

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	Mature Action Community (Whistler MAC)
Name of the program (if applicable):	Enriching the Lives of Whistler Seniors
Society Registration Number:	S-33807
Organization Mailing Address:	PO Box 913, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B0
Contact Name & Title:	Charalyn Kriz, Director Community Projects
Organization Phone Number:	[REDACTED]
Organization Email Address:	[REDACTED]
Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence.)</i>	Welcoming supportive community where Whistler 55+comfortably age in place and are valued for who they are and what they do
Organization Category <i>(choose between Environment, Social Service, Community Service, Recreation and Sports, Arts and Culture)</i>	Community Service

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

How many years has the organization existed?	since 1995
How many active members/participants does the organization have in the current year? <i>(e.g. how many athletes have signed up for this year)</i>	Estimated at 200, 60 couples and 80 individuals. Some memberships have lapsed, as we are between the old membership system and new Zeffy CRM to be launched in the spring 2024
For sport organizations, how many youth (U18) participants are enrolled in your programs?	N/A
How many Whistler residents members does the organization have in the current year?	Unknown as database out of date but estimated at 200
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	8
Age range of participants in the organization:	55 to 90's

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	www.whistlermac.org (old website) new website is almost ready to launch www.facebook.com/groups/960888177281796/
What are the membership and participation requirements?	Minimum age 55
Does the organization have any outstanding debts or other means of funding from the RMOW? If yes, please state the amount and reason. <u>Note:</u> Please include any Value In Kind support that you receive from the RMOW (eg. reduced rent, utilities in RMOW buildings)	No outstanding debts

GRANT INFORMATION

1. Purpose of Grant	<i>Explain in detail how the funding will be spent. Please refer to Council Policy A-7 Community Enrichment Program, available at www.whistler.ca/cep for funding criteria and eligibility. Please be as concise as possible using the space below.</i>
<p>The WHO has recently declared loneliness in seniors an epidemic that can lead to dementia, and adversely affect mental and physical health. This grant will help MAC to combat loneliness in Whistler seniors.</p> <p>In the absence of a Whistler seniors' centre, to provide opportunities for the 55+ resident community to get together for coffee, conversation and activities to enrich their lives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sponsor free 2 hour sessions twice a month at the Whistler Racket Club where participants can meet for coffee, conversation and games, if desired. from May 1 2024 - March 31, 2025 (22 sessions max) 2. Sponsor free seminar series at the Library on topics of interest and benefit to seniors, followed by coffee and conversation (1 per month, from May onwards 11 max) 	

2. Is This a New Program or Activity?	<i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i>
<p>These events have been piloted since November 28, 2023 - March 9, 2024 sponsored by a grant from the Whistler Community Response Network (7 coffee drop-ins at WRC and 3 seminars at the Whistler Public library. At the time of application, 5 coffee drop-ins had been held with increasing popularity and joy, and friendships being made. And one seminar on the BC Community Response network followed by friendly conversation. Feedback on the seminar was very positive</p>	

3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
<p>Under a grant from the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program, MAC is running a weekly program for people with dementia and their caregivers out of the Catholic church for residents in the S2S Corridor. This program, Making Connections, is very popular with participants and a team of some 25 volunteers. It allows participants to break through the barrier of isolation and gives them something to look forward to. A spin off has been to offer caregiver support courtesy of the Sea to Sky Hospice Society and to enlist local volunteers for the Better at Home program which will offer friendly visits to relieve caregivers. Caregiver burnout is always a threat unless adequate supports and respite are available.</p> <p>See 2. above, coffee drop-ins and seminars organized by MAC for seniors but sponsored by Whistler CRN</p>	

4. Existing Funding and Grant Applications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>List the specific grants, funding and fundraising planned, approved or pending for the existing year, and</i> 2. <i>Please also list rejected or non-approved funding (with reasons).</i>
<p>New Horizons for Seniors Program expiring March 31, 2024 \$21,440</p> <p>New Horizons for Seniors Program effective March 29, 2024 \$22,890</p> <p>Community Services Covid Recovery Fund expiring end of April 2024 \$19552</p> <p>Whistler Community Response Network \$2000</p>	

GRANT INFORMATION (CONTINUED):

5. Grant Request Amounts and Financial Breakdown:			
<i>Please ensure numbers provided in this table coincide with the required financial documents you provide in your application</i>			
	Annual Operating Budget	Grant Requested	<i>Provide a brief description of the specific amount requested. (Ex: Products, services, staffing roles, advertising, etc.)</i>
Salaries/contracts:			
General operations:	\$31,475		
One-time project / program:	\$21,551.84	\$4290	for refreshments and rent for 2 drop-ins and 1 seminar per month
Physical assets:			
Rent (RMOW facilities):	library	N/A	Library charges \$40 per 2 hour session \$440
Rent (other facilities):	WRC free		
Other:			Refreshments \$3300 +\$550= \$3850
Total	\$ 53,026.84	\$ 4290	8.1 % <i>(Grant request ÷ Annual budget amount)</i>
<i>Reminder: The grant amount requested cannot be more than 50% of the annual operating budget of the organization.</i>			

6. Additional Information:	<i>Please list any additional information, details or explanations regarding your grant request that you would like to be considered by Council.</i>
	<p>Our sister municipalities of Pemberton and Squamish have seniors' facilities from which to offer a variety of activities to seniors. We would not be asking for this grant if Whistler provided a municipal seniors' centre or space. We need an accessible space with accessible and free parking away from the crush of village traffic.</p>

7. Attachments:	<i>Please indicate the attachments you are including with your Grant Application Form:</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Financial Statement (audited preferred) or Organization Budget (Required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Proof (copy) of registered not-for-profit society status or registered charity status (Required) <input type="checkbox"/> • Other:	

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

<p>8. Please list how your organization may improve Community Performance Indicators:</p>	<p>Please visit https://www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/strategies-and-plans/strategic-plan/ to learn about the four priority areas of RMOW 2023-2026 Strategic Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing 2. Climate Action 3. Community Engagement 4. Smart Tourism <p>Please determine how your grant (or organization) can contribute to fulfilling any priorities described in the four areas listed above. Each priority has numerous specifications to choose from while describing how your grant (or organization) may help to improve Strategic Plan.</p>
<p><i>Example: This grant addresses the priority of "Community Engagement" because it strives to connect locals to each other. Specifically, this is because...</i></p>	
<p>This grant addresses primarily the priority of "Community Engagement" because it provides Whistler seniors an opportunity to connect through two types of activities, 1) drop-ins at the Whistler Racket Club for coffee, treats, conversation and games, if desired; 2) seminars at the Whistler Public library or other venue on topics of interest and benefit to seniors, followed by conversation and refreshments.</p> <p>These activities enrich the lives of local seniors and provide an antidote to loneliness which is rampant in seniors and known to cause dementia and other adverse mental and physical health outcomes. These gatherings also allow us to solicit feedback on municipal projects and proposals affecting seniors and advocate with the municipality.</p>	

SUPPORT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The RMOW is committed to working with the Lílwat People, known in their language as L'il'wat7úl and the Squamish People, known in their language as the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw to: create an enduring relationship; establish collaborative processes for Crown land planning; achieve mutual objectives; and enable participation in Whistler's resort economy.

9. How has your organization considered truth and reconciliation with the Indigenous Nations?

When redoing our strategic plan in the fall of 2022, we invited participants from the Squamish and Lilwat people but they did not participate.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Charalyn Kriz
Phone number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Acknowledgement:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • I confirm that the information provided in this CEP Grant Application Form is true; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • I confirm that a representative is required to present this grant request at a future Council Meeting; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • I confirm that if any amount is granted that the Grant Reporting Form is due by December 1 of this year; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • I confirm that if any amount is granted, it will be used only for its intended purpose unless otherwise approved by Council.
Signature:	[REDACTED] Digitally signed by Charalyn Kriz Date: 2024.02.14 18:00:36 -08'00'

Funding decisions will be announced during a Regular Council Meeting in April 2024.

Please contact the Legislative Services Department at corporate@whistler.ca if you require any assistance.

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