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Good afternoon,

My name is Katie Keats, and I am the Beach Cleanup Manager for Surfrider Foundation Canada (SFC). SFC is the Canadian headquarters that supports Surfrider community chapters and student clubs operating in Canada. Our mission is the protection and enjoyment of the ocean, beaches and waves, for all people, which is enacted through a dedicated volunteer activist network. For the last 15 years in British Columbia, we have made significant strides to create cleaner waterways, address the sources of plastic pollution, support safe beach access, restore local and remote shorelines from litter and marine debris, as well as support the shift to a circular economy for all plastic materials and products.

We are working with the [Ocean Legacy Foundation](#) to apply for funding to support our shoreline cleanup work in B.C., through the provincial governments [Clean Coast Clean Waters Initiative](#). This funding will go to support our entire network of chapters and clubs in B.C., including the Vancouver Island University Club, which operates in the City of Nanaimo. The club will host their inaugural cleanup on March 23 from 11:00AM-1:00PM, and will launch a full school-year's 2024-25 schedule in the fall to clean the beaches and shoreline walkways throughout Nanaimo. These shoreline cleanups are open to the public, and may see as many as 100 volunteer participants at any given event. Over the last several years, Surfrider Canada has received multiple requests from Nanaimo residents to host cleanups in their community, and we are very excited to be able to have a dedicated group of volunteers based in Nanaimo to help grow our network.

This funding will be critical in enhancing the coordination of our cleanups, improving our data collection and the management of materials, ensuring that the majority of debris collected is managed through recycling instead of landfilling. Applications for the fund close on April 15th, with an anticipated start date of July 1st, 2024. This is the second time that we will be applying for funding through the initiative, and Surfrider is the first and only community-based organization to receive funding from Clean Coast Clean Waters, starting in 2023.

I am reaching out to you today to request a letter of support for our application. I have attached our request for support application form and template letter to assist you.

Please let me know if you are able to help provide a letter, and if you have any questions.

Thank you very much,
Katie

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Katie Keats, M.Sc. (she/her)

Beach Cleanup Manager

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I respectfully acknowledge the unceded and ancestral territory of the T'Sou-ke peoples, on which I live and work.



REQUEST FOR SUPPORT APPLICATION FORM

Date of Request	March 7, 2024
Organization/Group making the request	Surfrider Foundation Canada
Contact Person	Katie Keats
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Type of Support Requested (Select one)	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Letter of Support in Principle <input type="radio"/> In-Kind Contribution <input type="radio"/> Partnership</p> <p><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></p>

IF APPLICABLE:

Name of grant or program for which you are applying:

Clean Coast Clean Waters Initiative

Amount of Funding Requested: _____ Grant Due Date: April 15, 2024

Grant Organization: Province of British Columbia c/o PricewaterhouseCoopers

Address: 525 Fort Street

City: Victoria Postal Code: V8W 1E8

Telephone: (250) 298-5260

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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