



POWELL RIVER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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FUNDING GUIDELINES

Community Fund/Social Justice Fund

The Foundation Board relies upon the recommendations of the Grants Committee and considers applications in the following seven fields of interest.

1. Arts and Culture
2. Children and Youth
3. Education
4. Environment
5. Community Health
6. Seniors
7. Social Justice

The Grants Committee is made up of members from the Board as well as volunteers from the community who have knowledge and expertise in at least one of the fields of interest.

Eligibility

Eligible applications must be registered charities under the *Income Tax Act*. Applicants must demonstrate fiscal responsibility and effective management. Grants are not made to individuals or to businesses.

Guiding Principles (*Foundation Policy G1- Grant Making*)

As the stewards of assets entrusted to us, Powell River Community Foundation respects the intent of our donors. We have a commitment to the integrity of developing a philanthropic tradition as a community foundation. In keeping with this commitment, we also have a responsibility to the charitable organizations that we serve.

Powell River Community Foundation supports a wide range of projects that are of benefit to Powell River and the Regional District. Funded activities will provide a direct service to the community or take an innovative approach to a community concern. Our Foundation is responsive to changing community needs and issues.

- Powell River Community Foundation supports innovation and diversity where there is demonstrated need, likelihood of effectiveness, and strong potential to serve as model to others.
- Projects should build on the strengths of the community to respond to identified issues and priorities.

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- Organizations should demonstrate a commitment to the project through a contribution of human and/or financial resources.
- Significant and appropriate support from other funding sources (including the community) should be evident.
- The target population when appropriate, should be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the project.
- There should be evidence of collaboration with other agencies in the field.
- The organization should demonstrate inclusiveness and respect for cultural diversity.
- Projects that will be ongoing after the grant's end should provide realistic plans for longer-term funding.
- Organizations should have a significant and appropriate amount of their funding in place when they apply.
- Powell River Community Foundation will distribute funds to as many groups as possible throughout the district, working in many fields of interest. It may be necessary to limit the frequency of applications from any one organization to ensure more equitable access for all organizations.

Criteria

Preferred grant proposals address many of the following criteria:

- comprehensive, collaborative approaches across as many of the listed fields of interest as possible;
- elimination of duplicated services;
- respectful, broad cultural perspectives that recognize people need to be reached in different ways;
- evidence-based need for the project;
- rigorous monitoring and evaluation of projects to demonstrate success;
- volunteer participation;
- capacity building, self-sufficiency; and
- innovation.

Restrictions for Direct Funding

Grants are not ordinarily made towards:

- 100% of a project's costs
- core operating costs and expenses
- retroactive funding for expenses incurred prior to the application date
- fund-raising campaigns
- office equipment and furniture
- debt retirement or reserves
- capital deficits
- activities or religious organizations that serve primarily their membership and/or their direct religious purposes
- scholarships or fellowships
- sabbatical leaves, and student exchanges
- school construction

- publication of books
- support for dissertation research
- computer labs
- endowment grants
- political organizations
- amateur sports
- medical equipment and facilities
- library acquisitions

The guidelines for donor-directed funds administered by the Foundation differ from guidelines for the Community Fund/Social Justice Fund. Grants from donor-advised funds may not be restricted by the above guidelines.

Evaluation Requirement After Receiving Grant

Organizations receiving a grant must evaluate the project and report back to the Foundation on the outcomes within 12 months after receiving the grant. Failure to complete the evaluation will exclude the applicant from receiving future grants.

Powell River Community Foundation Constitution, Section III

The objects of the Corporation shall be carried out primarily, but not exclusively, within the Powell River Regional District and shall be to receive and maintain a fund or funds and to apply all or part of the principal and incomes therefrom, by way of a formal grants program to qualified donees, as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada), in furtherance of the following charitable purposes:

- a) to enrich the quality of life especially for children, youth and seniors;
- b) to support educational and public library programs including, without limitation, programs that build individual citizens' capacity for leadership and effective participation in community life;
- c) to promote education and cultural advancement, and scientific or medical research for the increase of human knowledge and alleviation human suffering;
- d) to promote and advance social and health programs and activities that contribute to the development of healthy communities;
- e) to support and advance community arts, heritage and local cultural traditions including without limitation theatre, dance literature, film and video, music, crafts, painting, photography and sculpture;
- f) to encourage and support innovative approaches to community based management and stewardship of land, natural resources and the environment;
- g) to support and advance such other complementary purposes of a charitable nature not inconsistent with these objects; and
- h) to receive bequests, gifts, donations and trusts of every kind and to hold, invest, administer and distribute the same in a manner consistent with the objects of the Corporation and for such other purposes and activities as are authorised for registered charities under the Income Tax Act (Canada). The directors may at their discretion refuse to accept any benefit, gift, donation or trust.

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