

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	The Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of BC
Name of the program(s) (if applicable):	Building a Suicide Safer Whistler
Society Registration Number:	106993322 RR 0001
Organization Mailing Address:	763 East Broadway, Vancouver BC, V5T 1X8
Contact Name & Title:	Lorelynn Hart
Organization Phone Number:	[REDACTED]
Organization Email Address:	grants@crisiscentre.bc.ca
Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence)</i>	The Crisis Centre of BC provides education and training to build suicide safer communities in BC and answers 310-6789 & 1-800-SUICIDE for all communities in BC and nationally through 988 (with priority to BC-based calls and texts).
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?	56 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>	Predicted in 2025/26 fiscal: Community education and training: 13,004 Distress services interactions via 988: 16,250 Distress services interactions via 310-6789, 1-800-SUICIDE, * Regional Distress Line (Vancouver Coastal Health): 26,896
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?	Data for where call/texts originate are not collected by the Centre due to the provincial and national networked systems.
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	76 Staff 347 Volunteers
Age range of participants in the organization:	All age ranges across all program and service areas.

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	https://crisiscentre.bc.ca/ https://www.facebook.com/CrisisCentreBritishColumbia/ https://twitter.com/crisiscentrebc
What are the membership and participation requirements?	35 current Society members
<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>	n/a

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>Creating a Suicide Safer Whistler</p> <p>The Crisis Centre of BC is committed to ensuring that everyone has access to support during times of crisis and when experiencing thoughts of suicide. A community’s ability to recognize and respond to someone in distress can be life-saving and instill hope.</p> <p>Through this grant, the Centre will to deliver six to eight safeTALK workshops in Whistler, equipping local residents, service providers, and organizations with the skills to recognize and respond to individuals at risk of suicide. This initiative will help strengthen the community’s capacity to provide immediate, informed support and connect individuals to appropriate resources.</p> <p>safeTALK is an internationally recognized training program that combines engaging presentations, audiovisual learning, and hands-on skills practice. Participants learn how to identify warning signs, confidently ask about suicide, and connect individuals in crisis to life-saving support.</p> <p>Evaluations show that 99.9% of safeTALK participants highly recommend the training, with many reporting increased comfort in discussing suicide and greater preparedness to intervene.</p> <p>By participating in safeTALK, individuals receive a certificate of completion from an evidence-based, internationally accredited program. The training has been rigorously evaluated in over 15 peer-reviewed studies and government reports, demonstrating that it: Enhances skills and readiness to intervene effectively; is suitable for individuals as young as 15 years old; reduces stigma surrounding suicide within communities; leads to better long-term skill retention compared to other suicide prevention programs.</p> <p>By expanding access to safeTALK in Whistler, this project will help foster a more suicide-safer community—one where individuals in distress are met with compassion, understanding, and a clear path to safety.</p>	

2. Is This a New Program or Activity?	<i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i>
<p>This is an ongoing initiative of the Crisis Centre of BC. For years, we have worked to create suicide-safer communities by delivering evidence-based training, including safeTALK and ASIST, across BC.</p> <p>In Whistler, we have already provided workshops to local residents and service providers, strengthening the community's ability to recognize and respond to individuals in crisis.</p> <p>This funding will allow us to continue this vital work, ensuring more people are trained to identify signs of distress, ask about suicide, and connect individuals to life-saving support.</p>	

3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
<p>Highlights from our community learning and engagement programming (last annual report):</p> <p>Strengthened post-secondary partnerships with Douglas College and University Canada West to expand suicide prevention education.</p> <p>Expanded bereavement support, including a quarterly newsletter, community events (Cup of Tea for the Soul and Take a Walk with Us), and immediate in-community response for those affected by suicide loss.</p> <p>Increased suicide prevention training and awareness, with the growing success of the MindFlip program and the expansion of the Bereavement Advisory Committee to better support survivors.</p>	

4. Existing Funding and Grant Applications:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>List the specific grants, funding and fundraising planned, approved or pending for the existing year, and</i> <i>Please also list rejected or non-approved funding (with reasons).</i>
<p>The following is based on our baseline budget for all Centre programs and services:</p> <p>DONATIONS Corporate Donations 37,000 Foundation Donations 613,000 Individual Donations 210,000 Third Party Fundraising 5,000 Total DONATIONS 865,000</p> <p>GRANTS Government grants - Municipal/Regional 25,000 Government grants - Federal 0 Government grants - Gaming 208,200 Total GRANTS 233,200</p> <p>SERVICE PHSA Crisis Lines 1,277,789 988 Crisis Lines 940,400 988 Text Line 306,600 Service Contracts - Other 5,000 Total SERVICE CONTRACTS 2,538,789</p> <p>COURSES & TRAINING Youth Community Training 600 Adult Community Training 424,361 Volunteer Training 28,500 Promotional Material Licensing Training Material Fees 63,654 Total COURSES & TRAINING 517,115</p> <p>OTHER REVENUE Amort. of Deferred Revenue 31,000 Misc. revenue 3,000 Operating Interest 7,500 Endowment Interest 17,000 Total OTHER REVENUE 58,500</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:	2,951,829	9,750	Program administration and contract facilitators
General operations:	1,260,775	2,250	
One-time project / program:			
Physical assets:			
Rent (RMOW facilities):		N/A	
Rent (other facilities):			
Other:		3000	travel and accomodation
Total	\$ 4,212,604	\$ 15,000	<u>0.003</u>% (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>

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

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

8. Please describe how your organization can contribute to the RMOW Strategic Plan:	<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>
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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...

Community Engagement – The Crisis Centre of BC actively strengthens community well-being and resilience by providing suicide prevention training, bereavement support, and crisis response education. Our safeTALK workshops will empower Whistler residents, frontline workers, and community organizations to recognize and respond to individuals in crisis, fostering a more connected and supportive community.

Housing – Suicide risk is often heightened by housing instability and financial stress. By equipping Whistler residents with suicide intervention skills, our program helps prevent crisis before they escalate, reducing the burden on emergency services and improving mental well-being among those facing housing challenges.

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?


Culturally Responsive Crisis Support – Our crisis responders are trained to meet individuals where they are in their crisis, responding in ways that are culturally appropriate, trauma-informed, and rooted in respect for diverse identities and lived experiences, including those of Indigenous Peoples.

Truth and Reconciliation Circle (TR Circle) – We have an internal TR Circle that meets regularly to coordinate ongoing professional development for staff and volunteers, ensuring continuous learning about Indigenous histories, systemic barriers, and culturally safe crisis intervention.

Indigenous Partnerships – We seek guidance from Indigenous knowledge keepers, Elders, and organizations to inform our training, crisis services, and outreach efforts, ensuring that Indigenous perspectives are centered in our work.

Community-Based Support – We work with Indigenous communities and organizations to offer suicide prevention training that reflects the unique needs and strengths of Indigenous Peoples, supporting self-determination in mental health and crisis care.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Jeffrey Preiss
Phone number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	grants@crisiscentre.bc.ca
Acknowledgement:	<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:	Jeffrey Preiss  Digitally signed by Jeffrey Preiss Date: 2025.01.29 13:18:05 -08'00'

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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