

GENERAL FUNDING GUIDELINES

Central City Foundation Mission Statement: Improving the lives of people in need in our inner city through social purpose investment in facilities and programs.

Geographic Scope: Vancouver's inner city neighbourhoods

Grant Range: The maximum allowable grant is \$30,000

Criteria: Preference will be given to organizations that are registered Canadian charities with Federal charitable tax numbers and are registered B.C. Societies. Grants are provided for small capital projects including grants to support construction, renovation and equipment purchases.

We focus our capital grants on three areas:

- **Prevention Programs focused on Children and Youth.** Central City Foundation provides capital grants to organizations that work with children and youth who are at risk or marginalized in our communities. These organizations are helping young people overcome many of the challenging conditions faced by residents and families in the Downtown Eastside and inner city including poverty, homelessness, hunger, lack of access to education and opportunities.
- **Programs to address urgent needs of people in the inner city.** Central City Foundation is committed to providing capital grants to organizations that focus on the day to day needs of some of our most vulnerable neighbours in the inner city including basic shelter, food and nutrition as well as support services.
- **Programs and initiatives supporting community transformation.** These capital grants support programs and organizations whose mission enhances the inner city community, by providing economic opportunity or other opportunities to transition to an improved situation for those in need in the inner city. Central City Foundation invests in community transformation in our inner city by supporting outcomes-based counselling programs, community support groups and social enterprises. We focus on social enterprises that create jobs, accessible goods and services and strengthen the sustainability of the non-profit sector, all of which promotes economic growth and revitalization of local economies.

For examples of recent grants please visit the Grants section of our website.

Limitations: Grants will not be awarded to political organizations, for deficit financing, ongoing operating funds, staffing costs, endowment funds, general fundraising campaigns, amateur sports, conferences, workshops or seminars.

Organizations may only apply for a grant from the Central City Foundation once a year.

Application Procedure:

1. Call us! Call the Foundation directly at 604.683.2263 to determine if your project meets the criteria and may qualify for a grant.
2. Submit a Letter of Intent. If it is determined that your project meets the criteria, you will be invited to submit a Letter of Intent. The deadlines for the Letters of Intent are March 15th for the May 1st Application deadline, and September 15th for the November 1st Application deadline.
3. Submit an Application. Upon review of your Letter of Intent, we will ask you to submit an Application if your project is deemed suitable. Application deadlines are twice per year on May 1st and November 1st. Please allow three to four weeks after the deadlines for evaluation and adjudication.

Please note that submitted materials become the property of the Central City Foundation and that requests for funding typically exceed grant limits.