



REQUEST FOR SUPPORT APPLICATION FORM

Date of Request	9 January 2024
Organization/Group making the request	BGC Central Vancouver Island
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Type of Support Requested (Select one)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Letter of Support in Principle <input type="radio"/> In-Kind Contribution <input type="radio"/> Partnership <i>Note: This policy is not applicable to requests for grant funding by the City, including Permissive Tax Exemption requests, or in-kind funding for facility rentals (see Grants Policy and Guidelines for further details)</i>

IF APPLICABLE:

Name of grant or program for which you are applying:

Community Needs Grant

Amount of Funding Requested: \$20,000 Grant Due Date: February 16, 2024

Grant Organization: Canadian Womens Foundation

Address: 1920 Yonge St, Suite 302

City: Toronto Postal Code: M4S 3E2

Telephone: 1-866-293-4483

Please provide an executive summary or short narrative that addresses each of the points outlined in the "Council Support policy". Include any supporting documents or materials and a detailed list of other funding partners (if applicable).

Please submit this form, with accompanying materials, to the attention of the Corporate Officer, Legislative Services, City of Nanaimo, 455 Wallace St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6, or by email to: legislative.servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca.

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Request for Support Executive Summary

Please accept this Executive Summary alongside the attached Request for Support application form.

BGCCVI is a registered non-profit and charitable organization that incorporated in 1971 and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Serving over 1000 children, youth and families in Nanaimo, Comox, Courtenay, Lantzville, and Ladysmith through a variety of programs in 14 different club locations. BGCCVI provides experiential learning environments that inspire children, youth, and families of diverse abilities to acquire and develop the critical cognitive, emotional, and social skills needed to become resilient and contributing members of society. We offer programs and services for families, including childcare, daycare, summer camps, teen and youth programs, family programs and parenting programs where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships, and develop the confidence and skills for life.

BGCCVI is one of the community partners who are members of the Nanaimo Acute Response Table and an area of concern that is growing and identified at this table is the exploitation of our youth within the City of Nanaimo. Being a proactive organization, BGCCVI has taken this information and is seeking funding to support us to address that problem from the Canadian Women's Foundation. Should we be successful, the program will not only support the work of the Nanaimo Acute Response Table but also aligns very well with the current work we are involved with under the Nanaimo Youth Resilience Strategy, for which we received funding from the City of Nanaimo. These two areas of acutely high-risk youth and gun and gang violence are most certainly linked in that often gangs are the ones to recruit and exploit the youth.

This funding will support us to undertake work to connect with the youth who are experiencing exploitation as part of our current portfolio of youth programs including the South Side Hub and the partnership with the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. There will no additional funds needed to supplement the grant from the Canadian Women's Foundation, should we be successful.

The youth who would be supported by this program are from Nanaimo and at this time there are no other agencies offering this same program that we will be endeavouring to offer. We have experience as an organization supporting high risk youth both through our BGCCVI youth programs but also via our MCFD contracts that work with those at the highest risk.

The timing of the program is funding dependant and will begin should we receive funding. The budget for the program is \$20,000. We are unaware if any other organization is applying for this funding. This would be a new program for BGCCVI. A strength of our organization is to look for gaps in service that exist, and this area of work is most definitely a gap within the City of Nanaimo.

