



ELECTORAL AREA GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION

Fraser Valley Regional District, 45950 Cheam Ave, Chilliwack BC, V2P 1N6

Applicant Name: Lydia Koot

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Contact:

Angelika Langen, (Northern Lights Wildlife society)

Name

Telephone/Fax Number

Statement as to eligibility to apply for Electoral Area Grant-In-Aid Funds (Please attach a separate sheet if required):

See attached

APPLICATION SUMMARY:

Project or purpose for which you require assistance (Please attach a separate sheet if required):

See attached

Statement as to how these funds will benefit the community or an aspect of the community (Please attach a separate sheet if required):

See attached

Amount of Grant Requested: \$ 2000.00

**Please note: grants over \$4,000 require a financial statement and/or report on the applicant to be provided with the application.

To the best of my knowledge, all 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.

Li Koot-Sunder
chair, Hope Mountain Black
Signature of Authorized Signatory and Title
Bear Committee

Amount Approved:

Date:

Signature of Electoral Area Director

Project/Purpose of funding request

Peter Adamo has requested public education- presentations, written materials for residents, renters and hikers due to the increasing number of Air B&Bs in the Sunshine Valley/Huckleberry developments. Appropriate materials would be utilized in Spuzzum, and most likely in Area A.

Identified products/costs:

1. \$200.00 for 100 plexi-glass double holders for bear/wildlife brochures for rental placements
2. \$400.00 for 100 plexi-glass sleeves for information sheets for double holders.
3. \$500.00 for 50 weatherproof containers for trail heads at Sunshine Valley ski area, Huckleberry, Skagit Valley, Spuzzum, Area A and other hiking trails.
4. \$ 500.00 for mileage
 - to above listed areas for continuing educational presentations/attending events as done in the past, new requests.
 - Area B- meeting with cleaners to refill stands; establish a central location for brochure storage/pick up.
5. \$400.00 for taxes, overruns.

Total= \$2000.00

Benefit to the Community

Goals of committee attained.

Local confidence in management/resolution of issues.

2025 Feb FVRD areas A&B GIA

Eligibility

The Hope Mountain Black Bear Committee is a community group that has been operating in Hope and surrounding areas for 14 years.

Its mission is to reduce the number of bears killed/cubs orphaned in residential areas due to human causes; to reduce the number of negative human-bear encounters; to increase knowledge/ appreciation of bears by the general public.

The committee has expanded to deal with other forms of wildlife who encounter the same issues.

In the past, the committee has applied for, and been granted, assistance from the FVRD, the Hope District Council, CLCCF.

Previous association with the Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning is being severed as our vision differs with their new system of administration.

Our committee membership has grown to include many surrounding communities/individuals/First Nations gatherings/schools who request assistance/training in fruit gleaning and its disbursement, management of problem fruit trees with pruning/electric fencing, bear encounters/use of bear spray, sound garbage practices/by-laws, cub rescue.

We have developed many educational brochures and pamphlets which are approved by Conservation Officers; obtained artifacts to aid these endeavours.

We have worked closely with Conservation Officers and followed their guidelines in our practices.

The Conservation Officers refer to the Chair to assess/report on to resolve local issues; do canvassing and follow up.

The committee acts as a resource for the by-law officers of Hope.

In January 2025, the Hope Mountain Black Bear Committee officially separated from the Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning.

On April 2, 2025 The Hope Mountain Black Bear Committee joined the Northern Lights Wildlife Society, a non-profit registered charity..

Lydia Koot, the committee chair, has been a Director on the NLWS board for three years.

Contact Information:

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Registered Charity # BN 87961518RR001

Cheque or money order may be made out to NLWS, Black Bear Committee