

Tourism Advisory Panel – Request for Funding Application (Tourism Event)



Applicant Information	
Organization	Top Gun Charity Fun Run to raise funds for CHEO and Sick Kids
Contact Name	Leah Ann Myers
Title	Event Planner
Address	267 Fitzsimmons Rd Lansdowne On K0E1L0
Phone #	613-899-4463
Email	topgunfunrun@outlook.com
Event Website	topgunfunrun.com (still a work in progress)
Event Information	
Event Name	Top Gun Charity Fun Run
Event Dates	June 19th-21st 2026
Event Organizer Name	Leah Ann Myers
Event Organizer Phone #	613-899-4463
Event Organizer Email	topgunfunrun@outlook.com
Funding Amount Requested	\$43,800 (50% being \$21,900)

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Please provide a description of event (300 words).

If there is not enough space, please answer the question on a separate page.

To support CHEO and Sick Kids children's hospital, we are planning our second year of a boating fun run. Registered participants will dock their boats at the Gananoque Marina for the weekend. There will be a Friday evening meet up with entertainment, raffle and prizes. Saturday will be the fun run from Gananoque to Brockville for lunch, then return to Gananoque Marina. Private dinner for participants in Gananoque, catering supplied by The Riva Restaurant.

Throughout the weekend spectators will be invited to view the boats at the marina, watch from Joel Stone park as the boats depart and return to the marina.

Friday evening, we are planning to have some events open to the public (including a free live band at Joel Stone Park, CHEO mascot on site for photo opportunities, raffle, 50/50, merchandise sales, etc)

Both CHEO and Sick Kids have agreed to supply banners, free items (pens, stickers, etc), supply tiptap machines for donations

All proceeds are donated to CHEO and Sick Kids

Additional items to be attached to the application:

- List of Board of Directors or Event Organizing Committee including emails and phone numbers
- Full Schedule of Events
- Detailed Event Budget/Financial Plan
- Please provide 2 letters of support from organizations and partners that support the project.
- The Town of Gananoque reserves the right to ask for copies of receipts validating expense claims.

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1. Has this event been hosted before? If yes, when and where?

Yes, September 2025 in Brockville, event was private and no funding was applied for. The event raised \$19,000 with 20 boats and 85 participants. At the end of 2025, we set a goal to double those stats for 2026

2. Who is your target market/audience?

Power boating/speed boating enthusiasts (anyone who enjoys viewing cool speed boats)
People interested in supporting children's hospitals
Geared to all ages as there is a variety of entertainment within the event (viewing boats on the docks, viewing boats by an on land display, live music, photo opportunities with the CHEO mascot, merchandise sales. etc)

3. Estimated # of tourists/visitors your event will attract to Gananoque (from 40+km away)

Registered participants- approx 150 (most will need hotels estimated 50+)
Registered participants from 2025 were from Ottawa, Morrisburg, New York, Quebec, Kingston, Cornwall, Brockville, and Gananoque
Spectators- 1500

4. How and where will the event be advertised/marketed?

Facebook (weekly updates on our page)
Website (registration linked directly to CHEOs fundraising site)
401 billboards
Radio (reach out to Brockville, Kingston, Ottawa and Toronto stations)
Email follow up to past participants



You agree that the information provide in this application is accurate. This is an application for funding and does not guarantee funding approval. Should the TAP and Council approve funding to your event, a funding agreement outlining the details of the funding and any associated recognition will be signed by both the Town of Gananoque and the organization receiving the funding.

Date: Feb 19/2025

Title: Event Planner

Name: Leah Ann Myers

Signature: 

Completed application (with all requested attachments) to be submitted to:

Attention: Tourism Advisory Panel

30 King St. East, Gananoque, ON K7G 1E9

Phone: 613-382-2149 ext. 1125

Email: businesscoordinator@gananoque.ca

TAP Application

Committee Members

Leah Ann Myers (Event Planner)

Sheldon Myers- myerslanding@outlook.com, 613-808-6162

Wyatt Mullin- wyattmullin@outlook.com

Cole Veinotte- cole@jadetrans.com, 613-577-9416

Dean Delaney- deanwdelaney@gmail.com, 613-802-4487

Schedule of events

Friday

- 12pm Participants may arrive any time to marina.
- 4-8pm Check in and registration at Gananoque Municipal Marina. Tent set up at Joel Stone (10X10 or 10X20 shade tent, tables and chairs) Flexible on location
- 4-9PM Band at Joel Stone Park (flexible on times), raffle, prizes, CHEO mascot for photo opportunities, merchandise sales, etc
- We plan to have a boat display in the boat museum parking lot (given this is approved). City cruises has allowed us to use their parking lot after 5PM for vehicle parking free of charge.

Saturday

- 8-9:30am Breakfast and registration (for those who didn't on Friday) at Comfort Inn

9:15am	Driver's Meeting (Driver and Navigator must be in attendance)
10am	Start your engines, head out of marina and wait for start. Spectators should be at Joel Stone for best viewing of the boats. CHEO mascot for photo opportunities
10:30am	Leave marina and head on designated route to Brockville Harbour
11-2:30pm	Dock at Brockville Harbour (opportunity for Brockville area to view boats, possibly have CHEO mascot)
12-2pm	Lunch at 1000 Island Brewing Co.
2:15pm	Head out of Harbour
2:30pm	Head back to Gananoque Municipal
3:30-6pm	Down time before dinner. More opportunity for spectators to view boats, have CHEO mascot present Time to ensure everything is set up for dinner
6pm til close	Dinner at Firehall Theatre catered by The Riva Silent and Live Auction and DJ to follow dinner Dinner is a closed event for registered participants only
<u>Sunday</u>	
8-11am	Breakfast at Joel Stone (Hosted by Lions?) More opportunity to view boats and photos with CHEO mascot
11am	Vacate docks

Budget Estimates

Weekend Fees		
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Joel Stone Park	x3 days	\$400
Joel Stone Park	Misc equipment rentals	\$100
Event Insurance	Estimated, still waiting for quotes	\$2000
Weekend Dockage	x2 nights, based on approx 30ft/boat (40 boats)	\$9000
Event Planning Committee Accommodations	X4 rooms x2 nights \$250/room per night	\$2000
Event Photography and Accommodations	Photographer Videographer	\$2000
Merchandise	For swag bags and sell to spectators at event	\$6000
Friday Fees		
Band	Shantyman is tentatively booked	\$800
Saturday Fees		
Breakfast	We have sponsorship	\$0
Lunch	Outside township	\$0
Dinner	160 people @\$65/pp Plus staffing fees	\$12000
Venue Rental	Firehall Theatre Rental Bar staffing	\$4000
Miscellaneous Venue Fees	Decorations, equipment rentals, linens, table settings	\$3000
DJ	DJ for Dinner	\$500
Helicopter	For boat photography on the river	\$2000
Total		\$43,800



CHEO Foundation | Fondation du CHEO

January 15, 2026

Re: Top Gun Chairty Fun Run

To whom it may concern:

This letter confirms that the annual Top Gun Charity Fun Run Fundraiser is supporting **CHEO** (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario) and taking place in June 2026. Proceeds from the event will be directed to the CHEO Foundation to assist doctors, nurses, and staff as they touch the lives of nearly 500,000 patient/family visits per year.

Partners like the Top Gun Fun Run members have a significant role in making sure the Children's Hospital, the CHEO Research Institute, Development and Rehabilitation at CHEO and Roger Neilson Children's Hospice have the funds necessary to meet the ever-increasing demand for treatment, programs, and services.

The CHEO Foundation is grateful to the Top Gun Fun Run community and all its supporters for supporting Cancer care and research. You may be contacted to discuss this great initiative and how you or your organization could get involved and help make a difference for "Kids These Days" that require services at CHEO to live their best lives.

We thank you in advance for considering contributing to this exciting partner initiative for CHEO. Kindly see our charity number, 11 855 2472 RR0001 should you need it. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me directly at bghosh@cheofoundation.com

Sincerely,

Bob Ghosh

Community Engagement Officer

Agent d'engagement communautaire

C (613) 867-4262 | F (613) 738-4818 | Toll free / Sans frais : 1-800-561-5638



Charitable Registration Number | Numéro d'enregistrement de bienfaisance : 11 885 2474 RR0001



SickKids Foundation
525 University Avenue, Suite 835
Toronto, ON M5G 2L3

February 19, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms that the **Top Gun Charity Fun Run** happening on June 19th and 20th in Joel Stone park/Gananoque Municipal Marina is a registered third-party event, raising funds in support of The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids).

In order to ensure success, the organizers of this event require support from companies, organizations, and individuals who share their vision and hope for improved child health. It is my hope that you will consider supporting this initiative. Your commitment will not only ensure that this event is a fundraising success, it will also make a real difference in the lives of children today and for generations to come.

Please note this letter is valid for one year from the date issued. Should you have any questions about the history or legitimacy of this event, please contact me directly by email at: jenny.arena@sickkidsfoundation.com

Please direct all event-related inquiries to the attention of:

Leah Ann Myers
topgunfunrun@outlook.com

We send our most sincere gratitude to Leah Ann Myers for her dedication and generosity, and for supporting SickKids' vision: Healthier children. A better world.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Arena".

Jenny Arena
Associate, Community Partnerships