Background Information for Families Applying for the Extra-Curricular Support Fund

The MNO is pleased to offer the Enhanced Extra-Curricular Support Program to support the healthy growth and development Métis children. The program is designed to support the social, physical and mental well-being of our Métis children with a focus on developmentally supportive activities.

Accordingly, the following general guidelines apply to reimbursement for activities and equipment under the program:

- The activity and/or equipment must be developmentally appropriate and align with the age of the child.
- The activity/equipment must be for use specifically by the child(ren).
- Detailed receipts may be requested to verify the equipment is suitable for the child.
- Quantities of items reimbursed may be limited per child if the item can be used for multiple activities. For example: one snowsuit, one swimsuit, one pair of hiking boots.
- **Maximum payable amounts for winter clothing per child.**

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- Some items may be limited to one per family based on the nature of the item (e.g., to be used by multiple children), for example some musical instruments.
- Equipment must either be associated with a sport, club or program in which the child is registered. Proof of registration that the child is enrolled in a program may be requested.
- Equipment that is not associated with enrollment in an extra-curricular program:
  - Must be developmentally appropriate for the child;
  - Must align with the age of the child;
  - Must support child social, physical and mental wellbeing;
  - Must be for use specifically by the child;
  - Must not be infrastructure; machinery; entertainment; firearms; or materials, equipment, or services designed for adults.
  - Must be a reasonable purchase of equipment necessary for the extra-curricular activity.
- Reimbursement for any activity fees or equipment purchased is at the sole discretion of the MNO following an assessment of the complete application and any additional requested clarifying information and supporting documentation.
• Additional consideration will be given to special needs children on a case by case basis.
• ELCC staff cannot make specific product or program recommendations as each child has different interests, areas of need, and capabilities.

Examples of expenses eligible for reimbursement under the program:

• Dance Classes
• Gymnastics
• Cheerleading
• Sport fees (Hockey, Soccer, Baseball, Tennis, Golf, Basketball, Football, etc.)
• Equipment needed for activity or sport
• Uniforms required for registered activities
• Non-motorized Bikes/ Scooters/ Skateboards/ Rollerblades/ Roller Skis
• Helmets/ Safety Equipment
• Running shoes, hiking boots, ski boots, cleats, etc.
• Gross Motor items (Hover boards, balance boards, small climbing sets, balance stepping stones)
• Yoga
• Babysitting Course
• Home Alone Course
• STEM Clubs
• Coding Courses
• Hunter Safety Training
• Firearm Safety Training
• Other courses associated with wilderness, fishing, camping, etc.
• Fishing Rods and Tackle
• Instruments / Instrument Rentals
• Music Lessons
• Horseback Riding
• Archery
• Trapping Courses
• Martial Arts
• Cadets (Army, Sea, Air) / Girl Guides/ Scouts
• Learn to Skate
• Snowshoes
• Skiing/Snowboarding (Child/Youth pass for ski hills, equipment needed for activity)
• Snowmobile trail pass (age appropriate)
• Winter gear for outside activity (Snowsuit, Boots, Gloves, Hat, Mittens, Helmet, etc.)
• Swimming
• Water Skiing
• Items needed for water activity (Life Jackets, Swimsuit Etc.)
• Art Classes
• Camp (After COVID 19 restrictions Lifted)
• Kayak/Canoe (Age Appropriate) (Paddles, Life Jacket)
• Science programs
• Technology programs
• OutSchool
• Driving Lessons (Age Appropriate) (recognized agencies)
• Youth Group/Church Groups
• Gym Memberships (For Children)
• Bowling Clubs
• LARP (Live Action Role Play)
• Beauty Pageants/Talent Shows
• Robotics Club
• Parent and Child lessons for 0-4 (equipment will only be covered for the child)
• Baby Yoga
• Leadership Clubs
• Orienteering Club
• Trampoline
• Family or child passes are allowed for the following:
  • Federal/Provincial/Conservation Parks
  • Historical Sites / Cultural Centres
  • Museums and Science Centres
  • Aquariums
  • Gym Memberships (child only)
  • Swim Passes
  • Libraries

**Examples of expenses NOT eligible for reimbursement under the program:**

The following is a non-exhaustive example list of items that are not approved under the Enhance Extra-Curricular Support Program. This is in accordance with the program design and purpose, the funding terms and conditions, and/or MNO Financial Policies.

• Motorized Equipment (snowmobiles, dirt bikes, e-scooters, boats, etc.)
• Subscription Boxes
• Taxes or Duty Fees for Shipping and Border Crossing
• Firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories, firearm storage devices
• Permanent Play Sets, Tree Houses, sheds, or home improvements
• Knee Board, tube, wakeboard, island hopper (for behind boat)
• Travel Expenses
• Electronic Kitchen Devices
• Trailers, campers or RV’s
• Exercising Equipment (e.g. Peloton, Mirror, Bowflex)
• Gaming Systems, Video Games, Karaoke Machine, Health Trackers (e.g., Fitbit)
• Strollers or baby carriers
• Additional uniforms, personalization of equipment and/or promotional clothing (suits for hockey, branded team jackets, NHL jerseys for practice)
• Swimming pools and hot tubs
• Late fees/interest
• Amusement park passes, escape rooms, entertainment tickets (movies, concerts, stage performances, etc.)
• Any equipment, activity, or materials for use by adults.

Please Note:
Enhanced Extra Curricular Support Program is not designed for educational supports to assist with school lunch programs, uniforms, curriculum, e learning, or technology. The MNO currently has several programs that provide these supports, and we encourage Citizens to access those programs. They include but are not limited to:

• Technology Fund for children 0-18
• K-12 Education Support Fund
• COVID-19 Family Support Fund
• COVID-19 Food Security Fund
• Referral to Mental Health and Addictions
• Referral to Education Support Advocates

Please see https://www.metisnation.org/covid-updates/ for more information on MNO’s other COVID support programs:

If you are unable to purchase extra curricular supports up front, ELCC may be able to provide support on a case-by-case basis. Please refer to the contact information below for further questions.

If you have any additional questions about the Extra-Curricular Support Program, please e-mail to elccsupport@metisnation.org or 807-627-7349