

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	Whistler Independent Supported Housing Society (W.I.S.H.)
Name of the program (if applicable):	
Society Registration Number:	78756 0739 RR0001
Organization Mailing Address:	6418 Easy Street, Whistler, BC, V8E 0C5
Contact Name & Title:	Sue Hargrave, Board Chair
Organization Phone Number:	
Organization Email Address:	info@wishesociety.ca
Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence.)</i>	Advocating for individuals with developmental disabilities to secure independent, supportive housing.
Organization Category (choose between Environment, Social Service, Community Service, Recreation and Sports, Arts and Culture)	Social Services

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

How many years has the organization existed?	4.5 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>	11
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?	11
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	6
Age range of participants in the organization:	20-40

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	https://wishsociety.ca/
What are the membership and participation requirements?	Annual financial contribution, volunteer time.
<p>Does the organization have any outstanding debts or other means of funding from the RMOW? If yes, please state the amount and reason.</p> <p><u>Note</u>: Please include any Value In Kind support that you receive from the RMOW (eg. reduced rent, utilities in RMOW buildings)</p>	no

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 aim of this grant for WISH is to enhance our visibility within the community. We have received positive feedback from stakeholders and community members regarding our organization, recognizing a significant demand for our vision.</p> <p>We plan to utilize social media, community presentations, and printed materials to elevate our exposure.</p> <p>Our focus for the year is establishing connections with different government supports. We aim to engage with federal, provincial, and local government representatives, anticipating that this will not only guide us to new resources but also enable us to maximize our visibility.</p>	

2. Is This a New Program or Activity?	<i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i>
<p>Building upon the foundation laid by our previous CEP Grant, our objectives have expanded, necessitating a greater investment of time and expertise.</p>	

3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
<p>We are thrilled to embark on a journey through a year filled with numerous and gratifying accomplishments. Let's dive into the highlights:</p> <p>First and foremost, the success of seamlessly integrating Google Drive into our operations has fostered collaboration and ensured everyone is on the same page.</p> <p>Thanks to the unwavering efforts of our Fundraising Team, we have not only conceived but successfully executed two distinct fundraisers, contributing significantly to our financial goals.</p> <p>Our dedication to communication and engagement with the community has resulted in the ongoing sharing of our WISH, strengthening our bonds and impact.</p> <p>An outstanding Development Plan has been meticulously crafted and is on the brink of completion. This strategic document will serve as a guide for fruitful discussions with stakeholders and interested parties, furthering our organizational objectives.</p> <p>The acquisition of the Community Enrichment Grant from the RMOW underscores our commitment to increasing exposure. The strategic utilization of these funds will undoubtedly enhance our community presence and initiatives. A remarkable milestone achieved this financial year is attaining Charity status for our non-profit society. This accomplishment not only validates our commitment but also positions us for even more significant impact and outreach in the future.</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>In the year 2024, WISH has not pursued any additional grants.</p> <p>We are excited to announce a fundraiser scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th, at Creekbread Pizza. Our dedicated Fundraising Committee is actively organizing a silent auction, and we also have plans to host a 50/50 raffle during the event. All are welcome to join and contribute to this meaningful cause!</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:	7000	2000	
General operations:	2500		
One-time project / program:			
Physical assets:			
Rent (RMOW facilities):		N/A	
Rent (other facilities):	500		
Other:	1000		
Total	\$ 11000	\$ 2000	18 % <i>(Grant request ÷ Annual budget amount)</i>
Reminder: The grant amount requested cannot be more than 50% of the annual operating budget of the organization.			

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>The WISH team is confident they are making significant strides in enhancing community exposure. With sincere gratitude to the RMOW for their support through the 2023 CEP Grant, WISH has experienced substantial growth in the past months, doubling its followers on both Instagram and Facebook.</p> <p>Additionally, WISH has successfully launched a newly designed website and implemented a donation platform for fundraising campaigns. These initiatives are contributing to the organization's visibility and outreach meaningfully.</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><i>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:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Housing</i> 2. <i>Climate Action</i> 3. <i>Community Engagement</i> 4. <i>Smart Tourism</i> <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>If WISH successfully secures the 2024 RMOW CEP Grant request of \$2000, the organization plans to collaborate with trained professionals in the social media field. This strategic partnership aims to enhance exposure and connect with a broader audience of interested individuals.</p> <p>WISH remains steadfast in its commitment to pursuing supported housing for individuals with developmental disabilities. Through ongoing community engagements and the support of its charitable non-profit society, the organization will persist in its dedicated path toward achieving its mission and goals.</p>	

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?

Our organization places a high priority on truth and reconciliation, acknowledging their profound significance. This commitment is reflected in the language used in our daily communications, on our website, and emphasized at each Annual General Meeting.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are actively recruiting new Board members, with a specific focus on finding an individual who can effectively represent the L'il'wat7úl and the Squamish People. This intentional effort underscores our dedication to diversity, inclusivity, and fostering meaningful relationships with indigenous communities.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Sue Hargrave
Phone number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	sue@wishsociety.ca
Acknowledgement:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><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]

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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