



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

**RURAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Thursday, March 7, 2019

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Cheryl Anderson, Manager of Administrative Services – Friends of the Smithers Public Library – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Newell and Rural Directors Committee

**FROM: Cheryl Anderson
Manager of Administrative Services**

DATE: March 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Friends of the Smithers Public Library – Request for Grant in Aid – Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural)

Attached is a request for Grant in Aid monies from the Friends of the Smithers Public Library.

The Society is seeking \$2,000 from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) grant in aid monies for costs associated with the Community Repair Café Program.

Director Fisher has indicated that he is supportive of the application.

RECOMMENDATION: (All/Directors/Majority)

“That the Rural Directors Committee recommend to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors that the Friends of the Smithers Public Library be given \$2,000 grant in aid monies from Electoral Area “A” (Smithers Rural) for costs associated with the Community Repair Café Program.”

Cheryl Anderson

From: Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako <inquiries@rdbn.bc.ca>
Sent: February 13, 2019 3:53 PM
To: Cheryl Anderson
Subject: New submission from "Grant in Aid Application"
Attachments: 5c64adef8c551-SPL Repair Cafe Financial_GrantInAid_Feb2019.pdf



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO
ELECTORAL AREA GRANT IN AID APPLICATION

APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:

Friends of the Smithers Public Library

Mailing Address:
PO Box 55, Smithers BC, V0J 2N0

Email: *erinleehart@gmail.com*
Contact Person: *Erin Hart, 778-210-2373*

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Project or purpose for which you require assistance:
Community Repair Café

Amount Requested: *\$2,000*

To the best of my knowledge, all of the information that is provided in this application is true and correct. Furthermore, I hereby certify that this application for assistance is NOT being made on behalf of an individual, industry, commercial or business undertaking.

Yes

(signature of authorized signatory) (title)

Signature of Electoral Area Director

Amount Approved: _____
Date: _____

APPLICATION PROFILE

Is your organization voluntary and non-profit?: **Yes**

Please describe the services/benefits that your organization provides to the community. Are these services/benefits available to the community from another organization or agency?

The Friends of the Smithers Library (FoSL) has a mission to foster public and corporate support for the Smithers Public Library (SPL) and its continued development; to promote knowledge, understanding and use of the Smithers Public Library services and knowledge of its needs; to encourage donations and bequests to the Library; to fund activities, programs and materials for the Library.

2018 activities included:

- *On-going support of children's programs, including Books for Babies, Lego Time, and Story Times*
- *Community outreach through the Bulkley Valley Exhibition and Trade Show*
- *Public events including book readings, info sessions, and Campfire Cookout and Sing-Along*
- *Successful Annual Book Sale with all funds raised going to new book acquisitions*

Describe the geographic area that receives services or benefits from your organization.

The programs and services made possible by the FoSL serve, via the Smithers Public Library, approximately 13,500 people.

The geographic area includes:

Smithers and Benefitting Area/Fire Protection District (7418)

RDBN Area "A" (5777)

Jean Baptiste 28 (5)

Witset (306)*

**Technically, Witset is in the Hazelton Public Library's catchment, however most patrons use the Smithers Public Library because of frequenting Smithers for various services.*

Please detail any remuneration paid, or funds otherwise made available to members, officers, etc. of your organization.:

Directors, officers, members and all volunteers receive no remuneration or financial benefit of any kind.

Please comment on the number of members/volunteers in your organization and how long your organization has been in operation.:

FoSL is a Registered Non-Profit (BC Charity/Society Incorp.# S-0044033). Date of incorporation is Dec. 18, 2001.

Officers/ directors: 3

Volunteers: 15

Individual members: 38

PROJECT PROPOSAL PROFILE

RDBN Assistance Requested:

other purpose

Other Assistance Requested:

Community Event Series

Please describe the proposal for which you are requesting assistance. If you are applying for an exemption from fees and/or charges or other consideration, please provide details or your request here. Attach additional information if required:

The FoSL proposes to fund a Smithers Public Library (SPL) program called the Repair Café. The concept originated in the Netherlands (repaircafe.org) and has successfully spread internationally.

The Repair Café provides space and opportunity for people to bring broken and non-working everyday items for repair, extending the life of consumer goods and reducing waste in our local transfer station. Types of repair possible include: small appliances and electronics, textiles, wood, metal and ceramic objects, musical instruments, and (as outdoor space becomes available in spring) possibly bicycles and small engines.

The model recruits volunteer, skilled handy-people to offer expertise, tools and guidance for individuals to make their own repairs and maintenance. The program is open to everyone and promotion will include outreach to youth, seniors and marginalized people.

FoSL requests \$2,000 to establish and run this program monthly at the Smithers Public Library, for six months (April to September). After the six events, the program's success and value to the community will be evaluated.

Describe how this proposal will benefit the community:

Anticipated benefits to the community include, and are certainly not limited to:

a. Waste reduction – Significant economic and far-reaching environmental benefits are immediate when household items are maintained in use and diverted from the regional transfer station.

b. Consumer education – The Repair Café provides supportive space for hands-on, engaged learning about how things work, how to fix, and how to keep working items in good condition. The human-helping-human model establishes a social and non-intimidating learning environment.

c. Individual empowerment – “Throw-away society” is a term often used to describe our collective, and consumers can feel powerless to change a large cultural trend. Deep satisfaction and increased confidence can come from making tangible improvements and repairs in our lives.

d. Community connection – The people-helping-people model is about human connection, conversation, peer-to-peer learning and weaving the fabric of social change.

e. Consumer culture-shift – Change happens in the small, every-day occurrences – the amount of refuse in our landfills can reduce one item at a time. Providing space for people to discuss issues as well as do something concrete to affect a change is a potent combination.

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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files Submitted:

5c64adef8c551-SPL Repair Cafe
Financial GrantInAid Feb2019.pdf

Have you applied for a grant/funding from other source(s)?:

Yes

If not, please comment.:

The Smithers Public Library has received grant funding from the Wetzin'Kwa Community Forest Corporation to support and implement adult programs in 2018-2019. This \$6,740 grant makes possible ALL of the Library's currently planned programs, and SPL will apply Wetzin'Kwa funds to the cost of staff wages to develop, promote and host the Community Repair Café.

Name of Grant or Funding Agency1:
Amount Applied for 1:
Status of Grant Application1:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency2:
Amount Applied for2:
Status of Grant Application2:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency3:
Amount Applied for3:
Status of Grant Application3:

Name of Grant or Funding Agency4:
Amount Applied for4:
Status of Grant Application4:

Have you received assistance before from us.
Year, Amount and Purpose for assistance
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Yes
2017 - \$1,500 - Summer Reading Club
2014 - \$350 – Beyond the Market grant, for some books/DVD /magazine materials on agriculture

Does your organization:

Offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families?:
Duplicate services that fall within the mandate of either: a senior government or a local service agency?:
Provide an opportunity for individuals to make direct contributions?:
OR, is your organization: Part of a provincial or national fund raising campaign?:

Yes