



Community Grant Program

Booklet of 2021 Community Grant Applications

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAG MEMBERS:

1. Carefully review the 12 grant applications.
2. Select your **top five** choices.
3. Submit your selections by 11:59pm on May 9, 2021.

There is \$18,000 in total funding available for this portion of the City's grant program.

Your recommendations will be forwarded to Council for their consideration. Please note that Council will approve all final awards. In the case of ties or excess funding, Council will use their discretion to allocate the funds.

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As per the City's Corporate Policy on Grants to Organizations, the following general principles may be used to determine funding allocations:

- the availability of funds budgeted for grants and donations;
- the extent to which a demonstrated need in the community will be addressed and to which the City's corporate goals and objectives are met;
- the degree to which the grant will promote the well-being and quality of life of Port Moody residents;
- the degree to which the funding will be used for the community as a whole;
- the extent to which the organization has attempted to obtain other sources of funding, e.g. through corporate sponsorships or fundraising campaigns;
- the extent to which the funds are expended in Port Moody;
- the needs of the organization requesting funding;
- the extent to which any benefits will be directed towards people of all ages and abilities; and
- the extent to which volunteers are involved and community spirit is fostered.

1. Abreast In A Boat

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

Abreast In A Boat is a registered charitable society whose mission is to demonstrate that those who have been diagnosed with breast cancer can live full, active and healthy lives. All 22 women in our dragon boat are survivors of breast cancer. We have 6 dragon boat teams in the lower mainland which includes our team in Port Moody (Rocky Point). Our objective is to bring breast cancer awareness through exercise and dragon boating. Our main activity is paddling with 22 women in a dragon boat.

What service does your organization provide to the community?

Abreast In A Boat has a strong commitment to enhancing breast cancer awareness and to support breast cancer research. We paddle together, support, learn and laugh with each other and have participated in your local dragon boating regatta since its inception. Unfortunately we have been unable to participate last year or this year due to Covid-19. We have brought breast cancer awareness to your community through your regatta and have had women from your community join our Rocky Point team!

Amount of Grant Request

\$3,000

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

The purpose of the grant is to be able to expand breast cancer awareness, especially in these extremely trying times during Covid-19. All non-profit organizations have taken a hit from this pandemic and our goal is to continue strong through the pandemic and back into the time when we will be permitted to once again paddle together in our dragon boats. We are always in need of new paddles and life jackets as well as funding in order to be able to participate in regattas.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

We believe the community will benefit by having Abreast In A Boat attend your regattas. We have been fortunate to enter 2 of our teams each year (of course our Rocky Point team is one of the teams each year!). We are a very visible group in our bright pink life jackets, who bring awareness that there is life after a breast cancer diagnosis. We also participate in other community events in your area and are once again bringing breast cancer awareness to citizens and visitors of your community.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

We have not received any City funding from Port Moody in the past.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

We have received community support through donations. Some of these are through local businesses and others are through individual donations. Obviously this is all much more difficult in times of Covid-19. Last year we received support from BC Greenhouses \$7,000, 1988 Foundation \$5,000 and Envision Financial \$1,500.

2. Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

Enabling life-changing mentoring relationships to ignite the power and potential of young people.

Increase self-esteem & confidence; encourage positive, healthy behaviour; set on a path to reach full potential; facilitate effective communication; promote positive relationships; inspire community involvement.

Go Girls! is a group mentoring program for at-risk youth (ages 10 to 14) that promotes the benefit of an active, healthy lifestyle.

What service does your organization provide to the community?

We're a volunteer-based organization that encourages community citizenship through our three mentoring programs, both our Big Sister Mentoring and our Study Buddy are one-to-one mentorship programs.

Go Girls! offers marginalized girls the benefits of mentoring in a safe, small group environment on the topics of physical activity, balanced eating habits, and making healthy choices. It is about giving girls the opportunity to develop into confident, healthy young women.

Amount of Grant Request

\$3,000

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

100% of funding requested to support Port Moody Go Girls! program. In 2020, we had 18 Port Moody youth enrolled, due to the pandemic and lack of after-school programming, we anticipate an increase in participants for 2021.

Funding for direct program support. The Go Girls! program cost is \$3,462 for each 8-week session. Big Sisters has developed an affordable model by training, supporting and leveraging volunteer leaders while the programs themselves are supported by our program coordinators.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

Over one third of BC children struggle with a low sense of well-being, and many face societal barriers. The pandemic has increased both social isolation and mental-health issues for youth. The need for our adapted virtual programs has escalated in our community. Mentoring is linked to improved academic, social, and economic benefits. It promotes healthy lifestyles, and ultimately break the cycle of poverty, violence, and drugs. When this happens, an entire community benefits.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

We have not received funding from the City of Port Moody.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

We have received \$2,500 from the Port Moody Foundation, the balance of overall Go Girls funding is derived from BC Gaming, Diamond Foundation, Coast Capital Savings, CKNW Kids Fund, Envision Financial, Canadian Women & Sport, Coquitlam Foundation and our fundraising events.

3. College Park Community Association

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

We are a local community association, originally founded in the early 1990's. The association's purpose is to foster a sense of community among neighbours, to gather people together for community activities, to support local students with an annual scholarship and to involve the community in the overall life of the city by way of representation on city committees.

Non-Covid activities: an Easter Egg Hunt, a community Pool Party & BBQ, Hallowe'en contest, Christmas singing, food bank drive

What service does your organization provide to the community?

We organize events to bring neighbours out to socialize. We help the food bank. We offer a grade 12 student a scholarship. We notify members of city events such as the zoning hearing for Woodlands, changes to the ESA strategy, & bear aware news. We support various adopt a street groups in the neighbourhood as well as a local block watch. We put out a local newsletter to every household 2 times a year advising of activities and linking to city events as well.

Amount of Grant Request

\$500

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

We can't do normal events. There are more walkers than ever in our community we want to host a community "walk-a-thon". People will keep track of their kms walked and be eligible for a draw for gift cards from local businesses. We will have t-shirts available at a nominal cost to celebrate "I walked 100 k in 100 days" or similar milestones. The grant will cover the cost of T-shirts and gift cards we will buy from local businesses (Vivio Flowers, Cascadia Bakery, Grit, Black Sugar etc)

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

This activity encourage people to stay involved in their local community while being outdoors. It will contribute to community safety through eyes on the street and promote good mental health. Many studies show that outdoor activity is important, especially during these stressful times. Neighbours who may not know each other will recognize the t-shirt and hopefully create a stronger community as they say hello to passersby. Walking is easily done by almost everyone so it is very inclusive.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

We have received the Community Association Grant for \$750 to offset the costs of renting Westhill Pool for our annual Pool Party and BBQ. The last grant was received in 2019.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

In past years we have received a \$500 grant from Suncor towards the Easter Egg Hunt. Without community events we are unable to apply to Suncor for funding.

4. Crossroads Hospice Society

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

For over 31 years, Crossroads Hospice Society has had the honor of serving the communities of Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody. Crossroads Hospice Society is a volunteer based, non-profit organization. Our mission and goal is to provide compassionate care to people with life-limiting illnesses and their families, and support individuals along their grief journeys. We deliver our care through our Crossroads Hospice, Bereavement Program and our charity Thrift Store.

What service does your organization provide to the community?

Our non-profit society supports our communities in three ways: through our 10-bed Hospice Residence located in Port Moody, our Grief and Loss Support Centre (Adult & Youth Bereavement Program), and our Thrift Store (the only charity thrift store of its kind in Coquitlam). Through these ways, we provide compassionate care and support to people with life-limiting illnesses and their families and support youth and adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Amount of Grant Request

\$3,000

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

Our 10-bed Inlet Centre Hospice is running at capacity and remains open, providing compassionate care and support to people with life-limiting illnesses and their families. Though a few things look different - like modified visiting hours and adjusted staffing levels for additional cleaning - we are proud that our dedicated level of care remains the same. With the grant we continue to provide compassionate quality end-of-life hospice for our community at our Hospice located in Port Moody.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

Our community will benefit from having a compassionate and local hospice where patients and loved ones received dedicated and quality end-of-life care. We believe the end of life does not have to be scary, painful or lonely. We believe that no one has to walk their grief journey alone. We are committed to educating our communities about death, dying and grief. Through the programs and services we deliver, we care for our communities with compassion, respect, dignity and integrity.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

We have not received City funding in the past related to the Community Grants offer by the City of Port Moody. Outside of the City of Port Moody, we have been granted support from the City of Coquitlam through their Community Support and Recovery Program which helped to cover our lost revenue from our annual Treasures of Christmas Gala that has been in our local community for 26 years and its inevitable and challenging virtual delivery and transformation.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

We do not have other community support or sponsorship. As discussed in the previous question, outside of the City of Port Moody, we have been granted financial support from the City of Coquitlam through their Community Support and Recovery Program which helped to cover our lost revenue from our annual Treasures of Christmas Gala that has been in our local community for 26 years and its inevitable and challenging virtual delivery and transformation.

5. Pacific Post Partum Support Society

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

Our mission is to end the isolation and distress experienced by many women and their families with the profound life change that accompanies the birth or adoption of a child. Established in 1971, our Society provides information, assessment, referrals and support to women and families dealing with postpartum distress and/or perinatal/postpartum depression/anxiety (PPD/A), who call in to our free telephone support line.

What service does your organization provide to the community?

In one year, we reach thousands of families affected by PPD/A, providing a range of support services for multiple locations throughout the Lower Mainland of BC. We provide free telephone and text message support counselling five days a week, as well as sixteen weekly women's support groups online (last year at this time we had eight in-person support groups). We also have active social media, publish a self-help guide and manuals on PPD/A support, and a podcast: Beyond Postpartum.

Amount of Grant Request

\$1,000

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

This grant would benefit our Telephone Support Counselling program, with support available Monday- Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Telephone counselling is a very economical method of providing support to mothers and families coping with depression and anxiety. It has the potential of providing much-needed support for those isolated with little support and few resources, especially important now with the pandemic.

Our free telephone support provides a way for anyone facing barriers to access support.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

We are the only organization in B.C. that offers telephone support counselling in addition to postpartum support groups. We often support moms in the early months who may be on waitlists for other services, such as Reproductive Mental Health at BC Women's Hospital or Fraser Health Reproductive Mental Health. This is a huge benefit to the community as early intervention is essential for the well-being of the entire family. We provide this support until their youngest child is three years old.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

City of Port Moody awarded \$1,000 in 2017 for Telephone Support and \$1,000 in 2019 for Telephone Support.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

Area hospitals, doctors, BC Women's Reproductive Mental Health: We have an ongoing collaboration with BC Women's Reproductive Mental Health programs and PPPSS to develop new resources for pregnant and postpartum mothers. We regularly refer women for assessment and consultation and they refer moms to our programs.

Public Health Nurses: distribute our brochures, refer to PPPSS, consult with us about clients, and help connect to other resources. We provide online outreach and support with them.

6. POCOMO Meals on Wheels Society

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

The purpose of POCOMO Meals on Wheels is to bring affordable, nourishing hot meals to people in our community who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to make meals themselves. All our drivers and Board members are volunteers, and we are proud that our service has continued, without interruption, throughout Covid 19.

As a treat, every December, we make cookies and give them to our clients. (this year we packaged them outside, wearing gloves and masks).

What service does your organization provide to the community?

Individuals are often able to remain in their own home longer when ready-to-eat meals are provided.

As evidenced by the thank-you notes we receive, the clients' relatives find it reassuring that their family member has a reliably delivered meal.

Our drivers are also trained to report any client who appears ill or who doesn't answer when they arrive.

Amount of Grant Request

\$1,950

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

The cost of meals and supplies continues to rise.

The number of meals we deliver to Port Moody residents has increased significantly since last year (almost doubled).

Your funding will be used to help us keep the meals affordable for those residents.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

People feel more comfortable in their own homes. Our meals can help them stay there longer. This puts less pressure on the need for long-term care homes which is a significant benefit, especially during Covid 19.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

We have gratefully received grants from the City of Port Moody since 1984, with the exceptions of 2010, 2011, and 2013.

The grant received was \$1,100 in 2018, \$1,200 in 2019 and \$1,200 in 2020.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

The City of Port Coquitlam gives us a \$1.25 per meal subsidy for its residents' meals. We also receive grants from the City of Coquitlam and Fraser Health, and some private donations.

During the Covid 19 period we also received grants from the Provincial government.

7. Port Moody Aquarians

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

The Port Moody Aquarians Swim Club is a community youth program committed to providing its members with opportunities to develop and improve athletic skills, social skills, self-esteem, and gain valuable life experiences by participating in a summer competitive team program that is safe, healthy, and fun. All of our swimmers and coaches are happy with the opportunity to represent the city of Port Moody in all aspects of competition.

What service does your organization provide to the community?

We provide an opportunity for youth in Port Moody to be part of a team sport and represent the city at competitions. We also provide employment opportunities for students as coaches in a leadership role in the club.

Amount of Grant Request

\$1,000

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

This year we would like to allocate the funds to provide the necessary equipment needed to be successful in the club to a group of swimmers who have been granted scholarships to participate in the program. We have partnered with SHARE to pay for the registration fees for several swimmers who would otherwise not be able to afford the program. We would like to also provide these swimmers with suits, boards, flippers, goggles, towels and bags.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

We are giving youth in the community an opportunity to participate in a program that would otherwise not be affordable for them. It also provides us with an opportunity to demonstrate to the other swimmers our desire to give back to the community and teach them to do the same if the opportunity arises for them.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

We received \$1000 in 2017.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

We do not currently have any other community sponsorship at this time, but are hopeful to receive some in the future.

8. Port Moody Police Dept. Community Garden

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

Port Moody Police Dept. Community Garden "PMPDCG" established in 2012 is a unique partnership between the City of Port Moody, Port Moody Police Dept. & the Grow Local Society. We currently have 62 plots. Objective is to provide opportunities for residents to come together & learn/share the benefits of sustainable gardening & enjoy the benefits of community engagement. In addition to regular work parties, we provide opportunities for education on organic small-scale agriculture & food security.

What service does your organization provide to the community?

PMPDCG provides a vibrant space for all ages, cultures & skills levels, sharing in an inclusive, supportive environment. 7 plots are dedicated to growing fresh produce for SHARE's food bank & community kitchen programs. Last year our passionate volunteers harvested over 200 lbs. of fresh product to donate to this vital community service. We're proud of the oasis of calm we've created on St. John's St. where gardeners can get their hands in the soil & members of the public are always welcome.

Amount of Grant Request

\$3,000

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

Due to the proximity to a busy street and police vehicle access on another side of the garden, we've been asked for safety reasons to enclose the site with fencing. Our plan is to purchase supplies, design & with the assistance of skilled volunteers construct the fence which will be aesthetically pleasing, complimenting the natural setting of the garden & offering the higher level of safety for the site & its gardeners & guests.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

The grant will allow PMPDCG to set aside other revenues to expand the garden footprint, adding more plots to increase our donations to SHARE programs and building more raised bed plots to offer opportunities for residents currently on a lengthy waitlist. We are particularly aware of those residents who may be living in apartments/condos where the ability to grow food and engage with neighbours may be challenging.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

PMPDCG has received a great deal of support from the City & assistance with removal of garden refuse, etc. for which we continue to be immensely grateful. We have not previously received grant monies from the City or other financial assistance.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

Grow Local Society assists PMPDCG with admin. duties, providing a volunteer garden manager & funding for general upkeep & equipment purchases. The Society manages collection of funds from the revenues collected from annual garden registration (\$40 per plot). The Society has indicated that they will be providing, out of reserve funds, \$590 to cover any outstanding costs associated with the projected fencing project. PMPD supports our events and offers meeting space at no cost.

9. Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 2 North Vancouver

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

The Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue (RCMSAR) is a not-for-profit volunteer-based organization. Our mission is to save lives on the water. We don't just respond to emergencies, we work to prevent them. Our volunteers provide boating safety information, pleasure craft safety checks, and a loaner programs for kids' lifejackets at many docks and marinas. Our volunteers provide marine search and rescue services through partnerships and collaboration with the communities.

What service does your organization provide to the community?

RCMSAR Station 2 provides dedicated search and rescue services for marine activities in an area covering English Bay in the west, Port Moody Inlet in the east and Indian Arm to the north. We provide first response for marine or shore emergencies and transport if necessary, to a port/marina/launch accessible by local emergency services. Our 59 volunteers can respond to marine emergencies in the Port Moody area in approximately 30 minutes on a 24 hour, 7 day per week basis, 365 days per year.

Amount of Grant Request

\$3,000

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

RCMSAR2 North Vancouver has 59 trained active volunteers which use two high speed vessels to provide marine search and rescue services. Funding for these assets and training is primarily through BC Gaming grants, RCMSAR and local funding efforts. Any funding from Port Moody will be used to provide our crews with Personal Protective Equipment; which at this time is focused on protection from COVID-19 but can also include items such as helmets, life jackets and waterproof jackets and pants.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

Benefits come from the search and rescue, education, emergency marine transportation and support services we provide.. We also work with Fire and Ambulance Services to support them with our unique marine assets and highly trained crews. We have worked with North Vancouver Fire Department to provide marine support services to them during simulated marine emergencies (ie vessel/dock fire at Seaspan). We have also supplied support to North Shore Emergency Management (NSEM) for emergency planning.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

We have not received funding in the past.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

We receive funding from the City of North Vancouver, the District of North Vancouver, Community BC Gaming Grants, RCMSAR* based in Sidney B. C., and our own funding initiatives.

*The Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue group (RCMSAR) supports 40 volunteer units that services the coast of British Columbia.

10. Sasamat Outdoor Centre

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

Sasamat Outdoor Centre (SOC) promotes environmental stewardship and physical/mental health through outdoor programming. It is our belief that children form a positive relationship with the natural world through play. Children are introduced to the forest, lake and ocean through engaging activities such as canoeing, kayaking, hiking, swimming, nature exploration activities and campfires. SOC believes that quality camp and outdoor experiences are fundamental to positive growth.

What service does your organization provide to the community?

SOC is a summer camp, outdoor education centre and community rental facility, serving over 4500 individuals annually, primarily from Port Moody and the Tri-Cities. Summer camps include day and overnight programs for children ages 4-17, including backcountry wilderness trips and leadership programs for youth. Outdoor Education programs serve grades 1-12 welcoming schools from across the Lower Mainland for field trips, and community rentals provide much needed meeting/retreat space.

Amount of Grant Request

\$2,600

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

The purpose of the grant would be to improve SOC's signage. Allocation of funds includes \$1000.00 for a front entrance sign that would serve as a welcome sign, a directory and a community message board. The second portion of the funding would be \$1600.00 utilized for five ecology interpretation signs throughout the site featuring native plant and animal species, as well as Indigenous cultural history, serving as educational tools. Funding will cover sign materials and some graphic design work.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

The community would benefit from better communication, instruction and direction from the entrance sign. It is often unclear to the public what SOC is, our relationship to the regional park, and where to go when people arrive. This entrance sign will offer a warm welcome, as well as instruction on how to proceed. Similarly, the educational ecology signs will benefit thousands of children and youth who will learn more about native plant and animal species while exploring the grounds.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

Sasamat Outdoor Centre has never received any funding from the City of Port Moody, we hope to receive support through this granting opportunity.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

SOC does have other funders as a non-profit organization. We have received funding support for specific programs from the United Way of the Lower Mainland, as well as the BC Gaming Grants. Similarly, we have received federal funding support through the Canada Summer Jobs programs and New Horizons seniors program. We have not received any additional funding for this project, however will pay for the remaining expenditures over and above the \$2600.00 requested from in-kind support.

11. TROPICA- The Residents of Pleasantside Ioco Communities Association

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

We strive to be an inclusive community based organization to help facilitate that sense of belonging, or community, in our neighborhood. Hosting outdoor family friendly picnics at The Old Orchard Shelter, cleaning up our shoreline and other loco areas, participating in city led fundraisers and environmental awareness days, TROPICA has been visible and active since our inception.

Post covid plans include further advocating for the needs of our community and the well being of our families.

What service does your organization provide to the community?

TROPICA welcomes, listens, and supports our families and their concerns in the neighborhood.

1. Litter control; land and shoreline. Most recently a clean up at the IOCO Townsite.
2. Family picnics, Hallowe'en kids parties, Adult Trivia nights, etc.
3. Liason with Port Moody on special event days- Car Free Days, Fingerling Festival, CP Holiday Train
4. Helping regulate traffic congestion and parking bylaw infractions (Old Orchard)
5. Brought in extra handicapped parking at park.

Amount of Grant Request

\$1,000

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

Going forward, TROPICA would like to welcome new (20) families to the neighborhood with a special gift basket - each basket to contain locally sourced/made goodies, a city map, PoMo swag, Shop Local info, and more. Value estimated \$50.00 each , with additional donated local contributions to each basket. Some local shops have already offered free items.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

Each new family in our community would intrinsically gain insight, knowledge, and hopefully an appreciation of the many and varied services and businesses here in Port Moody. Familiarization to the uniqueness of our city would be made simpler with the tools included in the Welcome Basket.

Port Moody Businesses would be appreciative of this gentle marketing boost as would many of our varied city run initiatives; a win-win for residents and city alike.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

We have not applied for , nor received , any city funds in the past. Thus far our membership dues (nominal, and suspended during Covid), our bi yearly fundraising events, and individual donations have funded our community driven events.

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

At this juncture, this is our first application to seek support. Our philosophy was to be a self supporting community group, but the implications of Covid have taken away our ability to self fund raise.

Our plans to contain to serve the community have not ceased; thus we seek external help.

Thank you.

12. Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society (VCDS)

Organization Information

What is your organization's goals, objectives and activities?

As an all-volunteer society the VCDS is singularly focused to provide free, safe, reliable, compassionate transportation and peace of mind for Lower Mainland cancer patients who have no viable means of getting to their essential treatment.

Our Vision is: A ride for all cancer patients to care.

Our Objectives

Number of Rides Completed vs Requested – Goal 98%

Efficiency – Cost per patient trip reduced – Goal 2%

Semi Annual patient satisfaction survey – Goal 95%

What service does your organization provide to the community?

Our volunteers use their own vehicles, pick up patients at their residence, transport them to the treatment centre, wait for them (often up to 4 hours or more) and then return them safely home.

During one of the most challenging periods in a person's life we ease the physical, emotional, and financial burden for cancer patients and their families and ensure patients can attend all their treatments. Having assured transportation with an empathetic and caring driver is a major comfort.

Amount of Grant Request

\$1,200

What is the purpose of the grant and the proposed allocation of funds?

Funds will be used to provide vehicle reimbursement of \$0.48 per km to our volunteer drivers who use their personal vehicles.

Volunteers donating back their reimbursements are one of our major funders.

In Port Moody our average cost per ride is \$17.78. In 2021 we project we will provide 250 rides to cancer patients in your community, require our volunteers to drive over 7,000 kms and donate 300 hours of their time. Patients often need upwards of 25 appointments when undergoing treatment.

If the grant is approved, how will the community benefit?

Our service is available to all cancer patients in need of transportation. We accommodate individuals with mobility issues needing walkers and folding wheelchairs and, in 2020 expanded service to children using car seats.

About 75% of our patients are frail, elderly, and often isolated from their families or social networks. Others include young adults with working parents unable to take time off and immigrants who do not yet have solid support systems. Assisting the patient helps the family.

What City funding have you received in the past? If you received Community Grant funding in the past, in what year and how much was awarded?

2020 – \$0

2019 – \$2,000

2018 - \$1,000

2017 – \$2,000

Do you have other community support or sponsorship? Please describe:

We work closely with hospitals, oncologists, and cancer treatment centres who inform patients in need about our transportation service. Many of our volunteer drivers providing service in your area are Port Moody residents.

In the past VCDS has received sponsorship in Port Moody from the following:

Port Moody Firefighters Charitable Society

Port Moody Foundation

Patients / Public / Drivers