Grants for Assistance Application



South Cariboo and District of 100 Mile House

Wednesday September 29th 2021 1:41 PM

Referred To

Name of Organization: Gateways Services for Families with Special Needs Society

Mailing Address: Box 7 #6-530 Horse Lake Rd V0K2E3

Telephone (office): 250-706-2869 email: gatewaysservices2021@gmail.com

Purpose of Organization: Services provider for special needs children ages 6 to 18 year of age. We provide EA (educational Assistants), BI (behavioral intervention), group programs for social skills, daily life skills and teaching independent living. To help navigate parents through the process of diagnosis, first steps of intervention and long term planning.

How long has the organization operated in the community? 1 year

BC Society Registration Number: <u>S0073120</u>

Federal Charitable Registration Number:

Chairperson's name: MJ Cousins

Telephone: email:

Treasurer or Financial Officer's name: Peggy Archer

Telephone: email:

Date of your last Annual General Meeting (AGM): 8/11/2021

Previous Grant from CRD amount: \$ N/A

Current Grant Requested from CRD: \$ \$8640

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

Recruit up to 10 clients that receive government funding to access child support programs and family respite. Recruit up to 6 funded home school special needs clients. Fundraise locally by participating in local markets selling food items (popcorn, hot dogs as examples) and items made by the children (soaps, bath products as examples). Fundraising activities also promotes the society throughout the community. Approach both Autism BC and Autism Canada for funding support. Ongoing grant applications. Offering

space to a homeschool out of Kamloops for their kids to have a work/school space. Gateways Society is partnered with a local parents support group that meets monthly.

- 2. If your organization charges user fees/memberships/admission, attach your current fee structure.
- 3. What are your organization's specific goals and objectives for this year? How do they differ from previous years?

Overall: We are focusing on helping more special needs children in families that receive no funding or are underfunded. Specifically: 1. Provide support and programming to 6 special needs children who are either underfunded or have no funding available to them nor to their families 2. Provide support and programming to an additional 1 child with Autism diagnosis 3. Assist parents of special needs children navigate the challenging mental health services system 4. Use Zoom and other online applications to access services not available locally Previously Gateways has only been able to focus on supporting government funded clients and as such clients that have diagnosis that don't have funding miss out on a lot of support. Some examples that are not Funded: -Sotos Syndrome -Downs Syndrome -ADHD,ADD,ODD, undiagnosed Autism -Mental Health issues such as BI-Polar, mood disorder

4. Who does your organization serve?

We serve all special needs children in the community from the ages 6 to 18 years of age in the South Cariboo region.

5. Does your organization receive a rental subsidy from the CRD? No

If so, how much? \$

6. Does your organization receive any benefit from permissive tax exemption? $\underline{\text{No}}$

If so, how much? \$

7. Does your organization use CRD owned facilities? No.

If so, which ones?

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

Gateways Services will include "funded by CRD" in all advertisements for this project as well as all social media and the local paper.

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

Gateways Services will develop a GO (Gate Open) program funded by this grant. The name 'gate open' reflects the main value of our society and it's Board of Directors. Gateways is an inclusive organization. We continually strive to involve and serve well as many children in need as we possibly can. The funds provided by this grant will allow Gateways Services to include the non-funded special needs children in all our programming and activities including a social activity group. It will be a fun supervised community interaction and a life skill program centered around the local area and local businesses. All Gateways Services activities aim to teach special needs children how to thrive in our district.

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

As a special needs service provider and, most importantly, parents of special needs children, we see the under funded and non funded children who make up a good portion of this community. The strain on MCFD(Ministry of Children and Family Development), CYSN (Children and Youth with Special Needs) and Axis Family Recourses is considerable. It is a challenge to provide adequate services & support for all the needs of these individuals. Wait times are years long. We see the school system struggling to provide consistent therapy and support for these children. Our lived experience suggests these young people are falling through the cracks of a already strained system.

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

No

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

No

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

If we are denied we could only provide two spots to underfunded/non funded children. If approved for less we would just adjust the number of children we can service.

- 6. Start date of the project: 11/13/2021 End date for the project: 5/28/2022
- 7. Please describe the key activities that will take place to complete the project and any associated timelines.

The key activities for this program are group movie nights in association with the local movie theater, bowling nights at the local bowing ally, we have in house art projects, out door activities with in the community, Christmas activities and swimming at the local Spruce Hill Resort pool. The program will run every second week for 3 hours for 6 months/12 weeks.

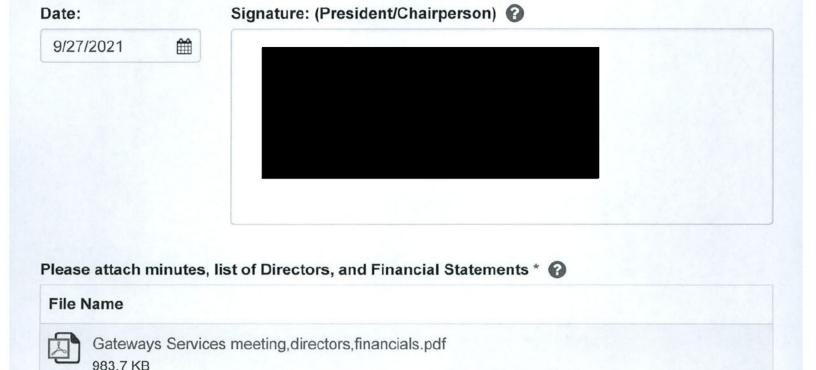
8. Please provide a detailed financial budget for the project.

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

A key success measure: Gateway meets its target goal of adding 6 under funded/non funded special need children to our programs & services Solicit monthly feedback & project input from the families to ensure GO is meeting their expectations, through regular emails supplemented by phone calls to maintain an open communication with parents Feedback emails will ask: Is GO providing support in a considerate and empathetic manner so that your child is comfortable joining in? Does your child enjoy Gateways' GO program overall? Do you see any changes in your child (positive or negative) as a result of participating in the GO program? How can Gateways improve the GO program to better serve your family and your child? Does the frequency of program activities meet your needs? Comments on transportation to outside activities? Is your child comfortable with this? Focus will be on improvement in the specific issues of mental health, reduced financial pressure on families and effective respite for primary caregivers. Ask the client children how they feel the program is working for them. Happy Kids= Happy Home

I confirm: *

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



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

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

File Name



Info on memberships user fees etc.docx (1).pdf 50.1 KB

Please provide a detailed financial budget for the project. *

File Name



GO Financial breakdown - Sheet1.pdf 49.8 KB

	GO PROGRAM	
	GRANT PROJECT	
REVENUE		
		\$8,640.00
EXPENSES		
GO program support worker/session, 2 workers \$15 each/hr		\$6,480.00
Activity Costs		
bowling price	\$360.00	
movie price	\$360.00	
in house Activites price	\$360.00	
pool	\$180.00	
Food- pizza, drinks, treats	\$500.00	
Client transportation (gas)	\$400.00	
Total Activities Expense		\$2,160.00
	Total Program Expense	\$8,640.00

Gateways Services For Families With Special Needs Membership and User Fees

Gateways Services has Clients that are Funded through Autism funding and other government funding. these clients pay as followed:

Monthly membership: \$40/month

(access to wifi, parent support, access to the facilities when needed)

Program fee: \$35/hour

(\$20 for Support Work Contractors, \$15 for program costs)

For unfunded children (supported by this grant)

No membership fee

Monthly Program fee:

\$40/hour

(for 3 hours weekly for 2 support workers and program expenses)

See detailed project financial budget, attached.

Gateways Services for Families with Special Needs

Annual General Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021

5:00 pm on Zoom

1 Call to order: M-J Cousins called the inaugural meeting of the Gateways Services Society to order at 5:00 pm by Zoom.

In attendance: Peggy Archer, M-J Cousins, Roline Sims, Marcela Sindelar and Shauna Shupe

2 Approval of Agenda:

Moved that the agenda as presented be approved. CARRIED

3 Previous AGM Minutes

No previous minutes to review

4 Elections:

Directors standing for office in 2021-2022:

Peggy Archer

Roline Sims

M-J Cousins

Marcela Sindelar

Motion to accept the list of Directors: Moved by Roline Sims

Seconded by Peggy Archer

CARRIED

5 Selection of Executive

Directors standing for 2 executive Positions:

a.i Chair: M-J Cousins

a.ii Treasurer: Peggy Archer

Motion to accept nominees for Executive positions:

Moved by Roline Sims Seconded by Marcela Sindelar CARRIED

6 Selection of Office Coordinator

Motion to appoint Shauna Shupe as Office Coordinator

Moved by Peggy Archer

Seconded by Roline Sims CARRIED

It was agreed that the Office Coordinator provide an activity report monthly to the Executive.

- 7 Financial Report
 - 7.a No financial statement to report as there has been no financial activity to date.
 - 7.b Agreement to set up a Gateways Services for Families with Special Needs Society bank account with CIBC in 100 Mile House. Signing procedure discussed. Peggy Archer will contact Lori Jensen at the bank to arrange for Directors to sign all documents required.
 - 7.c Two Account signatories needed.

<u>Motion</u> to appoint Shauna Shupe, Office Coordinator and Peggy Archer, Treasurer as Gateways bank account signatories.

Moved: M-J Cousins Seconded: Roline Sims CARRIED

8 Board Meeting Schedule 2021-2022

It was agreed that the Board meet 4 times per year. The next Board meeting will be held in January 2022. At that time the year end financial statement will be provided to Directors and dates for the next three meetings will be set.

9 Office Lease

Gateways has an opportunity to lease office space at #6 – 530 Horse Lake Road, 100 Mile House. The mailing address will remain PO Box 2302, 5161 Perkins Road, 100 Mile House BC VOK 2E0.

10 Other Business

No other business to be discussed

11 Adjournment:

M-J Cousins thanks all participants for attending. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm

Board Of Directors Information For Gateways Services for Families with Special Needs
Society

M-J Cousins

Chair

Peggy Archer

treasurer

Roline Sims

Member

Marcela Sindelar

Member

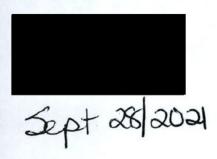
Incorporation Number: S0073120 Business Number: 73582 8535 BC0001

Balance Sheet

Gateways Services For Families With Special Needs

As of Sep 30, 2021

ACCOUNTS		Sep 30, 2021
Assets		
Total Cash and Bank		\$733.08
Total Other Current Assets		\$1,000.00
Total Long-term Assets		\$0.00
Total Assets		\$1,733.08
Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities		\$123.73
Total Long-term Liabilities	4 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$0.00
Total Liabilities		\$123.73
Equity		
Total Other Equity		\$0.00
Total Retained Earnings		\$1,609.35
Total Equity		\$1,609.35



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