

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Organization Requesting Grant: <i>(Please list parent/sponsor organizations in parenthesis)</i>	Howe Sound Women's Centre Society
Society Registration Number:	S-16716
Organization Mailing Address:	PO Box 2052 Squamish, BC V8B 0B4
Contact Name & Title:	Allison Gilchrist, Community Program Manager, Whistler & Pemberton
Organization Phone Number:	(604) 962-8711
Organization Email Address:	agilchrist@hswc.ca
Organization Purpose or Mandate: <i>(Please provide this answer in one sentence.)</i>	To provide crisis intervention, support, an advocacy for women and children in the community who are experiencing violence and adversity.

## ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

How many years has the organization existed?	39
How many active members/participants does the organization have in the current year?	The HSWC has 47 active members. In 2020, we had over 2,300 visits to our drop-in centres, provided 1 : 1 emotional support to 589 Women and 972 support calls, and supported 61 women and 23 children in our emergency housing for a total of 1,257 bed nights.
How many volunteers/executive/staff are required to administer the organization in the current year?	51 volunteers, including 9 board members, and 43 paid staff members.
Age range of participants in the organization:	0 – 80 years of age.
Please list active website URLs and active social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.):	Website: hswc.ca Facebook: HoweSoundWomensCentre Instagram: womenscentre Twitter: thewmn_ctr Youtube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCndyN0Cm8hRsLWU2TBYYZ0g/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCndyN0Cm8hRsLWU2TBYYZ0g/featured</a>
Can anyone join the organization or participate? If no, please specify the restrictions and requirements for membership or participation:	Anyone can become a volunteer or become a member of the HSWC (annual membership \$20, \$5 low-barrier fee). Anyone identifying as a woman, trans, Two-Spirit, or non-binary and all children requiring services can participate in all programs and services at no cost and we encourage fathers to participate in the counselling program.
Does the organization have any outstanding debts or other means of funding from the RMOW? If yes, please state the amount and reason:	No

## GRANT INFORMATION

<b>1. Purpose of Grant:</b>	<i>Explain in detail how the funding will be spent. Please refer to Council Policy A-7 Community Enrichment Program, available at <a href="http://www.whistler.ca/cep">www.whistler.ca/cep</a> for funding criteria and eligibility. Please be as concise as possible using the space below.</i>
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This grant will support the operating costs for Whistler Women’s Centre (WWC), a program of the Howe Sound Women’s Centre Society. Grant funds will allow the WWC to operate 24 hours per week – continuing to offer safe, confidential support services to vulnerable women, trans, non-binary, Two-Spirit and other diverse-gender individuals and children, in particular those experiencing high conflict, violence, or abuse. Grant funds also allow for additional outreach, and to meet with clients outside of office hours. In 2020, the WWC hours were Tuesday to Thursday from 10am-4pm with outreach services and by appointment availability on Mondays and Fridays.

<b>2. Is This a New Program or Activity?</b>	<i>If yes, what are your targets and goals for this program/activity?</i>
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The Whistler Women’s Centre is an established program of Howe Sound Women’s Centre, however, with the increased rates of gender-based violence seen during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the WWC is offering more services than ever before including additional housing using hotels when the Transition and Safe homes are at full capacity. HSWC has also started gender-diverse and inclusion work to better support trans, Two-Spirit, and non-binary survivors of gender-based violence which will increase the population served.

<b>3. Current Year Highlights and Community Benefits:</b>	<i>Detail the specifics of activities and community benefits your organization provides.</i>
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The WWC offers clients confidential, non-judgmental support, community referrals, access to resources, advocacy and systemic guidance from our trauma-informed, safe space. Our programming focuses on:

Emergency Transition Housing: In the absence of emergency transition housing in Whistler, the WWC is a direct link to accessing emergency safe housing at Pearl’s Place Transition House in Squamish and Pearl’s Safe Home in Pemberton, and offers outreach support, advocacy, counselling and referrals to other resources to mitigate the effects of gender-based violence and Intimate Partner Violence.

Community Outreach: During the past year the WWC has had very limited community engagement due to the pandemic. However, WWC staff continues to provide individual outreach supports by meeting women in the community with safety measures in place.

Sexual Assault Support and Prevention: The WWC offers sexual assault education and prevention as well as front-line support for survivors, and participates in advocacy awareness and education initiatives for the service industry in Whistler in addition to providing Third Party reporting services for sexual assaults in the community.

Access to necessities for clients and their children: The WWC provides practical items such as gently used clothing, books, toys, personal care products, food, and other necessities at no cost to anyone in need in the community. In addition, these items are delivered when individuals cannot access the drop-in centre.

Homeless Prevention Program (HPP): This program provides rental subsidies for survivors fleeing abusive relationships or at risk of homelessness in the area. WWC staff has seen an increased need for this service.

Navigating the Legal System and Family Justice: The WWC can help women, trans, non-binary, Two-Spirit, and other gender-diverse survivors understand their legal rights when facing abuse or separation and provide referrals to legal supports. The WWC offers a safe and private meeting space for survivors to meet with other agencies and law enforcement personnel as well as providing confidential support and referrals for clients who are suffering from physical, emotional, and mental health challenges.

<b>4. Existing Funding and Grant Applications:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>List the specific grants, funding and fundraising planned, approved or pending for the existing year, and</i></li> <li>2. <i>Please also list rejected or non-approved funding (with reasons).</i></li> </ol>
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Funding through the HSWC Social Enterprise - \$43,511.81 (approved)

RMOW CEP Grant - \$15,000 (pending)

BC Gaming Grant - \$8,000 (approved)

International Women’s Day Fundraiser Auction – March 9 – 22, 2021 - \$5,000 (pending)

Third party fundraising initiatives such as Pemberton Tea Party and The Whistler Book Ladies \$3,000 (pending)

General Donations \$26,500 (pending)

**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:	79,487.89	10,000	Employee salaries & benefits, including coordinator, program manager, administration, and bookkeeping
General operations:	8,231.99	5,000	Client travel, staff travel, client food and grocery vouchers, administrative expenses
One-time project / program:			
Physical assets:			
Rent (RMOW facilities):	13,291.92	N/A	Rent as a sub-leasee in the Spring Creek Social Services Building
Rent (other facilities):			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 101,011.81</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	<u>15</u> % <i>(Grant request ÷ Annual budget amount)</i>
<b>Reminder: The grant amount requested cannot be more than 50% of the annual operating budget of the organization.</b>			

<b>6. Additional Information:</b>	<i>Please list any additional information, details or explanations regarding your grant request that you would like to be considered by Council.</i>

<b>7. Attachments:</b>	<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 <b>(Required)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proof (copy) of registered not-for-profit society status or registered charity status <b>(Required)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women's Centre Brochure	

## COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

<p><b>Please list how your organization may improve Community Performance Indicators:</b></p>	<p>First, please visit <a href="http://www.whistler.ca/monitoring">www.whistler.ca/monitoring</a> to learn about the five priority areas of Whistler's <a href="#">Community Performance Indicators (CPI)</a>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Enriching Community Life</i></li> <li>2. <i>Enhancing the Resort Experience</i></li> <li>3. <i>Protecting the Environment</i></li> <li>4. <i>Ensuring Economic Viability</i></li> <li>5. <i>Partnering for Success</i></li> </ol> <p>Secondly, identify how your grant (or organization) may improve any CPIs described in the five areas listed above.</p> <p>Note: Each priority listed above has numerous areas of measurement to choose from and all are listed with their existing statistical trend at <a href="http://www.whistler.ca/monitoring">www.whistler.ca/monitoring</a></p>
<p><i>Example: This grant addresses the priority of “Enriching Community Life” because it improves <a href="#">personal health status</a>, a <a href="#">sense of belonging</a> and increases <a href="#">resident volunteer rates</a>. Specifically, this is because...</i></p>	
<p><small>Enriching Community Life   The WWC serves the unique and diverse needs of all survivors of gender-based violence, bringing together clients of various cultures and ages, including Multicultural and First Nations communities. HSWC staff knows that this work contributes to the social fabric of the community, the social attachments of its residents, and contributes to the wellbeing of our community and society at large. The WWC drop-in programs give all women, trans, non-binary, Two-Spirit and other gender-diverse individuals in the community the opportunity to build their village of support, gather tools and resources, and prevent isolation; fostering wellness and a sense of community.</small></p> <p><small>Enhancing the Resort Experience   Whistler is a unique resort-based community that welcomes people and ideas from around the world, while maintaining a rich local mountain culture. When an individual faces unexpected challenges, including but not limited to violence and abuse, they turn to their most trusted support network for guidance. Most Whistler residents and visitors alike are far away from home and in difficult times may feel isolated, lost, or alone. The WWC enhances the resort experience by providing confidential guidance and support to survivors of gender-based violence during these times, mitigating some of the harms of violence.</small></p> <p><small>Protecting the Environment   Through the community clothing and necessities swap, WWC is able to divert gently used goods from the landfill. WWC is also able to divert any overflow to Pearl's Value and Vintage, the HSWC's social enterprise. Furthermore, offering gender-based violence support services within the Whistler community allows for a reduction in the frequency of trips to Squamish or Vancouver, therefore reducing the environmental impact of Whistler residents accessing such services outside of the community.</small></p> <p><small>Ensuring Economic Viability   While some survivors fleeing violence and abuse choose to leave their community and relocate for their own safety, the WWC offers safe housing and ongoing support to give survivors the options to increase their safety and heal from violence and abuse while staying within their home community. By offering free, non-judgmental, confidential support to all survivors in the community, the WWC supports Whistler residents in continuing to engage fully in economic, social, cultural, and recreational opportunities that make Whistler the vibrant community that it is. HSWC also offers specialized job skills development and employment services for clients who have experienced violence and abuse, in partnership with the WorkBC program. Empowering survivors to remain in or re-enter the workforce after experiencing trauma and abuse ensures an equal opportunity to develop and maintain financial independence and contribute to the local economy. The WWC Homeless Prevention Program also provides rental subsidies for survivors of gender-based violence and children fleeing violence to support them to find stable and affordable housing.</small></p> <p><small>Partnering for success   Working collaboratively in partnership with other agencies, law enforcement, and the justice system is paramount to realizing the HSWC vision of a violence free future. With that in mind, WWC actively participates in cross-sectoral committees and partner relationships focused on ending gender-based violence, including RCMP, Victim Services, Ending Violence Association of BC, BC Society of Transition Houses, Sea to Sky Community Services, Mental Health and Addiction, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, and the Whistler Non-Profit Network.</small></p>	

## GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION:

Submitted by:	Ashley Oakes
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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 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:	

**Funding decisions will be announced during a Regular Council Meeting in April 2021.**

Please contact the Legislative Services Department at [corporate@whistler.ca](mailto:corporate@whistler.ca) if you require any assistance.



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HOWE SOUND WOMEN'S CENTRE SOCIETY  
38021 THIRD AVE  
BOX 2052  
SQUAMISH BC V8B 0B4

November 23, 2011

**Society Number: S-0016716**

**Subject: Business Number Issued by Canada Revenue Agency**

As part of a provincial – federal partnership, the Corporate Registry and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) have developed an agreement to assign a Business Number to every Society operating in B.C.

Under this agreement, a Business Number has been assigned to this Society as noted below:

**11896 4469 BC0001**

The purpose of the Business Number is to enable both business and the public sector to streamline operations and realize efficiencies. Please use this number if you decide to open additional accounts with the Canada Revenue Agency or WorkSafeBC to ensure all new accounts use the same Business Number. For assistance or additional information, go to <http://www.bcregistryservices.gov.bc.ca/bcreg/corppg/companies/cobn.page>, or contact BC Registry Services/the OneStop Business Registry at 1-877-822-6727 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding Statutory holidays.

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### HOWE SOUND WOMEN'S CENTRE SOCIETY

Business/Registration number:

**118964469RR0001**

Charity status:

**Registered**

Effective date of status:

**1982-05-01**

Sanction:

**n/a**

Language of correspondence:

**English**

Designation description:

**Charitable organization**

Charity type:

**Welfare**

Category:

**Welfare organizations - not elsewhere classified**

Address:

**PO BOX 2052**

City:

**SQUAMISH**

Province, territory, outside of Canada:

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Country:

**CA**

Postal code/Zip code:

**V8B0B4**

Charity Email address:

**ED@HSWC.CA**

Charity website address:

**[WWW.HSWC.CA](http://WWW.HSWC.CA)**

Registered charity information return:

**[T3010 Return](#)**

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HSWC operates on the traditional, unceded territories of the Skwxwú7mesh, Lilwat7úl, and Lower St'at'imx Nations. As an organization we respect the history of this land and its Nations, working towards true reconciliation and inclusivity in our shared communities.

#### OUR MISSION

The Howe Sound Women's Centre Society promotes women's equality and the empowerment of women and their children.

We work from a *feminist\** perspective. By responding to and working for change, we honor the diversity of women's lives and meet the evolving needs of women and children throughout the Sea to Sky Corridor.

*\*Women and men who believe in women's rights and equality throughout society.*

#### OUR VISION

We envision a day when all women and their children are valued and lead healthy lives - supported, connected to the community, and violence free.

### CONTACT US

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## WOMEN'S CENTRE

Squamish & Whistler

Helping women and children  
in the Sea to Sky Corridor  
since 1981



the Women's Centre  
Howe Sound Women's Centre Society

...the power is within you!



Abuse takes many forms. It can be physical, psychological, emotional, sexual, and/or financial.

Our trained support workers are available for women wanting to talk about their options and receive both practical and emotional support during their decision making process.

Have you been searching for answers to difficult questions about your relationship?

Are you wondering if you are experiencing abuse?

What are next steps if you decide to leave?

What are your rights?

Speak with a support worker at the Women's Centre Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm for support and information.

**the Women's Centre**  
Howe Sound Women's Centre Society

24 Hour Crisis Line: 604-892-5711

Toll free: 1-877-890-5711

**WOMEN'S CENTRE**

Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm

The Women's Centre is a centralized location for the Society and is a welcoming space for all women to ask for and receive support, resources and referrals in a caring and **non-judgmental** environment. Our trained support staff are available to answer questions and to provide **empowerment** and **guidance** based on what clients identify as their primary need in their current situation and the difficulties they are presented with.

#### SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Crisis support
- Referrals and assisted access (filling out forms, support with calls)
- Computer access
- Faxing, photocopying, printing
- Free Family Law Legal Clinics
- Women's and children's clothing
- Toiletries and necessities
- Voucher program for Pearls V & V
- Yoga by donation
- Wellness programs and groups

#### HOWE SOUND WOMEN'S CENTRE

##### PEARL'S PLACE TRANSITION HOUSE:

Emergency transitional housing in a safe and secure environment for women and their children who have experienced abuse. Food and basic necessities are provided (max. 30 day stay). Pet friendly.

##### PEARL'S SAFE HOME:

Temporary emergency shelter addressing the short term needs of women and children in the northern corridor who are fleeing abuse (up to a 10 day stay).

##### OUTREACH WHISTLER:

Sister services to the Squamish Drop in Centre, accessed on a by-appointment basis by calling 604 962-8711 Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm

#### SOCIETY'S PROGRAMMING

##### CHILDREN, YOUTH FAMILY COUNSELLING:

Individual and group counselling for children ages 3-18 who have experienced abuse or a difficult separation or divorce.

**HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM:** Temporary rental subsidy and support services to help women who have experienced or at risk of abuse secure safe housing.

##### SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE:

If you have been sexually assaulted and are considering making a third party report, receive support with this process.

##### MULTICULTURAL OUTREACH SUPPORT:

Support for women who have experienced abuse. Focus on immigrant & refugee women.