubs of Canada.
YOU MAY SUBMIT YOUR GRANT REQUEST ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR