

RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER
2024 FEE FOR SERVICE - VALUE-IN-KIND APPLICATION
Conservation Officer Service (COS)

OVERVIEW

In accordance with **Council Policy A-39 – Fee for Service (FFS Policy)** the Resort Municipality of Whistler (**RMOW**) under its Fee for Service (**FFS**) program can grant value-in-kind (**VIK**) benefits only to organizations that help ensure important programs, services, and functions are delivered to the benefit of the resort community.

The COS is being considered for VIK benefit during 2024.

This VIK Benefits Application (**Application**) provides COS an opportunity to request VIK by indicating how VIK will help move the resort community towards Whistler’s Vision of being *a place where our community thrives, nature is protected and guests are inspired*.

The VIK requested will be considered in the context of Whistler’s Official Community Plan (**OCP**), and within the constraints of the municipal budget.

OCP GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES

The intent of the VIK program within the FFS Policy is to contribute to achieving certain OCP Goals and Objectives consistent with OCP Policies.

- The OCP landing page is here: [Whistler’s Vision and OCP | Resort Municipality of Whistler](#)
 - The option to download the OCP is below the photo at the top of the landing page.
- The OCP is 387 pages and 145 MB.
 - However, most initiatives will be guided by specific chapters and sub-chapters.

Your application must explain how the requested VIK will provide services intrinsic to the resort community in a manner consistent with the OCP.

Therefore, at a minimum, please review the following chapters to be reminded of the relevance of your services within the context of the OCP:

- Chapter 2: *Community Vision and Characteristics*
- Chapter 3: *Reconciliation* narrative, goals, objectives, and policies.
- Chapter 6: *Economic Viability* narrative, goals, objectives, and policies.
- Chapter 8: *Health, Safety, and Community Well-being* narrative, goals, objectives, and policies.
- Chapter 9: *Learning, Culture, Recreation* narrative, goals, objectives, and policies.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE

Please complete the form below, append documents requested in Section 4, and submit via e-mail to:

- Karen Elliott – RMOW General Manager of Community Engagement and Cultural Services;
kelliott@whistler.ca; and
- Jill Wynott – RMOW Administrative Assistant, Community Engagement and Cultural Services;
jwynott@whistler.ca

The deadline for your application is November 1, 2023 at 5:00 PM Pacific. No late submissions will be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding the Application, please contact Karen Elliott by e-mail.

1. NAME, MANDATE, COORDINATES:

Legal Name of the Organization: Conservation Officer Service (COS)
Mission Mandate (one sentence): COS is a public safety provider on natural resource law enforcement and human wildlife conflicts prevention and response.
Number of Staff in the Organization: 2 (in Whistler)
Society Registration Number: N/A
Mailing Address: 2426 Alice Lake Rd, Squamish, BC V8B 0G5
Primary Contact Name: Simon Gravel
Primary Contact email: Simon.gravel@gov.bc.ca
Primary Contact Phone: 778-266-0605

2. YOUR ORGANIZATION'S 2024 OPERATING COSTS:

	Annual 2024 Forecast Operating Costs	2024 FFS VIK	
Admin Wages & Benefits		N/A	
Program Wages & Benefits	\$208 000	N/A	
Rent, Utilities	N/A	9,698.04	
Equipment & Supplies		N/A	
Advertising & Promotion		N/A	
Capital Projects/Purchases		N/A	
All Other Costs		N/A	
Total	\$ 208,000	\$9,698.04	VIK = 4.66 % of total

3. PURPOSE | COST-BENEFIT RATIONALE | IMPLICATIONS | KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Please limit your responses to the word count indicated for each box below; the text boxes will expand.

PURPOSE: what services will be provided; how do those services align with the OCP? **Maximum 250 words.**

The B.C. Conservation Officer Service (COS) is a public safety provider focused on natural resource law enforcement and human wildlife conflicts prevention and response.

Our vision is to be a progressive and respected leader in environmental compliance and enforcement, shared stewardship, and public safety.

Our service align with Chapter 7 of the OCP Natural Environment, more specifically with section 7.1.4 :
Minimize Human Wildlife conflict.

And Chapter 8 Section 8.7.1 Maintain a safe and secure resort community through effective enforcement.

COST-BENEFIT RATIONALE: why is your organization uniquely positioned to deliver those services; what unique benefits are achieved through delivery of those services by your organization? **Maximum 250 words.**

COS is the mandated agency in B.C. with the authority, knowledge, and capacity to mitigate public safety risk within communities.

By having a presence in Whistler, the community benefits of an increase presence of Conservation Officers and a faster response in situation of emergency.

IMPLICATIONS: if VIK was not available, how would your organization provide the services indicated above; what aspects of those services would be most significantly impacted? **Maximum 250 words.**

COS would still fulfill his provincial mandate without VIK from RMOW.

However, response time and officer presence would be impacted.

The community engagement required to be aligned with OCP values related to Minimizing human wildlife conflict would also be impacted without local officers.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: is provided to your organization, what metrics will your organization track and report to highlight the outcomes or impacts of the VIK benefit if VIK? **Maximum 250 words.**

The number of bear calls responded in RMOW and numbers of enforcement actions within the municipality would be metrics use to measure the impact.

4. PLEASE APPEND:

- 1) Current operating budget indicating all sources of revenue and expense.
- 2) Most recent Financial Statements (unaudited is acceptable).
- 3) Photos and narrative/captions that demonstrate the proposed services.
 - Please limit to a maximum of 8 photos + captions on a maximum of 2 pages.

5. DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION HAVE ANY OUTSTANDING DEBTS TO THE RMOW? ___No___

▪ If YES, please indicate the amount of the debt outstanding: \$_____

APPLICATIONS WILL BE EVALUATED USING THE FOLLOWING WEIGHTING:

- 40% for the extent to which the proposed services are intrinsic to Whistler and consistent with the OCP.
- 20% for the extent to which the applicant is uniquely positioned to deliver the services.
- 20% for the implications if VIK were not provided.
- 10% for Key Performance Indicators.
- 10% for thoroughness, accuracy, clarity.

Please read the five GENERAL TERMS below and sign the application only if you understand and accept the content of all five.

1. Any VIK provided will be used exclusively for the purpose(s) indicated in this Application.
2. This Application does not create a formal, legally binding relationship, and neither the Applicant nor the RMOW shall have the right to make any claims against the other with respect to this Application.
3. The RMOW will not take an active role in the operation of the applicant and will not accept responsibility for any liabilities resulting from the actions of the applicant.

