

- d) undertake or assist in research or surveys in respect of fitness and amateur sport;
- e) arrange for national and regional conferences designed to promote and further the objects of the Act;
- f) provide for the recognition of achievement in respect of fitness and amateur sport by the grant or issue of certificates, citations or awards of merit;
- g) prepare and distribute information relating to fitness and amateur sport;
- h) assist, co-operate with, and enlist any group interested in furthering the objects of the Act;
- i) co-ordinate federal activities relating to the encouragement, promotion and development of fitness and amateur sport in co-operation with any other departments or agencies of the Government of Canada carrying on such activities;
- j) undertake such other projects or programmes, including the provision of services and facilities or the provision of assistance therefore, in respect of fitness and amateur sport as are designed to promote and further the objects of the Act.

Aid is provided through direct federal financial assistance to national associations for national and international competition, national coaching, training or promotional schemes, to universities for research related to fitness and to persons with outstanding qualifications for graduate or post-graduate study. Aid for local or provincial activities is given through the provincial governments which have signed a fitness and amateur sport agreement with the Federal Government, under which they receive federal reimbursement of a percentage of all expenditures made under the agreement.

Federal aid may be provided for the construction of regional or provincial training centres under the Fitness and Amateur Sport Act and for local sports and recreational construction under the Municipal Winter Works Programme. Some provisions for financial assistance for local projects have been implemented through the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act, administered by the Department of Forestry.

The National Advisory Council

The Minister of National Health and Welfare is advised on policy matters by the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport. The Council consists of 30 persons appointed for terms of up to three years, chosen for their interest and experience in activities supported by the Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme. At least one member must come from each province.