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Hello,

Please note the following response to Fee Waiver Grant Application has been submitted at Friday April 11th 2025 4:19 PM with reference number 2025-04-11-007.

- **How will your activity or event enhance recreation and community services in the Region of Niagara?**

The Niagara 2025 Ontario Parasport Games will showcase adaptive sport athletes from all over Ontario, including current and future Olympic stars.

It will give our local disability communities an opportunity to compete and experience high performance competition in front of their home crowd, as well as connect with other athletes and spectators from around Ontario.

We will provide school engagement programs that offer abled and disabled people a chance to try a parasport.

We have created a Niagara Parasport Legacy Fund that will be managed by a group of those from Niagara's disability community with the goal to bring a means of sustainable and long term funding. All surplus from this event will go to this fund and we will set up a donation portal to allow future growth.

- **Please describe the projected social, cultural, economic, and environmental impact that the activity or event will have on the Region and its residents.**

Social - this event will bring over 700 athletes, coaches, officials and families to Niagara. Our local disability community has been invited to participate through volunteering or competing building bonds through sport. The age group of those competing is 13 and up and they will all be invited to post on there socials using #paraamzing, #Niagara, #ParasportNiagara

Cultural - Our opening ceremony will bring performers from our disability communities to sing, speak and celebrate Niagara. We have also included friends from our Indigenous communities to bring a blessing to the athletes during the ceremony. We have invited schools in the region to create artwork that will be used as the backdrop to the event. We will host activation areas that provide information on opportunities for people with disabilities.

Economic - with over 700 people coming into the region for the

games, we anticipate a 350k-500k bump in direct spend as a result of this event.

ENVIRO - We are taking measures to keep our footprint small. One program is to donate all un used food and water to shelters in the region to ensure nothing is wasted.

- **What will the impact on the event be if the fee is not waived?**

Certainly measurable. Our ability to support our Legacy program will be drastically reduced.

- **Are you seeking funding from any other sources?  
(Fundraising, grants, sponsorships)**

Yes. Sport Niagara has provided funding (50k) and are backing the event. They will also donate to the Legacy fund after the event. We have funding from the Ministry of Sport (175k). We have Sponsorship from local businesses (130k).

- **Upload your supporting documents.**

1. [Niagara 2025 Ontario Parasport Games \(1\).pdf \[56.3 KB\]](#)
2. [Niagara OPSG Budget - FOR MOS.pdf \[37.4 KB\]](#)
3. [SPORT NIAGARA - -Confirmation of Parasport Legacy April 10.pdf \[211.8 KB\]](#)

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