



GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION

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

Applicant Name: Chilliwack Community Arts Council

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

Please see attached Statement of eligibility

APPLICATION SUMMARY:

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

Please see attached project description.

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

Please see attached statement of funds usage.

Amount of Grant Requested: \$ 850.00

**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.

[Signature]
Executive Director
Signature of Authorized Signatory and Title

Amount Approved:

Date: _____

Signature of Electoral Area Director

Fraser Valley Regional District
Grant-in-Aid Application
March 27, 2018

Raku In The Valley – Pottery Glazing & Firing
Saturday, May 26, 2018
Thompson Regional Park

Statement of eligibility:

“The Chilliwack Community Arts Council is an umbrella organization whose purpose is to enrich the quality of life for the residents of Chilliwack by the effective use of resources and volunteers to encourage education and participation in the Arts.”

Founded in 1960, the Chilliwack Community Arts Council is a registered charitable organization and home to artists, crafters, and arts and cultural enthusiasts. The CCAC strives to offer support for individuals, groups, and organizations within the arts community, and host outreach arts and culture programs and activities in a variety of locations to promote the arts.

Project:

The CCAC has produced and hosted an annual **Raku In The Valley** event for the past three years. We are currently planning our fourth event for Saturday, May 26, 2018. This popular event features and celebrates local pottery artists and brings the art of Raku pottery making out into the community to those who may not normally have an opportunity to experience the creative process of Raku, in an area – The Chilliwack River Valley – where currently there are very few opportunities for community engagement through ceramic arts. The main focus of the event is an outdoor firing of small Raku clay pots after patrons have glazed them. Three local potters make the pots and the firing is done by Rainforest Pottery, based in Yarrow, BC. The event offers community participants and visitors the opportunity to delve into the glazing and firing processes, encouraging an appreciation of the art form.

The Chilliwack River Valley Volunteer Fire Department is on site for safety around the firing area. The fire department also hosts a hot dog barbeque to raise funds for the purchase of valuable equipment, ensuring their ability to provide vital services to the community.

Many visitors stay for the duration of the day to watch the firing and walk along the trail. We provide a market place for artisans to demonstrate and sell their handmade works of art, adding value to spending the day at Thompson Regional Park.

How these funds benefit the community:

In previous years, the CCAC has received sponsorship funding for this event through a local financial organization along with grant funding from FVRD. This year, however, the financial organization has elected to sponsor us in other areas in order to renew their sponsorship portfolio, and so we are asking the FVRD Grant-in-aid organization to help us ensure a successful event. As the CCAC is a non-profit society, we fundraise all year long to be able to provide access to the arts, including the event, ***Raku In The Valley***. We are requesting \$850 for the event and this will go towards the hiring of the locally-based FVRD contractor - Wild Fire Pottery Co. – who brings equipment on site to fire the clay pots - a cost of \$750. We are requesting an additional \$100 to cover the cost of either promotions and/or the permit costs for the use of the Thompson Regional Park as applied by FVRD.

This event is very unique for our electoral area and region and brings community members of all ages and demographics to a beautiful outdoor location just minutes from Vedder Crossing to discover Thompson Regional Park and the amenities around it. The event also promotes the work of artists, plus introduces community members to Raku pottery and how it is fired. Many engagement and business opportunities are created through this event as local artists and small business owners are hired and supported through revenue to share their craft and create an engaging event for visitors. Additionally, the local Volunteer Fire Department are able to raise funds for their own non-profit organization. For many who come to the event this will be their sole opportunity to engage in arts in the area and we feature events and activities for all members of the family. Through this event we are able to engage our local volunteers, and the event would not be possible without the support of these individuals and of sponsoring organizations, such as FVRD. People come from throughout the FVRD electoral area to attend this event and the vendors and artisans on display have an opportunity to share their products and art forms with visitors.

If you have any other questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration,

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