

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	Whistler Singers Community Choir
Name of the program (if applicable):	Choral riser replacement
Society Registration Number:	S0074492
Organization Mailing Address:	8529 Ashleigh Mclvor Dr., Whistler V8E 1L9
Contact Name & Title:	Lynn Rounding, Treasurer & Secretary
Organization Phone Number:	[REDACTED]
Organization Email Address:	whistlersingers@gmail.com [REDACTED]
Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence.)</i>	To provide an opportunity for people to sing, learn and perform choral music, and to perform at civic functions.
Organization Category <i>(choose between Environment, Social Service, Community Service, Recreation and Sports, Arts and Culture)</i>	Arts & Culture

## ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

How many years has the organization existed?	40 years
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>	56 members
For sport organizations, how many youth (U18) participants are enrolled in your programs?	
How many Whistler residents members does the organization have in the current year?	50 members from Whistler, 6 from Pemberton
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	3 volunteer executive, 4 volunteer members-at-large
Age range of participants in the organization:	19-89

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	<a href="http://www.whistlerchorus.org/whistlersingers">www.whistlerchorus.org/whistlersingers</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/whistlersingers">www.facebook.com/whistlersingers</a>
What are the membership and participation requirements?	Whistler Singers is a non-audition choir that accepts all people interested in singing 3 part harmony.
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 debts.  Whistler Singers receives the non-profit rental rate for renting weekly practice space at MPCs.

## GRANT INFORMATION

<b>1. Purpose of Grant</b>	<i>Explain in detail how the funding will be spent. Please refer to Council Policy A-7 Community Enrichment Program, available at <a href="http://www.whistler.ca/cep">www.whistler.ca/cep</a> for funding criteria and eligibility. Please be as concise as possible using the space below.</i>
<p>If successful in our application all CEP funds would go towards one additional choral riser with back rail. This would bring our choral risers to 4 and allow most of our members to safely and comfortably fit on the risers.</p>	

<b>2. Is This a New Program or Activity?</b>	<i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i>
<p>Whistler Singers started the choral riser program in 2021 and were able to purchase two risers and back rails that year. In 2022 we applied and were awarded CEP funds allowing us to purchase one riser with back rail. We currently have 3 risers, which accommodate about 36 adult singers. We need an additional riser to fit our growing membership.</p>	

<b>3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:</b>	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
<p>The Whistler Singers participated in the Remembrance Day Ceremony where locals and visitors gathered to honour Canada's veterans. We had 13 performances in the month of December. The choir's winter concert was Dec 15, 2023, and we also sang carols through the village 3 weekends. The annual Christmas Eve Carol Service was held at the Whistler Public Library with over 200 people attending. We look forward to performing a spring concert April 21, 2024 at Maury Young Arts Center.</p>	

<b>4. Existing Funding and Grant Applications:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>List the specific grants, funding and fundraising planned, approved or pending for the existing year, and</i></li> <li>2. <i>Please also list rejected or non-approved funding (with reasons).</i></li> </ol>
<p>The Whistler Singers membership dues cover about half of our operating expenses each year.</p> <p>The choir holds 2 concerts each year with admission by donation.</p> <p>Whistler Singers performed for honorariums during the month of December. Members sang carols through the village for Whistler Tourism on Friday and Saturday evenings. We also performed at the Fairmont Chateau prior to Christmas.</p> <p>Currently, the choir is participating in the BC Choral Federation raffle fundraiser with a goal of \$600 profit from the ticket sales.</p> <p>This coming April we will receive an honorarium for volunteering at the Con Brio Music Festival to be held here in Whistler.</p> <p>2. We have not been rejected for any other sources of funding</p>	

**GRANT INFORMATION (CONTINUED):**

<b>5. Grant Request Amounts and Financial Breakdown:</b>			
<i>Please ensure numbers provided in this table coincide with the required financial documents you provide in your application</i>			
	<b>Annual Operating Budget</b>	<b>Grant Requested</b>	<i>Provide a brief description of the specific amount requested. (Ex: Products, services, staffing roles, advertising, etc.)</i>
Salaries/contracts:	3600	0	honorarys for music director & accompanist
General operations:	2965.00	0	music, office expenses
One-time project / program:	0	0	
Physical assets:	0	2159.33	Canadell choral riser
Rent (RMOW facilities):	2400.00	N/A	weekly practice at MPCS
Rent (other facilities):	410.00	0	Concert venues
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9375.00</b>	<b>\$2159.33</b>	23 _____ % (Grant request ÷ Annual budget amount)
<i>Reminder: The grant amount requested cannot be more than 50% of the annual operating budget of the organization.</i>			

<b>6. Additional Information:</b>	<i>Please list any additional information, details or explanations regarding your grant request that you would like to be considered by Council.</i>
	<p>The Whistler Singers Community Choir did not put any funds towards physical assets, like risers, in our 2023/2024 budget. It would take several years to set aside the monies necessary to purchase another choral riser. Last year most of the choir fit on the risers and a few people had to stand at the sides. This year we need an additional riser because our membership has grown from 42 to 56 people.</p>

<b>7. Attachments:</b>	Please indicate the attachments you are including with your Grant Application Form:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Financial Statement (audited preferred) or Organization Budget <b>(Required)</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Proof (copy) of registered not-for-profit society status or registered charity status <b>(Required)</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• <b>Other:</b> <i>Statement of Financial Position May 2023</i>

## COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

<b>8. Please list how your organization may improve Community Performance Indicators:</b>	<p>Please visit <a href="https://www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/strategies-and-plans/strategic-plan/">https://www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/strategies-and-plans/strategic-plan/</a> to learn about the four priority areas of RMOW 2023-2026 Strategic Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Housing</li> <li>2. Climate Action</li> <li>3. Community Engagement</li> <li>4. Smart Tourism</li> </ol> <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>
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*Example: This grant addresses the priority of "Community Engagement" because it strives to connect locals to each other. Specifically, this is because...*

3. Community Engagement: The Whistler Singers strives to connect locals to each other. Most members live and work in Whistler and many have sung in the choir for years. Choir members have become friends and we support each other in good times and bad. Members go skiing, biking & walking together, meet for coffee, and yes, even party together. Several members have required new rental accommodation in the past year or two, and fellow choir members were able to assist them in their search. Each season we also welcome people new to Whistler who are here working for the season. They join the choir as a way to integrate into the community, make new friends and have fun. Whistler Singers Choir is part of the social fabric of this community. This year our membership swelled to 56 members, higher even than our pre-pandemic level.

## SUPPORT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

*The RMOW is committed to working with the Líl'wat 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?

The Whistler Singers Community Choir invites and welcomes people of different cultures & backgrounds.

We include land acknowledgements prior to performances.

The choir music director, [REDACTED] chooses songs to reflect the landscape and the people who live in the Sea to Sky region. Our spring concert this year includes a song, "The Gift", by Russell Wallace a composer, producer and traditional singer from the Lil'wat nation.

## GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Lynn Rounding
Phone number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Acknowledgement:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • I confirm that the information provided in this CEP Grant Application Form is true;</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • I confirm that a representative is required to present this grant request at a future Council Meeting;</li><li><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;</li><li><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.</li></ul>
Signature:	[REDACTED]

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

Please contact the Legislative Services Department at [corporate@whistler.ca](mailto:corporate@whistler.ca) if you require any assistance.

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