

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	Whistler Singers Community Choir
Name of the program(s) (if applicable):	Microphones for performances
Society Registration Number:	S0074492
Organization Mailing Address:	[REDACTED]
Contact Name & Title:	Alison Hunter
Organization Phone Number:	[REDACTED]
Organization Email Address:	[REDACTED]
Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence)</i>	The Whistler Singers Community Choir is a community choir, open to all singers, non-auditioned, and provides opportunities for the members to enjoy learning and performing music and the community to benefit from concerts and other appearances.
Organization Category (choose between Environment, Social Services, Community Services, Recreation and Sports, Arts and Culture)	Arts and Culture

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

How many years has the organization existed?	41 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>	58 members
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?	49 members from Whistler, 9 from Pemberton
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	3 volunteer executive, 4 volunteer members-at-large
Age range of participants in the organization:	19-89

Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	www.whistlerchorus.org/whistlersingers www.facebook.com/whistlersingers
What are the membership and participation requirements?	Whistler Singers is a non-auditioned choir that accepts all people interested in 3 part and 4 part harmony
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)	No debts Whistler Singers receives the non-profit rental rate for renting weekly practices at MPCS.

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 microphones that we are using for various public events (the Christmas Eve Carol Service, the Remembrance Day Service, as well as the regular performances which we do at Christmas and in the spring) are 25 years old and are no longer capable of providing good quality sound for our group. We also share our equipment with the Children's Chorus, and they do concerts as well, including collaborating with us to the Carol Service and Remembrance Day.</p> <p>The choirs have grown, and so have the venues. In recent times, we have performed at the Olympic Plaza, the Fairmont, and the Westin Hotel. We often receive comments from audience members about sound issues, minor complaints about clarity and volume. We believe that we would receive more positive feedback if we were able to use more modern technology.</p>	

2. Is This a New Program or Activity?	<i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i>
No, not a new program or activity, but more people involved.	

3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
As mentioned above, we present a non-denominational carol service every year, and we participate in the annual Remembrance Day service. We have been invited to perform in the past at a Canadian citizenship ceremony, and at the funeral of one of the founding members of the community which was open to the public.	

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>The Children's Chorus has asked for support from the Whistler Community Foundation grants program. Since we have always shared our equipment and music, we can depend on each other for help. If we were lucky enough to get support from both organizations, we also need to purchase sheet music which is very expensive. We have not had a financial boost for this purpose in approximately 3 years when the Real Estate Association of Whistler gave us approximately \$1200 to buy music. To give you an example of what sheet music costs, we would be looking at approximately \$4/per copy and we need 60 copies. This comes to \$240 just for a set of one piece of music. We generally tackle about 10 new pieces each year, so we are looking at a minimum of \$2000 just to accomplish that.</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:	3600	0	honorariums for music director 7 accompanist
General operations:	2965	0	music, office expenses
One-time project / program:	0	0	
Physical assets:		\$2,105	4 new microphones - Shure KSM 137 Cardioid
Rent (RMOW facilities):	2400	N/A	weekly practice at MPCS
Rent (other facilities):	420	0	Concert venues
Other:			
Total	9385.00 \$	2105 \$	22 % (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>
<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

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...

This grant addresses the priority of "Community Engagement" because it strives to connect locals to each other. The members of the choir benefit in many ways. Fees for membership in the choir are very low (\$150/year) and are sometimes waived when the individuals are not able to pay. The membership represents many different groups in Whistler, including newcomers to Whistler, several senior citizens, a large proportion of women, and many people with different international backgrounds. Everyone is welcome, and the group is very social, cultivating friendships, combating loneliness and social isolation. The music is interesting, educational, and enjoyable. We try to support our membership when they have a crisis, for example, serious medical problems.

Also, the community benefits by having good quality concerts provided at very affordable costs. Having good quality choirs in the Whistler community is an important asset to everyone who chooses to join in as participants and audience members.

SUPPORT FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

The RMOW is committed to working with the Lílwat 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?

Our choir welcomes people of different cultures and backgrounds. We welcome anybody who wishes to join us.

We include land acknowledgements prior to performances.

Our musical director, Alison Hunter, often chooses songs that reflect our landscape and the people who live in the Sea to Sky region. This isn't always possible to do.

GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Patricia Dagg
Phone number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
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:	[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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