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FVRD Grant-in-Aid Application for: Deroche Farmers Market Society

The Deroche Farmers Market Society is a non-profit organization managed and operated by volunteers. We have retained our Board membership of 5 executives. Our Market has grown to include over 100 regular vendors with varying products from produce and baking to soaps and handcrafted arts.

In our 11th year we continue to provide our local communities of Deroche, Dewdney, Lake Errock and Harrison Mills with the opportunity to showcase and purchase local “make, bake and grow” items. Five years ago we launched a Junior Entrepreneur program to encourage the kids of our communities to showcase their creativity and hard work, we will continue to offer this opportunity as it has been successful with multiple applications. Our growing popularity has attracted vendors from all over the lower mainland and has become a favourite stop for many travellers. Being the small and unique community that we are, we feel that having this weekly market event will continue to provide an opportunity to develop both economically and socially.

The Deroche Farmers Market will run every Saturday from June 20th to Sept 5th, 2026 and will continue to comply with current Public Health Orders. We will also have one special event planned for May 9th.

Our main focus with the grant money this year will be adding to our advertising efforts as usual. We have a plan to replace damaged signage from last year, this is expected every year. With some of our equipment aging, we will need to replace another tent and some equipment required for the market. We would also like to replenish our stock of reusable shopping bags that are made with our logos. The bags will be sold as a fundraiser to further support the Markets weekly supply needs, they have been a huge success over the past few years, folks now come to get the new colour to add to their collection!

We would like to request aid in the amount of \$2325. This amount includes funds for the rental policy fee for use of the FVRD parking lot in Deroche.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

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