

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	Whistler Community Services Society
Name of the program (if applicable):	Counselling Assistance
Society Registration Number:	S0025152
Organization Mailing Address:	PO Box 900 Whistler BC V0N 1
Contact Name & Title:	Dave Clark, Director Fundraising
Organization Phone Number:	604 932 0113
Organization Email Address:	info@mywcss.org
Organization Purpose or Mandate: (Please provide this answer in one sentence.)	We support and advocate for a healthy community through programs that support food insecurity, mental health and wellness and financial insecurity.
Organization Category (choose between Environment, Social Service, Community Service, Recreation and Sports, Arts and Culture)	Community Service

## ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

How many years has the organization existed?	35
How many active members/participants does the organization have in the current year? (e.g. how many athletes have signed up for this year)	25,000
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?	Members of the society are board members only, no public memberships.
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	100
Age range of participants in the organization:	1-99 years of age

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	www.mywcsc.org, facebook.com/whistlercommunityservicessociety, instagram: @whistler_community_services
What are the membership and participation requirements?	Membership is strictly held with board members who are elected to the board of directors. Other programs do not have requirements to take part in with the exception of some financial assistance programs.
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)	Yes. Approx \$825,000 loan on the building costs of the location at 8000 Nesters Road

## 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>The Counselling Assistance program support community members with low financial barrier access to help from a clinical counselor. Many community members who seek support from outreach workers at WCSS could also benefit from additional help from a trained professional clinical counselor, although not all community members have the financial means or extended benefit programs that would cover the cost.</p> <p>When it is identified that the services of a professional service provider would be beneficial, our outreach workers work with community members to find the best fit of a counselor. If financial restriction is a barrier to accessing the service on their own, this is when the Counselling Assistance program kicks in. Community members are matched with a suitable counselor, and are subsidized for up to 6 sessions in a calendar year. The cost to the community member is approx \$35 per session, while WCSS and the counseling assistance program pays the remaining \$100 per session. WCSS outreach workers continue to support and work alongside the community member to ensure complete wrap around support while they are working with a clinical counsellor.</p> <p>In 2023 more than 100 people in community were supported through this program, at a cost of over \$50,000</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>
No	

<b>3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:</b>	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
<p>Counselling assistance is one of over 30 programs administered by WCSS in the community. Outreach services offers programs such as concussion support, one on one wellness support meetings, cold weather shelter operations, new parent support group, mental health ambassador training, etc. Our food security team supports the community with Food Bank and in school snack programs. In total over 25,000 client visits were supported in our space. We also operate social enterprises including the Re-use-It and Re-Build-It centres which divert waste from the landfill, offer low cost foods to community members, and generate revenue to support the operations of the organization.</p>	

<b>4. Existing Funding and Grant Applications:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>List the specific grants, funding and fundraising planned, approved or pending for the existing year, and</i></li> <li><i>Please also list rejected or non-approved funding (with reasons).</i></li> </ol>
<p>For counseling assistance specifically, we have the following plans to fund the program:</p> <p>Application (no yet approved, applications still open) submitted to Community Foundation of Whistler for the Caring Community Grant. \$10,000</p> <p>Annual TOGETHER Outreach campaign will take place in October 2024. The goal will be to raise a total of \$100,000 in that campaign for ALL 30+ outreach programs we offer.</p>	

GRANT INFORMATION (CONTINUED):

5. Grant Request Amounts and Financial Breakdown:			
Please ensure numbers provided in this table coincide with the required financial documents your provide in your application			
	Annual Operating Budget	Grant Requested	Provide a brief description of the specific amount requested. (Ex: Products, services, staffing roles, advertising, etc.)
Salaries/contracts:			
General operations:	60,000	30,000	Clinical Counselor fees that WCSS subsidizes.
One-time project / program:			
Physical assets:			
Rent (RMOW facilities):		N/A	
Rent (other facilities):			
Other:			
Total	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	50% (Grant request ÷ Annual budget amount)
Reminder: The grant amount requested cannot be more than 50% of the annual operating budget of the organization.			

6. Additional Information:	Please list any additional information, details or explanations regarding your grant request that you would like to be considered by Council.
Our organizational budget for the FY2024-25 (April 1, 2024 - Mar 31, 2025) is still in development stage fro many of our programs etc, so is not able to be shared in this application. However our finance manager has indicated that the \$60,000 amount noted in our budget for subsidizing counseling fees for this program will be what ends up (at minimum) on the final complete budget.	

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


## COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

<b>8. Please list how your organization may improve Community Performance Indicators:</b>	<p><i>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:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Housing</i></li> <li>2. <i>Climate Action</i></li> <li>3. <i>Community Engagement</i></li> <li>4. <i>Smart Tourism</i></li> </ol> <p><i>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.</i></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 application supports increasing community engagement as it supports the overall health and connectedness of the community. It connects those most vulnerable in Whistler to the services that can help them maximize their opportunity to achieve desired health outcomes. Our collective health is an important aspect of community living and is critical to the long term sustainability of the resort.</p>	

**SUPPORT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

<p><i>The RMOW is committed to working with the Lil'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.</i></p>
<p><b>9. How has your organization considered truth and reconciliation with the Indigenous Nations?</b></p>
<p>WCSS has worked closely with the indigenous peoples of the land for many years. Our outreach and food security programs connect members of the Lil'wat Nation and Squamish Nation to supports for healthier living. For years we have worked with the Pemberton Food Bank, and Lil'wat Nation to share food through suppliers and ensure that everyone in the corridor has access to healthy food. In 2023, WCSS in partnership with the SLCC were successful in delivering six Indigenous Cultural Awareness Workshops to help advance the community's connection to truth and reconciliation.</p>

## GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Dave Clark
Phone number:	
Email:	dave@mywcss.org
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:	<div>Dave Clark</div> <div> Digitally signed by Dave Clark Date: 2024.02.02 10:59:43 -08'00'</div>

**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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