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Who will be the fiscal sponsor of this request?	MT64 Association, Ltd
Description	<p>We are seeking support to keep the cost of hockey affordable to all children in Big Sky. Our organization prides itself on getting Big Sky community children outdoors; learning to skate and play the sport of hockey in a structured, safe environment. They learn about being teammates, building relationships with peers as well as adults, and to relax in a stress-free environment. One unique aspect of our program is that we partner and compete with similar small-sized regional towns. Our players build enduring friendships with players from these towns that go beyond ice time. MT64 Hockey is dedicated to teaching children the skills necessary to play the game of hockey and succeed in life.</p> <p>Hockey is a very expensive sport. Here in Big Sky, hockey can be beyond many families' means. Our coaches are all volunteers and are USA Hockey certified. In addition to our 100% volunteer program, donations from local foundations and organizations make this goal a reality. As we start a new chapter of serving local children, we are asking BSRAD to please assist us in our programming costs totaling \$17,340.00. With your assistance, MT64 Hockey will be able to serve as many local children as want to participate.</p>

Select the projects Investment Type	Programming
Select the projects Impact Area	Recreation
Where will this project be taking place?	MT64 Hockey will take place in Town Center on the local ice arena. The program will have weekly practices and lessons. In addition, the program will hold clinics run by regional hockey coaches to teach skills and hockey fundamentals. Lastly, the program will sign up for regional tournaments so that the children playing in the M64 program will experience authentic hockey games against other regional programs.
Please explain the community benefit of the project	<p>MT 64 is a youth hockey program; teaching children to skate and the fundamentals of hockey. It is a program that gets kids outside and builds their strength both physically and mentally. MT64 prides itself on a commitment to health and safety while teaching the game of hockey. Our organization prides itself on getting Big Sky community children outdoors; learning to skate and play the sport of hockey in a structured, safe environment. They learn about being teammates, building relationships with peers as well as adults, and to relax in a stress free environment. MT64 Hockey is dedicated to teaching children the skills necessary to play the game of hockey and succeed in life.</p> <p>MT64 Hockey Association, Ltd. enriches the lives of local children here in Big Sky by giving them a place that is safe and inviting to come out, relax, destress, and get their endorphins released all while learning to play the game of hockey!</p>
What is the Resort Tax request for this project?	17340
What is the total cost of this project?	110800
Provide a list of the expenses this should be awarded funding	As we start a new chapter of serving local children, we are asking BSRAD to please assist us in our programming costs totaling \$17,340.00. While tourists are allowed to ice skate for free at the local rink, MT64 Hockey Association has to pay for ice time as well as cleaning of the ice which totals \$7,000 each year. We also must purchase insurance (\$2,500) and pay for required coaching instruction by USA Hockey (\$2,340) (Our coaches are all volunteers). An additional programming cost is having clinics for the children to learn the appropriate skills, techniques, and fundamentals of the sport (\$6,000).
When do you plan to have incurred the costs being requested?	12/1/2025

Please provide any additional information on this request if needed

In addition to our 100% volunteer program, donations from local foundations and organizations make this goal a reality. We are seeking support from other local foundations and local businesses for other programming fees to help keep the cost of the program down for local residents. We look to make the cost of youth hockey minimal to residents and free for those who would like to play but cannot afford the cost.

Implementation plan and cost for locals:

12-19 year olds; MT 64 fee is \$200

8-11 year olds; MT 64 fee is \$150

Under 8 is free

The most comparable program is the Mountain League in Bozeman. The program starts at age 10. The Mountain League Program is approximately \$500 plus the cost of equipment, skates, and the cost of traveling the canyon multiple times a week.

The hockey program was heavily subsidized in the past to afford this opportunity. BASE tried to impose higher pricing to play hockey, which led to BASE no longer sponsoring hockey. Thus, we developed MT64 Hockey.

Please provide the name(s) and email addresses of who will be representing this request at the next BSRAD board meeting

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Application Review & Final Submission

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