

Deaf Community Foundation of BC

funding guidelines

ABOUT US

The Deaf Community Foundation of B.C. is a private foundation incorporated in 1999 to hold monies for safekeeping and earning for Deaf¹ British Columbians. The Foundation's primary objectives are to support, promote and encourage the development of projects that benefit Deaf British Columbians. The Foundation funded activities provide a service directly linked and related to the community, or initiatives allowing the community to address any issues affecting Deaf British Columbians.

OBJECTIVES

- to support and to promote the well-being of the Deaf;
- to contribute to the betterment and the enhancement of the social, cultural, and educational activities of the Deaf;
- to preserve and to promote Deaf heritage, culture, and language.

VALUES

The Deaf Foundation believes:

- in the cultural and linguistic preservation of Deafhood;
- in encouraging the development of volunteer opportunities for the enhancement of individual skills;
- in working partnerships that respect the dignity and independence of participants;
- in educating and working together to find strong and proactive solutions for the community's overall betterment and wellbeing;
- in supporting new and creative avenues addressing the needs of socio-economically disadvantaged Deaf individuals/groups.

FUNDING MAY BE GRANTED FOR:

- Arts and Culture
- Educational Workshops
- Health and Welfare
- Information Network
- Literacy
- Women's Issues
- Youth Activities
- Advocacy

WHO CAN APPLY

Associations with charitable registration numbers and other qualified applicant(s) under the Income Tax Act can apply for funding. Organizations who apply for funding must show fiscal responsibility, accountability and good management of their organization. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the board members should be Deaf. ***The Foundation does NOT award money to individuals for personal use.***

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

- Projects should be for the betterment and the enhancement of community.
- The organization should ensure that their project will use volunteers.
- The project should show that there is significant support from other multiple funding sources (including community and other agencies in the field).
- Deaf people who will benefit from the project should be involved in the development, the implementation, the execution, the completion and then the evaluation of the project.
- The organization should show respect for cultural diversity.
- Organizations must have at least 50% of their overall funding available from other sources when they apply to the Foundation.

Footnote: 1. The Foundation sees Deaf people as Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind individuals who use sign language as their main method of communication and who identify themselves as Deaf.

FUNDING WILL NOT BE GRANTED FOR:

- 100% of a project's costs;
- an organization's operational or core expenses;
- retroactive funding or any project's expenses incurred prior to the Foundation's decision date;
- projects based outside of BC;
- debt, retirement, or reserves; mortgage paydowns;
- corporate sponsored conferences and festivals, competitions, symposia, annual events, travel to/from or attendance at such events;
- fund-raising activities;
- office equipment and/or furniture (e.g. computers);
- activities of religious organizations;
- sabbatical leaves, student exchanges;
- medical facilities or equipment;
- amateur sports;
- library acquisitions, book publication;
- support for dissertation research;
- endowment grants;
- activities previously and presently supported through government funding.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

If your organization meets the requirements to apply for funding, complete the application form and send it to the Foundation at least 12 weeks prior your project's start date to allow time for the Foundation to review your application.

Applicants are invited to send their proposals any time throughout the year.

If the application form is incomplete, The Foundation *will not* accept your application. When your application is received, it will be evaluated by the Program Manager. After ensuring that your application meets all the appropriate criteria, it will in turn be reviewed by the Foundation directors for final decision. Within 12 weeks after the receipt of the application, you will receive written notice of the decision which may include the terms and conditions of any grant that has been awarded. The Foundation may contact you with further questions and/or clarifications regarding your application.

N.B. Submitted materials become the property of the Deaf Foundation. Final decisions on all grants rest with the Foundation and access to the Foundation's decisions is restricted.

The Foundation does not provide retroactive funding. All funded activities must begin after the decision date.

APPEAL PROCESS: Within three weeks from the date on the final written decision, an appeal can be filed to the Foundation.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the Program Manager via email at deaffoundationofbc@gmail.com or write to the following address:

The Deaf Foundation, 2134 West 32nd Avenue, Vancouver BC V6L 2A9