

Grant for Assistance Application



Cariboo Regional District
File No. 1850-20
South

SEP 28 2018

Referred To DCO

Organization Information Sheet

Name of Organization:	Eclectica Community Choir
Mailing Address:	Box 1006 100 Mile House, B.C. V0K 2E0
Telephone (office):	n/a
Purpose of Organization (From Constitution or Incorporation Documents):	To sing choral music
How long has the organization operated in the community?	Over 20 years
BC Society Registration Number:	n/a
Federal Charitable Registration Number: (if applicable)	n/a
Chairperson's name:	Margot Shaw
Telephone:	[REDACTED]
Treasurer or Financial Officer's name:	Walt Sherry
Telephone:	[REDACTED]

Date of last Annual General Meeting (Attach minutes and current list of Directors):

n/a

Attach the last financial statement prepared and signed by the appropriate person (i.e., CA, CGA, CMA, comptroller, bookkeeper, financial officer, treasurer, etc.).

Previous Year Grant from CRD and District (if applicable) \$ _____

NOTE: A Final Report for previous year's grant MUST be included with this submission.

Current Grant Amount Requested \$ 500.00

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1. What plans has your organization made to fund its activities over the next 3-5 years?

Our choir has been and will continue to be funded primarily through member registration. The \$25.00 per term is used to pay for rehearsal space, honorariums, membership in BC Choral Federation, advertising and new music. We rely on grants from the District of 100 Mile House and the Cariboo Regional District as well as the local branch of the Legion and the Arts Council to help fund insurance costs and rental costs for the performance venue, Martin Exeter Hall.

2. If your organization charges user fees/memberships/admission, attach your current fee structure.

We charge \$25.00 per semester per person. We have two semesters each year, fall (Sept.-Dec.) and spring (Jan-May). We do not charge admission to our concerts but admission is by donation to local charities.

3. What are your organization's specific goals and objectives for this year? How do they differ from previous years?

Our primary goal is to learn and sing choral music. We strive to present a quality choir to our community so others can enjoy a wide range of choral music. For our members, it is about singing together and growing our skills. For the community, it is about enjoying choral music. This has been the primary objective of Eclectica for many years.

Our secondary objective is to give back to the community we live in. We donate all proceeds from our concerts to local charities. We also sing at a fundraising event for the Williams Lake Hospital each year, helping to raise money for a hospital that many in 100 Mile House use. As well, we perform at the community Remembrance Day Service and July 1st. We have done this for many years and will continue to do so.

4. Who does your organization serve? (% of clients from District, % of clients from South Cariboo)

Our members come from both the District of 100 Mile House and the South Cariboo Regional District. Because our membership does not stay exactly the same each year, the ratio of District to Regional District changes each year. Usually, we have approximately 25% who live in town and the remaining 75% of our members live around the south Cariboo Regional District at 105, 103, 108, Lac La Hache, Lone Butte, Horse Lake and other South Cariboo communities.

5. Does your organization receive a rental subsidy from the CRD and/or District?

No

6. Does your organization receive any benefit from permissive tax exemption?

No

7. Does your organization use CRD or District owned facilities.

Yes. We use Martin Exeter Hall for our Christmas Concert in December and for our spring concert in May.

8. How will you indicate that the CRD and District are contributing to your organization?

The District and CRD logos are listed in all our concert programs as major supporters of our choir. We also include both in the announcements of our supporters at all concerts.

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Project Summary Sheet

Please answer the following question, using additional paper if necessary.

1. Brief Description of Proposed Use of Grant Being Applied For:

Our choir uses the grant money to pay for insurance for our choir. We also use some of the money to pay for membership in the Arts Council and BC Choral Federation.

2. How do you know there is a need for this service/project in our community?

Every community needs music. Singing in a choir promotes healthy bodies and healthy minds. In an age where many organizations are shrinking and memberships are falling, we have over fifty people sign up for choir every semester.

3. Is your agency applying for funds from other levels of government or other sources for this project?

We do not apply for funds from other levels of government. We do apply for funds from the Royal Canadian Legion and the Arts Council each year.

4. Would you still be able to complete the project if you do not receive the other funds available?

We would be able to run choir without the other grants but we would probably look for outside donations to fund the other cost such as rent for Martin Exeter Hall and advertising for the choir registration and concerts.

5. Please describe the impact of this application being denied or approval of an amount less than required.

If we did not receive a grant from the District and CRD, we would have to use more of the registration money to pay for insurance, rehearsal space rental and fees for membership in BC Choral Federation. This would mean very little money would be available to purchase new music. New music is essential to the further development of choral skills for our members. Without new music, it is very difficult to stretch and grow the singers.

6. Start date of the project: September and January

End date of project: December and May

7. Please describe the key activities that will take place to complete the project and any associated timelines.

First semester begins in September and runs until the Christmas Concert in December. As well as the concert, we perform at the Remembrance Day Service at the Community Hall and then perform at Fischer Place/Millsite Lodge and Carefree Manor in the afternoon.

Second semester begins in January and runs until the Spring Concert in May. As well as the concert, we perform at the Parade of Choirs in March and the 100 Mile Festival of the Arts in April.

Because our semester ends in May, a slightly smaller group rehearses in June and performs at the July 1st celebrations each year.

Every second year, the Choir Planning Team tries to organize a workshop. We try to bring in a choral clinician to work with our choir to further stretch and grow our skills. We access BC Choral Federation to help cover the costs associated with these workshops. In the past we have had singers from Kamloops, Williams Lake, and Ashcroft attend our workshops.

8. Please provide a detailed financial budget for the project.

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9. Please explain how you will measure and evaluate the impact of this project on the community. How will you determine if it was successful?

If community members attend our concerts and we raise money for the charities then we have been successful in accomplishing our second goal of giving back to our community.

As for our first goal of learning and singing choral music, that is harder to measure. The only way to know if we are succeeding is if people return to sing again in the choir. So far, this has been true.

THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Chairperson of the Eclectica Planning Team.

Chairperson of the Eclectica Planning Team

Eclectica Choir's 2017-2018

Eclectica Choir is a wholly volunteer organization. Many people dedicate their time and energy to ensure that the choir continues. Last year was an extremely busy and rewarding time for Eclectica Choir. Under the experienced leadership of Marilyn Buyar and a team of directors, we tackled some of the most challenging music our choir has sung in the past five years. We really stretched our abilities. In the fall semester, we performed at Remembrance Day, including visiting Fischer Place and Carefree Manor. And we also held our annual Christmas Concert in benefit of the local food banks.

We also took on the extra task of sponsoring a choral workshop with Adam Conn, an internationally renowned music educator. Our choir hosted approximately 100 people at the workshop held at Creekside Centre. As well as most of our choir, participants came from Kamloops, Ashcroft, Williams Lake and Quesnel. It was thrilling to bring a clinician of Dr. Conn's expertise to the Cariboo. Registration fees and support from BC Choral Federation covered almost all the costs for the workshop.

During our spring term, we performed at the annual Parade of Choirs in Williams Lake and at the 100 Mile House Festival of the Arts. Our final concert in May was a benefit in support of the Hospital Auxiliary and Fischer Place/Mill Site Lodge Auxiliary.

Eclectica Choir 2017-2018


We have been very fortunate to have Marilyn Buyar as our director for the past five years. She has stepped down and we were unable to find another director ready and able to fill her shoes. We are instead having a team of directors assume the duties this year. Barb Hooper has stepped up to become the leader of the directors. Melissa Hermiston, Wally Hargrave and Dennis Tupman have all become part of the directors' team. Barb Hooper and Melissa Hermiston are relatively new to directing the planning team felt it was important to help the new directors as much as possible. We gave Barb some financial assistance to help with the costs of attending a director's workshop in Victoria this summer. We also want to support Melissa to help her go to a workshop in Prince George. We feel it is very important to the continuation of the choir to support and develop directors. The money given to the directors to help with the costs of the workshops comes out of our general revenues. We were fortunate that we had some extra resources as some of our operating costs were reduced last year. With the return of Martin Exeter Hall for our Christmas concert, we expect our expenses to go up from last year.

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Eclectica Community Choir
Financial Report
 September 2017 through August 2018

Sep '17 - Aug '18

Income	
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Donations	926.03
Grants	1,375.00
Membership	2,725.00
Music Donation Can	29.30
Training CDs	670.00
Workshop	
Grants	206.16
Registrations	3,622.00
Total Workshop	3,828.16
Total Income	9,553.49
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Expense	
Expenses	
Advertising	410.00
Bank Charges	103.00
Fees, Dues, Memberships	167.78
Gifts/Honorariums	1,101.35
Insurance	425.00
Miscellaneous	675.00
Music	1,792.59
Office Supplies	25.67
Postage	17.85
Printing	147.69
Rehearsal Space	700.00
Training CDs	60.00
Venue Rental	813.75
Workshops	
Accommodation	140.12
Accompanist	125.00
Airfare	437.65
Clinician Fee	1,000.00
Food Cost	897.83
Music	402.00
Piano Tuning	175.00
Stationary/Postage	31.19
Venue Rental	170.00
Total Workshops	3,378.79
Total Expenses	9,818.47
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00
Total Expense	9,818.47
Net Income	-264.98

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Eclectica Community Choir
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2018

	<u>Aug 31, '18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Petty Cash	86.30
Williams Lake Credit Union	1,041.35
WLCU Equity Shares	30.00
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>1,157.65</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,157.65</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,157.65</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>0.00</u>

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