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Subject: [EXTERNAL]RE: PAC Gaming fund questions

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Hi Shayle,

Thanks for your email. I will be able to answer the Licensing question, and I'll need to redirect your Gaming Grant and Audit questions to two separate departments. I've cc'd Community Gaming Grants and Audit for review of your other questions.

This is listed as an eligible disbursement for PACs in section 8.10, so if the PAC is eligible, they would be able to use licensed gaming funds for this purpose. The scholarship or bursary would need to meet the criteria outlined in section 8.6 of the [Licensed Charitable Gaming Rules](#).

8.10. Parent Advisory Council Disbursements

For Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), gaming proceeds must be used for disbursements within BC and must have a direct benefit to BC students by enhancing their extracurricular opportunities.

For PACs, eligible disbursements include, but are not limited to:

- Student publications: newsletters, yearbooks;
- Student competitions: writing, debating, chess, music;
- Student societies: drama club, student society;
- Student ceremonies: graduation, dry grad;
- Student conferences or educational field trips within BC;
- Uniforms and equipment for extracurricular activities;
- Capital acquisitions directly benefiting students, such as playground equipment or student computers used for extracurricular groups or activities;
- Capital projects directly benefiting students (excluding school maintenance or construction), as listed in Special Approval: Major Capital Projects;
- Awards and trophies;

- Scholarships and bursaries;
- Student transportation and travel within BC; and
- Student transportation and travel outside of BC, as listed in Special Approval: Out-of-Province Travel.

All gaming proceeds must remain under the control and management of the PAC, whose membership must be comprised of parents or guardians of students attending the school.

Thank you,

Hillary Wakefield on behalf of the Licensed Charitable Gaming Unit
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The Licensed Charitable Gaming Rules have been updated effective September 14, 2021, CLICK HERE to see the changes that have occurred.

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Hello,

I have been asked a number of questions by various PAC members and I thought I would reach out for some clarification please.

1. What is the eligible process in which PACs can award Scholarships and Bursaries through funds that are received through Licensed Gaming (Raffles or 50/50's, etc.)? (See 8.6 <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/licences/rules-licensed-charitable-gaming.pdf>)
 - a. I understand that PACs can no longer award Scholarships and Bursaries through funds received from the PAC Community Gaming Grants after this year, but does this make any difference to funds received by Licensed events?
2. How often do PAC's get audited? Who audits them? What are they looking for? Are PAC's at risk of losing gaming grant if they are audited and not following best practices?

Thank you,
Shayle