



2007-2008 Rowing Canada Aviron Adaptive Rowing Development Project

Applications are now being accepted for the 2007-2008 year. Applications must be received no later than September 1, 2007. Applicants will be notified about the status of their application by September 15, 2007. In order to be eligible, a Provincial Rowing Association must support applications.

How much money is available to support this initiative?

Rowing Canada Aviron will be dedicating up to 5 grants of up to \$2,400.00 toward each adaptive development project.

What is the project?

It is expected that the proposals will be focused on one of the following areas:

- Development of new adaptive rowing programming
- Training and development of coaches focused on adaptive rowing
- Equipment purchases to support recreational and competitive adaptive rowing

Background:

Rowing Canada Aviron has been actively leading the development of Adaptive Rowing within Canada since 2002. RCA has recognized the profound impact that this program can have for athletes with a disability and the positive impact that an adaptive program can have within a rowing club. With this recognition, RCA would like to provide opportunities for further development at a local and provincial level.

As part of the continued development of adaptive rowing, Rowing Canada Aviron intends to assist in the development of adaptive rowing at the local and provincial level. To this end, Rowing Canada Aviron invites application from rowing clubs and provincial rowing associations who are interested in developing new adaptive rowing opportunities or expanding existing adaptive rowing programming. Successful proposals will be implemented with the assistance of an Adaptive Development Consultant.

Criteria:

Who can apply?

RCA member Provincial Rowing Associations and RCA member Rowing Clubs with registered RCA members. RCA member clubs must have Provincial Rowing Association support.

When will the project take place?

This would depend on the proposal submitted and the suggested timing by the Provincial Rowing Association. It may be appropriate for this to take place during the summer or fall season or possibly during the off water season. Projects must be completed by March 31st, 2008, with final reports provided to Rowing Canada Aviron by that date.

Who will be the Adaptive Development Consultant?

Again, Rowing Canada Aviron will ensure that each provincial rowing association is working with and in contact with their adaptive rowing representative or a suitable expert within their area.

What should be part of the application?

The local rowing club and/or Provincial Rowing Association should include details about:

- Their province's or club's experience with adaptive rowing.
- Certification levels, and contact information.
- Long term provincial and/or clubs adaptive goals.
- The proposed activity or project.
- Budget for proposed activity.
- Schedule outline.
- Partnerships involved with the proposal.

Local rowing clubs must obtain the support of their Provincial Rowing Association.

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RCA's Adaptive Development Committee will review the applications. All PSO's will be contacted regarding the status of applications within their region.

Successful applicants will be required to do a report on initiatives and activities that this money was used for. This includes outcomes, and gained knowledge from the project as well as where it will take the club and/or province in the future for adaptive rowing. Photos are also most welcome.

Applications should be submitted to:

**RCA Provincial Adaptive Development Project
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