

WILLIAMS LAKE PRIDE SOCIETY
WILLIAMS LAKE, BRITISH COLUMBIA



March 31, 2019

Attn: Lore Schick
Cariboo Regional District
Suite D - 180 N Third Avenue
Williams Lake, BC V2G 2A4

Re: Williams Lake Pride Grant for Assistance

Dear Ms. Schick,

On behalf of the Williams Lake Pride Society (WLPS), I would like to thank the Cariboo Regional District for our recently received Grant for Assistance. Without the support and assistance of local organizations, associations, and businesses, we would not be able to run accessible LGBTQ+ initiatives and events.

The Grant for Assistance application that we submitted was specific to our CampOUT! in the Cariboo youth camp that took place from March 15-17, 2019. All of the funds received from the CRD, for a total of \$1000.00, were used to support this event. Of the assistance grant, \$450.00 was used to pay for one night at Gavin Lake Forestry Camp, \$350.00 was used to purchase event insurance, and the remaining \$200.00 was used for camp supplies including paint canvases, journals, t-shirts, and other craft supplies.

Thanks to your support, CampOUT! in the Cariboo was a huge success. This event marked the first-ever LGBTQ+ youth camp to take place in British Columbia, north of the Lower Mainland area. We had youth from Williams Lake, Quesnel, and Prince George in attendance. Events like CampOUT! are important as they allow LGBTQ+ youth to connect with local community mental health and well-being resources, as well as to social-support and peer group networks in the Cariboo. These kinds of connections are important for LGBTQ+ youth, who are statistically four times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers.

Following our receipt of the funding confirmation letter on March 7, 2019, the Williams Lake Pride Society officially listed the Cariboo Regional District as a sponsor of the CampOUT! event. We posted a public list of sponsors via our Facebook page, and had a list of sponsors displayed during each day of our weekend event at the Gavin Lake Forestry Camp. We will continue to promote the contribution of the CRD in all discussions pertaining the CampOUT! event.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about our CampOUT! in the Cariboo event. On behalf of the Williams Lake Pride Society, I again extend our thanks for CRD's contribution – it is a great feeling to be part of such a wonderful community!

Sincerely,

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