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SPORT4ONTARIO provides funding to local sport groups – over \$74,000 to date.

The Sport4Toronto Fund, administered by SPORT4ONTARIO, provides grants to organizations to support athlete development in the City of Toronto including, but not limited to, access to facilities and services, equipment, registration, and coach and officials development. The purpose of this grant program is to enhance the experience of athletes through supporting organizations to provide better services and opportunities for athletes.

SPORT4ONTARIO has awarded \$74,890.00 since January 2009 through the Sport4Toronto Fund and will continue to add to this amount in Round 4 of funding tentatively scheduled for release in December 2010 or January 2011.

Congratulations to the following grant recipients of Round 3 of the Sport4Toronto Fund:

Squash Ontario:

This grant will fund the inaugural “Squash Ontario Teacher’s Day” which will provide teachers with the knowledge and resources to introduce squash into school gym programs. The program will provide equipment sets to 30 TDSB schools and encourage them to develop afterschool squash programs to act as feeders for the Squash Ontario Programs and help to sustain the sport of squash.

Ontario Basketball:

With the aid of the SPORT4ONTARIO grant, Ontario Basketball will work alongside the Gashanti Unity Organization to create a pilot house league for Somali girls living in Toronto. A group of girls aged 16-18 will be trained through the NCCP to coach basketball. They will then run a league for the organization’s 13-15 year old girls, and continue to expand the program from there.

The Ontario Soccer Association:

This grant will provide funding to train Toronto soccer coaches in inclusive practices through the use of peer-led training. This will help develop an inclusive soccer program in the North Toronto Soccer Club and connect children from two community centres with this club. Additionally, the grant will provide funds to create and distribute a guide on inclusion practices to 250 clubs, and develop an accessibility page on the OSA website.

ParaSport Ontario:

This grant will allow ParaSport Ontario to purchase sports equipment for students with disabilities. The equipment will be used during ParaSport Ontario’s “Ready Willing Able” school

programs where children with physical disabilities will have the opportunity to try out various inclusive sports. The funds will also be used to provide teachers in the TDSB with training on inclusive physical education and copies of resources pertaining to inclusion of athletes with disabilities.

Metro PHASE 1 Basketball:

This organization will use the SPORT4ONTARIO funds to deliver a program which uses basketball and physical education to teach workshops for children aged 12-16. The workshops will cover topics pertaining to life skills, injury prevention, and athlete training. It will also involve weekly league games, and provide a financial model where no child is refused access to this program.

SPORT4ONTARIO grants membership to eligible provincial and multi-sport organizations, community sport councils, sport clubs and other similar entities engaged in similar or complimentary mandates. Programs and activities of the organization will continue to focus on, but not be limited to, strengthening the position of the sport sector within the context of community health and wellness, professional development and supporting the Canadian Sport Policy and the Canadian Sport for Life movement.

SPORT4ONTARIO, incorporated as The Provincial Sport Organizations Council (PSO Council), in 1998, is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization that provides the collaborative environment, knowledge and resources to build capacity and drive leadership excellence in the Ontario sport community through education, advocacy, interaction, research and innovation.

SPORT4ONTARIO creates member value and benefits that contribute to a stronger sport community for all Ontarians.

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