**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SPORTS**

Being active is fun and healthy, but sometimes it’s expensive. Good news! There are programs and tax credits that can help families pay for sports, lessons, and equipment.

**KidSport BC Provincial Fund**

* Children under 18 can get up to $400 each year to help pay for sports.
* The sport must last at least 6 weeks and be led by a qualified coach.

**ViaSport BC**

* Offers grants to help families in B.C. pay for sports. Some programs help with travel, gear, or fees:
	+ BC Ferries Sport Experience Program
	+ BC Ferries Disability Sport Experience Program
	+ Indigenous Youth Sport Legacy Fund

**I·SPARC** **(Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council)**

* Offers grants to help Indigenous children and youth join sports and activities.
* Helps pay for fees, equipment, and travel.
* Programs for individuals:
	+ RISE Grants: for Indigenous kids and youth currently or previously formally placed in care outside the parental home in British Columbia, regardless of ancestry.
	+ Premier’s Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport for young Indigenous athletes who show strong skills and performance in sport.

**Canadian Tire Jumpstart Grants**

* Helps pay for sports and physical activity programs for children ages 4 to 18.
* Each application can get up to $300 (up to $600 per calendar year).

For more information:

* KidSport BC – [KidSport Grants](https://kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/provincial-fund/)
* Government of Canada – [Children’s Fitness Tax Credit](https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/programs/about-canada-revenue-agency-cra/federal-government-budgets/childrens-fitness-tax-credit.html)
* ViaSport - [Grants](https://viasport.ca/grants/)
* I·SPARC – [Grants & Recognition](https://isparc.ca/grants-recognition/)
* Canadian Tire Jumpstart – [Individual Child Grants](https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/individual-child-grants)