



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER

CHILDREN AND YOUTH INITIATIVES FUND GRANT GUIDELINES

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The purpose of this fund is to provide seed money to support or initiate events, programs and services for children and youth in the City of North Vancouver. All activities supported by this fund must be based in the City of North Vancouver, or be of primary benefit to children and youth resident in the City. This fund is not available for sport and recreation programs, or to supplement core funding for Outreach Youth Services. Efforts should be made to involve children and youth who are not normally involved in community activities. Grants approved under this fund shall be for new events, programs or services, or to enhance existing events, programs or services which have proven successful.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

Events, programs and services which are funded under this initiative will meet fully, or in part, the following objectives.

- 2.1 Be preventative in nature.
- 2.2 Create opportunities for youth to initiate projects.
- 2.3 Create opportunities to contribute to community well-being and to participate in community activities.
- 2.4 Provide opportunities for skill development.
- 2.5 Develop self-esteem and self-confidence.
- 2.6 Be responsive to the diverse and changing needs of children and youth and, as such, give special consideration to youth with disabilities, from low-income families, and of ethnic minorities.
- 2.7 Encourage broad community involvement (financial and human resources) from youth, business, organizations and individuals.
- 2.8 Maximize the use of existing community resources through creative partnership arrangements.
- 2.9 Involve youth in program development and implementation.
- 2.10 Encourage inter-agency / organization, cooperation and collaboration.

3.0 CATEGORIES OF GRANT

3.1 Youth Initiated Projects and Events

Community projects and events shall be of a one-off nature designed to provide youth aged 12 years to 21 years with positive community-based activities. Youth involvement in the development and implementation of projects and events is required, as is the participation of community service agencies, business, and / or organizations. The intent of this involvement is to provide opportunities to improve relationships between youth and adult-based groups in the community.

Grants of up to \$500 will be available for Projects and Events. The grant may be used to cover such things as building / facility rental costs, equipment rental costs, publicity, entertainment, refreshments etc.

There is no deadline for this category of grant.

3.2 Special Projects

Special Projects shall be preventative in nature, providing children and youth with information, skills and activities which enables them to live fuller, more productive, lives. Grants of up to \$3,000 will be available as seed money for new projects, or to augment existing programs. Up to one third of the amount of grant received shall be contributed by the applicant to the project (in kind and / or cash). Preference will be given to projects which exhibit inter-agency collaboration. The grant may be used to cover staffing costs and / or program expenses.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

Youth, non-profit societies, community groups, Parent Advisory Councils and School District No. 44 are eligible to apply for grants under this initiative. Private consultants and business are not eligible to apply directly to this fund, but may be partners in projects managed by the above-mentioned groups. Outreach Youth Service agencies are not eligible to apply for a grant under this fund if it is to be applied to core operating costs of Outreach Youth Worker positions. These agencies may, however, apply for a grant that is for a Youth Initiated Project and Event, or Special Project that compliments the services provided by Outreach Youth Workers.

All projects, events, programs and services supported by this fund must be located in the City of North Vancouver, or be of primary benefit to children and youth (up to the age of 21 years) resident in the City of North Vancouver.

5.0 APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

Individuals and groups interested in applying for a grant under this fund shall complete the application form provided and submit to Lisa McCarthy, Community Developer, Community Development, City of North Vancouver, 141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, V7M 1H9. Deadlines for applications may apply.

Applications for Special Project Grants shall be reviewed by a committee comprised of City staff responsible for youth issues, two City Councillors, School Trustee (#44), and youth representatives. This committee will make recommendations to Council regarding allocations.

Applications for Youth Initiated Projects and Events shall be reviewed by City staff responsible for youth issues. Staff will recommend to Council grant allocations under this category.

All applications will be reviewed using the criteria outlined herein.

6.0 ACCOUNTABILITY

Grant recipients will be required to submit an evaluation of the project at its completion, or at the end of the first year of operation, using a form to be provided by the City.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF FUND

This fund will be administered by the Community Planner responsible for youth issues.

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