

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	Whistler Independent Supported Housing Society (WISH)
Name of the program(s) (if applicable):	Communications and Community Outreach
Society Registration Number:	S0071475
Organization Mailing Address:	██
Contact Name & Title:	Sue Hargrave, Board Chair
Organization Phone Number:	██████████
Organization Email Address:	info@wishesociety.ca
Organization Purpose or Mandate:	To establish supportive housing for individuals living with developmental disabilities in the Whistler community.
(Please provide this answer in one sentence)	
Organization Category (choose between Environment, Social Services, Community Services, Recreation and Sports, Arts and Culture)	Social Services

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

How many years has the organization existed?	5 years
How many active members/participants does the organization have in the current year? (e.g. how many athletes have signed up for this year)	15 Families
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?	15 Families
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	5 volunteers and 3 contract supports
Age range of participants in the organization:	18-56

<p>Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):</p>	<p>www.wish society.ca</p>
<p>What are the membership and participation requirements?</p>	<p>Persons with a Disability (PWD) eligibility and Community Living BC (CLBC) service hours</p>
<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>	<p>None</p>

GRANT INFORMATION

Explain in detail how the funding will be spent. Please refer to Council Policy A-7 Community Enrichment Program,

1. Purpose of Grant *available at www.whistler.ca/cep for funding criteria and eligibility. Please be as concise as possible using the space below.*

The Whistler Independent Supported Housing Society (WISH) deeply appreciates the continued generosity of the RMOW and the CEP Grant. In the past, this support has allowed us to strengthen our online presence, connect with the Whistler community, and expand awareness of our mission. As a result, more individuals in need have learned about our work, and we have been able to further empower those living with developmental disabilities by breaking down social barriers.

With CEP funding, we will maintain our website, enhance social media outreach, and share our goals and achievements through various supportive media channels.

WISH is committed to establishing programs that help individuals build and maintain consistent routines while developing essential life skills for independent living. Through collaboration with Community Living BC (CLBC), care aides, and supported services, we will provide regular programs focused on employment, nutrition, personal hygiene, recreation, social skills, and more.

2. Is This a New Program or Activity?	<i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i>
<p>No, WISH is now in its third year of developing this position in alignment with its values. This support is invaluable, as effective communication is essential to our organization's growth.</p>	

3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
<p>Our society has experienced another highly successful year. The Board developed a strong three-year Strategic Plan and is actively working on its implementation. We hosted a community BBQ to bring together like-minded individuals and support networks within Whistler. Additionally, our Fall Fundraiser was a great success, featuring pumpkins, a raffle, costumes, and a fundraising dinner at Hunter Gather.</p> <p>In the fall of 2024, we were honored to be invited to participate in a three-month project with UBC's Sauder School of Business Master's students. This collaboration focuses on researching and developing a Corporate Partnership Plan, which will serve as the foundation for a volunteer committee project.</p>	

4. Existing Funding and Grant Applications:	<p><i>1. List the specific grants, funding and fundraising planned, approved or pending for the existing year, and</i></p> <p><i>2. Please also list rejected or non-approved funding (with reasons).</i></p>
<p>This year, WISH has submitted two grant applications to the Whistler Community Foundation (WCF), both of which are still pending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$4,000 to hire a facilitator with an MBA in strategic planning to develop actionable communication and engagement strategies for our society. ● \$3,500 to create a Resident Inclusion Plan, ensuring a transparent process for all eligible residents to access housing and support services. 	

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	3000	Communications manager role
General operations:			
One-time project / program:			
Physical assets:			
Rent (RMOW facilities):		N/A	
Rent (other facilities):			
Other:			
Total	\$ 7000	\$ 3000	43% (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>

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>This marks our third year applying for this grant. WISH firmly believes that it has been a tremendous support, helping to elevate our community engagement. In the past year alone, our social media engagement has doubled, demonstrating the growing recognition of our efforts.</p> <p>We remain committed to expanding our reach, and with the support of this year’s CEP Grant, we will continue to grow and strengthen our impact.</p> <p>WISH sincerely appreciates the Council's time, consideration, and ongoing support.</p>

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

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

<p>8. Please describe how your organization can contribute to the RMOW Strategic Plan:</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"> <i>1. Housing</i> <i>2. Climate Action</i> <i>3. Community Engagement</i> <i>4. 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>implementation of the</i></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...

WISH fully supports the RMOW Strategic Plan and has collaborated with a community partner to develop a long-term housing plan. Our efforts focus on breaking down barriers for individuals with developmental disabilities by expanding community engagement opportunities.

Our vision is that *“Individuals with developmental disabilities are valued members of the Whistler community and have access to independent, supportive housing, enabling them to live safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives.”*

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 planning on unceded territories, as currently managed by the provincial government; achieve mutual objectives; and enable participation in Whistler's resort economy.

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

WISH is deeply committed to the RMOW Truth and Reconciliation Plan, recognizing the importance of inclusion living for all members of our community. We believe that creating a supportive and inclusive environment is essential for fostering equity and opportunity.

Many of the individuals we work with require assistance in advocating for their needs, whether related to housing, employment, or social inclusion. Ensuring that every resident at WISH has a voice and access to the resources they need is a fundamental priority for us. By championing inclusivity and empowerment, we strive to break down barriers and create a stronger, more connected community for everyone.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Sue Hargrave
Phone number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Acknowledgement:	<input 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 2025. Please contact the Legislative Services Department at corporate@whistler.ca if you require any assistance.

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