Community Impact Grants

Overview

The British Columbia Association of Community Response Networks (BC CRN) recognizes resilient communities are built through collaborative efforts, innovative partnerships, and unwavering commitment to developing inclusive support systems that empower vulnerable individuals.

By fostering strong connections among local organizations, service providers, and community members, BC CRN aims to enhance awareness, prevent abuse, and ensure that resources are accessible to those in need.

Our Community Impact Grants are made possible through the funding support from the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Health. BC CRN is accountable for every dollar spent and as such is committed to funding quality projects that support community network building.

Grant Objectives:

BC CRN seeks to fund community impact projects that:

☐ **Support the growth of a Community Response Network** that includes concerned community members, service providers, agencies, non-profit organizations, local government, business members and others.

☐ **Raise awareness and share information** with CRN members and the public about adult abuse, neglect, and self-neglect with the public.

☐ **Strengthen connections** between emergency responders and community-based agencies that support vulnerable adults.

Eligibility

- Community Impact Grants are only available to Community Response Networks of BC CRN.
- Applications must be submitted by the CRN Coordinator.
- Coordinators must review the grant application with the Regional Mentor prior to submission.

Application Deadlines

- Grants are administered on an annual basis from April 1 to March 31.
- CRNs may apply for grants of up to $5,000 from April 1 to November 30.
- After November 30, grants of up to $2,500 are available.
- The final deadline to apply for grants for the fiscal period is February 15. All funds must be expended and Grant Outcome Report submitted by March 31.

Grant Parameters

CRN Community Impact Grants support work being done at the community level. To this end, the guidelines encourage communities to develop projects that address their unique needs.

- Grant funds may not be allocated to paid advertising, the goal of which is to promote abuse related issues, BC CRN's goals, services or brand, without prior approval of the Executive Director. This does not include event posters, banners, information pamphlets, resource guides or any materials provided by BC CRN.

- Grant funds will be paid on submission of receipts. Advance payments may be available with special arrangements.

- Receipts and/or invoices must be provided against all expenses.

Grant Review Process

- Grant applications are received by the BC CRN Admin. Team to ensure they meet the requirements.

- If additional details are required, the submitting Coordinator may be asked to provide additional information.

- The Director of Administration provides final approval.

Funder Recognition

- All Community Impact Projects must recognize funding from the Province of British Columbia and the support of the BC Association of Community Response Networks with the inclusion of both logos and this wording:

  "Supported by the Province of British Columbia and the BC Association of Community Response Networks"

- Copies of both logos and graphic standards are available on the Coordinator Portal.

Grant Invoice & Report

- At the completion of the project, a final Grant Invoice & Report with receipts is required to share information about the activities undertaken.

- Information from the reports helps us demonstrate the impact of CRNs to our funder(s).

- We ask that each report is accompanied by photos of the project. The BC CRN media policy and media release form are available in the Coordinator Portal, or you can request copies from the Admin. Team.

All CRNs are eligible to apply for up to **$5,000 in project grants** annually!

- Applications can be in any amount as long as the annual total does not exceed $5,000.
- Multiple applications can be submitted per year to a maximum total of $5,000.
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To receive a Community Impact Grant for your CRN, please follow the steps detailed below:
1. Complete the Community Impact Grant Application Form, before you start your project.
   - Be sure to review your project idea with your Regional Mentor before submitting.
   - Once approved, you will receive an email confirmation from the Director of Administration.
2. After your project, complete the <u>Grant Invoice & Report Form</u> (I can't remember what we are calling this one).

Note: All Community Impact Grant Applications must be submitted online. This is a pdf version of the Grant Application Form for planning purposes. Do not submit your application by email.

Please contact your Regional Mentor or the Coordinator of Data, Grants & Agreements with any questions.