



Grant for Assistance Application – Central Cariboo

Cariboo Regional District
 File No. 1850-20
 Central
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Organization Information Sheet

Name of Organization: New Horizons Society for Autism & Special Needs	
Mailing Address: 160 A Oliver Street, Williams Lake, BC V2G 1L8	
Telephone (office): (250)392-3376	email: newhorizonsociety2020@gmail.com
Purpose of Organization: The Society's purpose is to: a. Create an innovative, secure, and inclusive community of support for children, youth and adults living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Neurological and/or Physical disabilities, so that those who are differently-abled may reach their full potential. b. Provide parents/caregivers and families of children, youth and adults living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and Neurological and/or Physical disabilities with support, training and advocacy so their families may reach their full potential.	
How long has the organization operated in the community? The organization began in September 2019 under another non-profit organization from Kamloops. New Horizons Society for Autism & Special Needs became its own society in December 2019 and open the organization as such in January 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see attached document explaining the reasons for the change. 	
BC Society Registration Number: S-0072440	
Federal Charitable Registration Number: (if applicable) N/A	
Chairperson's name: Crystal Turatus	
Telephone: (250) 392-3376 (office) [REDACTED] (cell) email: [REDACTED]	
Treasurer or Financial Officer's name: Jennifer Pantanetti	
Telephone: [REDACTED]	email: [REDACTED]

Annual General Meeting: Date of your last AGM_

Our inaugural board consists of volunteer community members representing various backgrounds devoted to children with Autism & Special Needs and non-profit. Our first official AGM will be December 19, 2020.

List of Directors:

Board of Directors of New Horizons Society for Autism & Special Needs		
First Name	Last Name	Position
Crystal	Turatus	President/Chair
Jennifer	Pantanetti	Treasurer
Ashlee	Hyde	Secretary
Krista	Harvey	Director – at large
Alexandra	Vrzal	Director – at large
Dwayne	Davis	Vise President
Non-Board member		
Elizabeth (Betty)	Turatus	Executive Director



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

Previous Grant from CRD: Please indicate the amount of your previous grant from the CRD (if applicable) \$ N/A

A Final Report for your last grant received MUST be included with this submission, if not previously submitted.

Current Grant Requested from CRD \$ 10,483.33



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

1. What plans has your organization made to fund its activities over the next 3-5 years?
Our funding is currently provided by membership and administration fees; individual's session fees; program fees, grants, sponsorships and fundraising. We try our best to keep the cost of our services as low as is feasible so the children can receive as much assistance as possible.

The process is underway for the organization to open a Community Child Care facility in January 2021. The building we have acquired will provide space for childcare for 24 - 0 to 30 months, 24 -30 months (2.5) to school age, and 24- kindergarten to 12 years of age in an afterschool program. These spaces will be reserved as: 50% of these spaces will be reserved for children with special needs, 25% of the spaces will be for neurotypical ("normal") children and 25% of the spaces for the New Horizons' childcare and office staff and students enrolled in the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) and Behavioural Interventionist programs. The building will also provide revenue rental to other community organizations.

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

Memberships: Over 6- \$35/month; Under 6 -\$60/month; and Homeschool/Unschool- \$85/month.

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

Our organization's specific goals and objectives for 2021 is to have the childcare operational to full capacity, increase Awareness of Autism and other diverse needs within our communities and continue to support these vulnerable people and their families.

4. Who does your organization serve?

Our organization serves the communities surrounding Williams Lake including south of 100 Mile House and north towards Quesnel. We provide services to anyone that requires support for themselves or a family member, from 0 to 99+ years, whether they are diversely-abled or not.

5. Does your organization receive a rental subsidy from the CRD? If so, how much? **No**

6. Does your organization receive any benefit from permissive tax exemption, and if so, how much? **No**

7. Does your organization use CRD owned facilities? If so, which ones? **We utilize the Library and the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Centre for some of our programs (when they are available.**



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8. How will you indicate that the CRD is contributing to your organization?

As long standing members of the community, our board of directors, understand the demands on businesses and the local governing organizations to support the various activities in our region. In exchange for your support of the First Responder Autism Awareness Training Program, we would be pleased to display your logo in our storefront window; on our website and Facebook page; and in the main office area for a minimum of one year as well on any promotional materials for this program.



Project Summary Sheet

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

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

We are proposing to use the requested funds to provide any “First Responder”; volunteer Fire Departments, Search & Rescuers, Ambulance Attendants and Police Officers; with the tools to understand the needs and help a person with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other diversely-able people, in the event of a traumatic incident, e.g. vehicle accident, fire, lost, etc. Canucks Autism Network (CAN) has a program that supports the first responder community by providing training that aims to increase confidence and effectiveness of responses in situations involving an individual with autism.

We had intended to bring the in-person training to our area in April of 2020, however the pandemic interfered. CAN now provides the training Live through ZOOM so each First Responder “cohort” can still receive the training but in a smaller group setting such as their own training facility. Or we can make arrangement to use New Horizons Society or another facility, if they do not have online capabilities at their units’ location.

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

I. Statically individuals with autism are seven times more likely to interact with first responders, than a Neurotypical person.

II. Roughly half, or 48%, of children with an ASD attempt to elope from a safe environment, a rate nearly four times higher than their unaffected siblings

III. More than one third of ASD children who wander/elope are never or rarely able to communicate their name, address, or phone number

IV. Drowning is among the leading causes of death of individuals with autism.

V. When we originally opened under the other organization a number of members of the Central Cariboo Search & Rescue, 150 Mile Fire Department and the Williams Lake Fire Department had asked for information on how to handle situations with children with Autism.

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

We are requesting funds from South Cariboo –District of 100 Mile House and Quesnel Community Foundations, Vancouver Foundation, Prince George Community Foundation (both these foundations receive funds to distribute to other regions in the province).



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4. Would you still be able to complete the project if you do not receive the other funds applied for?
If funds applied for are not received. we may need to charge the individual participants registration fee; we would only do this once we exhausted other funding avenues such as local businesses.

5. Please describe the impact of this application being denied or approval of an amount less than requested.
As mentioned above, if this application is denied then other means of funding would need to be explored. If funding in general was unavailable first responders would continue to do their best when faced with someone with Autism.

6. Start date of the project:
As soon as Funding is secured

7. End date for the project:
Goal is to have First Responder cohorts trained by end of May 2021.

8. Please describe the key activities that will take place to complete the project and any associated timelines.
**November/December – New Horizons staff contact each First Responder cohort
 December- New Horizons – books Trainings with CAN
 January to May – Training via ZOOM takes place**

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

First Responder Awareness Training Program				
2021 Purposed Budget				
Program Coordinator	\$22	140	\$ 3,036.60	140 hours over the duration of the project with the bulk of hours at the beginning.
Live Stream CAN Training	\$500	13	\$ 6,500.00	3 CRD Volunteer Fire Departments, City of Williams Lake Volunteer Fire Department, 7 Independent Volunteer Fire Departments Central Cariboo SAR West Chilcotin SAR
Promotion/Advertising			\$ 498.28	Newspaper, Radio, Posters, signage
Project administration			\$ 448.45	Telephone/Internet; Copying/printing; postage; bookkeeping
Total Project budget			\$ 10,483.33	



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

This project will be difficult to measure and evaluate the direct impact on the communities but if the training increases the confidence and effectiveness of responses in situations involving an individual with autism by one first responder, then the project is a success.

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

[Redacted Signature]

President/Chairperson

New Horizons Society for Autism and Special Needs

Balance Sheet

As of 27 September 2020

2020-09-27

Accrual Basis

	<u>27 Sep 20</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
New Horizons Society for Autism	58,173.47
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>58,173.47</u>
Accounts Receivable	
11400 · Grants Receivable	-72,544.42
2020002 · DAPO	7,701.38
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-64,843.04</u>
Other Current Assets	
12000 · Undeposited Funds	8,977.50
Total Other Current Assets	<u>8,977.50</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,307.93</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
24100 · Salaries Payable	-35,110.43
25400 · Loans from Officers, Directors	-1,704.82
25500 · GST/HST Payable	364.28
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-36,450.97</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-36,450.97</u>
Long Term Liabilities	
27100 · Notes, Mortgages, and Leases	-21,340.22
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>-21,340.22</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-57,791.19</u>
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	15.00
Net Income	60,084.12
Total Equity	<u>60,099.12</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>2,307.93</u></u>

New Horizons Society for Autism and Special Needs

Profit & Loss

2020-09-27

1 January through 27 September 2020

Accrual Basis

	1 Jan - 27 Sep 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43410 · Corporate Contributions	5,250.00
Total 43400 · Direct Public Support	5,250.00
46400 · Other Types of Income	
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	
464301 · Temporary Loan	540.00
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue - Other	42.96
Total 46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	582.96
46400 · Other Types of Income - Other	850.00
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	1,432.96
4640010 · Fundraising	1,000.00
47200 · Program Income	
47240 · Program Service Fees	
472402 · Homeschooling	22,225.30
47241 · Behavioural Intervention	29,530.47
47240 · Program Service Fees - Other	4,155.00
Total 47240 · Program Service Fees	55,910.77
47200 · Program Income - Other	545.00
Total 47200 · Program Income	56,455.77
Total Income	64,138.73
Expense	
0000 · voided cheque	0.00
62100 · Contract Services	
621001 · janitorial	1,030.61
621501 · Behaviour Consultant	2,722.50
Total 62100 · Contract Services	3,753.11
62800 · Facilities and Equipment	
328001 · Renovations	1,971.76
628001 · Office Furniture	240.00
6280010 · Cleaning & Maintenance Supplies	391.95
62890 · Rent, Parking, Utilities	1,111.15
62800 · Facilities and Equipment - Other	107.10
Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment	3,821.96
65000 · Operations	
6500015 · Memberships	135.35
650005 · Promotional	473.76
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	150.00
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	92.00
65040 · Supplies	170.51
65000 · Operations - Other	122.08
Total 65000 · Operations	1,143.70
65060 · Programs	
650601 · Program Supplies	
6506005 · Building Independence Supplies	39.17
6506011 · Program Supplies Homeschool	-2,819.67
6506020 · Storage	209.38
650601 · Program Supplies - Other	1,491.92
Total 650601 · Program Supplies	-1,079.20

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Profit & Loss

1 January through 27 September 2020

	1 Jan - 27 Sep 20
6506015 · Program design	262.22
6506030 · Lending Library	150.33
650620 · Sports & Recreation Programs	846.00
Total 65060 · Programs	179.35
65100 · Other Types of Expenses	
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	676.59
65160 · Other Costs	
651601 · Bank cheque printing	29.00
6516013 · Bank Service Fees	144.39
651602 · NSF	-5,693.49
Total 65160 · Other Costs	-5,520.10
Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses	-4,843.51
Total Expense	4,054.61
Net Ordinary Income	60,084.12
Net Income	60,084.12



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April of 2019, Crystal Turatus, required a Behavioural Consultant for her 3-year-old newly diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) child. She obtained one in Kamloops, BC, at New Heights Autism Support Society (NHASS). After discussing the limited resources and support in Williams Lake and the surrounding communities, Crystal agreed, in August 2019, to help the Behavioural Consultant (BC) open an office similar to the one in Kamloops, in Williams Lake.

As the office was being set up in September, inquires were already being made of the services being provided by NHASS. On October 17th, 2019, the organization held a Soft Opening of its Outreach Office in Williams Lake to work parallel and collaborate with other like-minded organizations in the Williams Lake community and beyond. Based on the information gathered from parents/caregivers, community professionals and like-minded organizations that attended the soft opening, the Outreach Office begun its plan of action.

By the end of October 2019, there were 39 children registered at NHASS. The Kamloops organization was not prepared for the volume of need in Williams Lake, and surrounding communities and 100 Mile House area. Unbeknown to Crystal, NHASS was issues with their staff and could/would not provide appropriate financials required by the Grant Writer. In November 2019, NHASS decided not to continue in Williams Lake.

By this time the community had embraced the concept of the Outreach office and the services it was offering. Crystal and her mother, Betty, decided to continue the concept under a new not-for-profit society. They were able to gather community members to become a diverse Board of Directors. On December 19, 2019, New Horizons Society for Autism & Special Needs became an incorporated Society in the province of British Columbia. On January 6, 2020, New Horizons Society for Autism & Special Needs officially opened.

Between November, 2019, when New Heights Autism Support Society removed themselves from the community and January 2020, when New Horizons Society for Autism & Special Needs officially became opened, services to the parents and children continued under New Horizons Society for Autism & Special Needs.

In essence, the clients from September and October 2020, have always been served by Crystal, Betty and their team just under a different name. Unfortunately, as the financials were held under NHASS until we could get all the official paperwork together, New Horizons Society does not have past financials.

We also do not have official AGM meeting minutes as the inaugural board has been setting the organization up from scratch. Our first AGM is scheduled for December 19, 2020.

September 1, 2020:

New Horizons Society now has 151 clients that we provide support to. This support includes Parent Navigating – helping parents navigate the system of assessment, service providers and funding portals; Building Independence Programs – working with qualified Behavioural Consultants, Speech & Languages Pathologists, Occupational Therapists on the clients Behavioural Intervention Plans; Tutoring and Special Needs Advocating and homeschooling supports.

We now employ 10 employees: Behavioural Interventionists, Educational Assistants, Tutors, Education Coordinator and 3 Program coordinators. This number will increase when we open our Child Care & Learning Centre in January 2021. The Child Care & Learning Centre is designed for 50% Special Needs children, 25% Neurotypical children and 25% ECE and Staff of the childcare and office of New Horizons Society and students enrolled in either the Early Childhood Educator or Behavioural Interventionist programs- online or in person.

Clients are referred to us from: Ministry of Children and Family Development; Autism BC; Family Support Institute of BC, Learning Disabilities Association of BC; Axis Family Resources; Maranatha Christian School; Sacred Heart Catholic School, School District 27, Interior Health and Interior Health Children's Assessment Network.