



REQUEST FOR SUPPORT APPLICATION FORM

Date of Request	January 6, 2025
Organization/Group making the request	ALS Society of B.C.
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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
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IF APPLICABLE:

Name of grant or program for which you are applying:

Amount of Funding Requested: _____ Grant Due Date: _____

Grant Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Please provide an executive summary or short narrative that addresses each of the points outlined in the "Council Support policy". Include a draft letter, 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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SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Mayor and Council, City of Nanaimo
c/o Ms. Donna Stennes
Administrative Assistant to Mayor and Council City Hall
455 Wallace Street
Nanaimo BC
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Dear Ms Stennes,

I am writing to request the support of the Mayor and Council for *ALS Society of BC - PROJECT HOPE* which combines ALS clinical care and research under one roof at the Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health (DMCBH) on the University of British Columbia campus

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (also known as ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease or motor neuron disease) is a disease that gradually paralyzes people because the brain is no longer able to communicate with the muscles of the body that we are typically able to move at will. Over time, as the muscles of the body break down, someone living with ALS will lose the ability to walk, talk, eat, swallow, and eventually breathe.

ALS is not contagious. There are no effective treatments for ALS and no cure. Approximately 80% of people with ALS will die within 2-5 years of being diagnosed.

The ALS Society of British Columbia (ALS BC) www.alsbc.ca is a registered non-profit charity supporting ALS patients, their families, and caregivers to ensure the best quality of life possible for those living with and affected by ALS. The ALS BC community, including donors and patients, firmly believe that we are standing on the threshold of unprecedented hope. With many ALS therapies showing great promise in late-stage clinical trials and the UBC Faculty of Medicine ready to accelerate translational research, now is the time to invest in building research capacity for ALS right here in British Columbia. PROJECT HOPE is the unwavering commitment of ALS BC to support research with the ultimate goal of discovering the cause of and cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

At any given time, over 40 people are living in the Mid-Island region with ALS and are cared for by the ALS Society of BC – PROJECT HOPE.

ALS BC, in partnership with the Province of BC, has made a significant contribution of \$5.3M to establish a perpetuity-endowed trust to fund the ALS Society of BC Professorship in ALS Research at UBC. Our aim with the Professorship is to establish an ideal setting that merges research and clinical care. Our objective is to enhance clinical care by promoting advanced ALS research and treatment innovations at UBC. To achieve this, ALS BC has committed to donating an additional \$20M to UBC to support this ambitious goal. To date, over \$4M has been raised towards this goal. We hope that this commitment will benefit all Canadians who are affected by ALS, as well as those who have other neurodegenerative diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

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Dr. Erik P. Piore, MD, Ph.D., FRCPC, FAAN, an experienced senior clinician-scientist focusing on ALS, has been appointed to play a crucial role in advancing innovative treatment options for patients in British Columbia. His expertise and guidance will help establish the province as a leading center for ALS research nationally and internationally. Dr. Piore's work will ensure that patients in British Columbia have access to the latest clinical trials and enhanced care.

We request the City of Nanaimo to provide a letter of support for the ALS Society of BC – PROJECT HOPE.

I would be happy to attend a council meeting to speak to PROJECT HOPE if requested. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy Toyer, Chair ALS Society of BC - PROJECT HOPE



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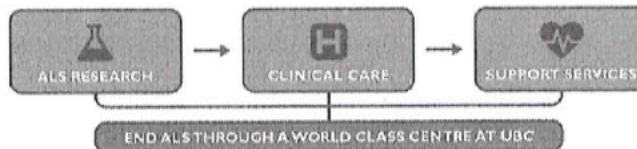
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Ms. Wendy Toyer, Chair
ALS Society of BC – PROJECT HOPE

Re: ALS Society of BC – PROJECT HOPE

Dear Ms. Toyer,

The City of Nanaimo appreciates the services provided by the ALS Society of BC to support ALS patients and family members to meet the physical and emotional needs of people living with ALS and their caregivers. The City of Nanaimo supports the efforts of the Society to enhance clinical care and to promote advanced ALS research and treatment innovations at UBC under the leadership of Dr Erik Pioro, ALS Society of BC Professorship in ALS research. We share the vision of creating a world class ALS Center at UBC.

The work being done by the ALS Society of BC through PROJECT HOPE is not only crucial for individuals and their families affected by Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), but it also represents a significant step forward in the fight against this devastating disease.

The City of Nanaimo is honoured to lend our support to this exciting initiative.

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