

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FUND: COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The goals of the SRF Community Grants Program are to:

- a) Build the capacity of the targeted neighbourhoods to address and respond to issues affecting them;
- b) Enhance a sense of safety and security among residents; and
- c) Create local solutions to local problems.

Criteria & Considerations

Priority Neighbourhoods: The primary intent of the Community Grants Program is to address issues in the neighbourhoods in the vicinity of the Edgewater Casino (Mount Pleasant, Strathcona/Downtown Eastside, and the Downtown core). The fund will also ensure that some city-wide priority issues, that may have direct or indirect repercussions in the targeted communities, are appropriately addressed (i.e. city-wide crime prevention projects, local responses to addiction issues).

Targeted Populations: Vulnerable populations, including the demographic profile of Edgewater Casino patrons.

Timelines and Grant Term: Deadline for Applications will be Friday, April 11, 2008. The project must be completed, and the City funding spent on the project within one year of City Council's approval of the grant.

Approvals and Dissemination of funding: Project proposals will be reviewed by a City Steering Committee chaired by the Director of Social Planning. Following the review process, recommendations will be made by staff. All initiatives will require Council approval. Applicants will be notified of the staff recommendations together with notice of the City Council meeting date at which the grants will be considered. Funds will be allocated through grant allocations to non-profit organizations according to City policy and standards. Successful applicants generally receive grant payment within two and a half weeks of approval.

Accountability: Organizations or individuals contracted to implement the projects are expected to provide a written evaluation outlining the results achieved and lessons learned, in addition to financial reports, upon project completion. Staff will report back to Council annually with the outcomes for each individual project or initiative.

Available Funds: \$125,000.

Potential Funding Partners

- Other levels of government, civic and regional authorities who are potential partners to the Community Safety and Inclusion Program category including: The Governments of B.C. and Canada, the Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Library Board, Vancouver School Board and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
- Community Foundations and other community funders

How to Apply

Application forms are available electronically from the Social Planning Department (email: tania.desantis@vancouver.ca) or on the City's web site at www.vancouver.ca/commsvcs/socialplanning/grants/index.htm. The application form is in Word format. All applicants should discuss their proposal with Social Planning staff before submitting an application. The Social Planning Department main telephone is 604-873-7487.

FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE APRIL 11, 2008 DEADLINE, APPLICATIONS MUST:

- Be received by Social Planning by the **deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2008**. Late applications will **not** be accepted;
- Paper copies only. Electronic submissions will **not** be accepted;
- Be complete, with responses to each question. Applications that do not have a response to each question will **not** be considered;
- Be signed by two Board members, not staff;
- Have all required attachments included.

Please return a completed electronic copy of the application form to Tania.desantis@vancouver.ca and two **signed hard** copies of the application form to:
City of Vancouver
Social Planning Department
#100 - 515 West 10th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 4A8
(604) 873-7487 fax: (604) 871-6048

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