

September 28, 2023

**Cariboo Regional District**

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**District of 100 Mile House**

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**Re: Report on Previous Grant for Assistance**

On behalf of Eclectica Community Choir, I would like to thank both the District of 100 Mile and the Cariboo Regional District for your Grant for Assistance for the 2022-2023 choir season. The \$500.00 provided helped Eclectica get started again after the two and a half year shut down that essentially depleted our limited reserves. The money the Districts provided us last season helped cover the costs of rehearsal space, music performance fees, insurance, and membership in the BC Choral Federation and 100 Mile Arts Council.

We are a volunteer organization dedicated to bringing a choir and choral music to 100 Mile and the surrounding areas. Last season, we had 28 singers from 100 Mile and all over the Cariboo Regional District. Most of these people have returned to choir this fall and have encouraged new members to join. We believe this speaks clearly to the success of the choir.

While we did not have any public performances in our fall semester last year, we were able to perform in our second semester. In conjunction with choirs from Williams Lake and Quesnel, we performed at a benefit concert for the Regional Hospital in Williams Lake. We participated in the 100 Mile Festival of the Arts as well as our own spring concert to raise money for the Hospital Auxiliaries here in 100 Mile. At our spring concert, we acknowledged both the District of 100 Mile and the Cariboo Regional District for their ongoing financial support both in announcements and in our concert program. After our regular season, a small group from the choir sang at the July 1 celebrations at the 108 Heritage Site. We continue to look for ways to benefit our communities.

We only performed in the second semester, so we only rented Martin Exeter Hall for our spring concert. Because we received a memorial donation to cover most of the hall rental, we were able to donate all proceeds to local charities. A member of the choir also paid for newspaper advertising and posters. continued to donate all proceeds from our concerts to local charities. We did not have funds to purchase new music or provide workshops or training for our members. With two full semesters this year, our rental and advertising costs will increase. Our request for assistance has therefore increased this year from \$500.00 to \$1000.00.

We truly appreciate your support.

Yours truly,

Margot Shaw

Music Director

Eclectica Community Choir



## Grant for Assistance Joint Application

### Organization Information Sheet

Name of Organization:	Eclectica Community Choir
Mailing Address:	Box 1006 100 Mile House, B.C. V0K 2E0
Telephone (office):	[REDACTED]
Purpose of Organization (From Constitution or Incorporation Documents):	Community Choir
How long has the organization operated in the community?	Over 20 year
BC Society Registration Number:	not a society
Federal Charitable Registration Number: (if applicable)	n/a
Chairperson's name:	Margot Shaw
Telephone:	[REDACTED]
Treasurer or Financial Officer's name:	Walt + Sherry - treasurer
Telephone:	[REDACTED]

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

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) \$ 500.00

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

Current Grant Amount Requested \$ 1000.00

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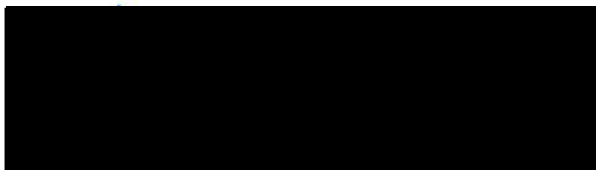
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## Grant for Assistance Application

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?  
We fund our choir through choir member registration.
2. If your organization charges user fees/memberships/admission, attach your current fee structure:  
We are currently charging \$35.00 per semester with 2 semesters in a season.
3. What are your organization's specific goals and objectives for this year? How do they differ from previous years?  
This year, we hope to increase our numbers and purchase some new pieces of music. We also hope to participate fully in performances to enhance our community.
4. Who does your organization serve? (% of clients from District, % of clients from South Cariboo) Our members are approximately 40% from the District of 100 Mile House and 60% from the Cariboo Regional District.
5. Does your organization receive a rental subsidy from the CRD and/or District? If so, how much?  
No
6. Does your organization receive any benefit from permissive tax exemption, and if so, how much? (information available from District Tax Department)  
no
7. Does your organization use CRD or District owned facilities? If so, which ones?  
Yes, Martin Exeter Hall
7. How will you indicate that the CRD and District are contributing to your organization?  
Support from the CRD and the District will be announced at performances as well as included in our programs.

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



Musical Director and Planning Team Chair

Eclectica Community Choir

## **Grant for Assistance Application – South Cariboo / District of 100 Mile House**

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### **Project Information:**

#### **Brief description of proposed use of grant:**

We are applying for this grant to help pay for rental of rehearsal space at the 100 Mile United Church and rental of the performance space of Martin Exeter Hall.

#### **How do you know there is a need for this project/event in your community?**

Singing, especially singing in harmony is very good for mental and physical health. Our choir provides an important and unique opportunity for people throughout the District of 100 Mile and the Cariboo Regional District to experience the benefits and joy of singing in a choir. We also strive to contribute to the community by raising money for local charities and participating in community events. We know we are valued in the community because despite changing conductors, musical directors, and management teams, we continue to bring together people. This fall term, we have over 35 people coming to choir.

**Start date of the project:** September 13, 2023

**End date for the project:** May 2024 with a possible performance on July 1, 2024

#### **Describe the key activities and timelines to complete the project.**

Fall Semester – September to December

1. Weekly rehearsals
2. Singing at Remembrance Day service
3. Singing at Fischer Place/Mill Site Lodge and Carefree Manor either on Remembrance Day or during the Christmas Season
4. Christmas concert early in December with proceed from the door going to local charities.

Spring Semester – January to May

1. Weekly rehearsals
2. Parade of Choir in Williams Lake - March
3. 100 Mile Festival of the Arts - April
4. Spring Concert in May with proceeds going to local charities
5. Smaller group singing at July 1 celebrations

#### **How will you determine if the project/event is successful?**

We determine our success in three ways.

Firstly, we judge our success by how many people register, and especially, reregister for choir each season. This fall we have over 35 singers, both new and returning.

Secondly, we strive to provide funds for local charities through admission to concerts. Last spring, close to \$1000.00 was donated to Fischer Place/Mill Site Lodge Auxiliary and 100 Mile Hospital Auxiliary from

our spring concert. We also performed at the Parade of Choirs in Williams Lake to raise money for the Williams Lake Hospital.

Thirdly, we consider our choir successful when we participate in community events such as Remembrance Day, the Festival of the Arts, and July 1 celebrations, all of which are planned for this coming year.

**Does your organization have sustainable funding? Please explain.**

We generate our funding from registration fees from our members. We are currently charging \$35.00 per semester with two semesters in our season. (fall/winter and spring). These fees must cover the costs of rehearsal space, performance venues, insurance, bank fees, advertising, and membership in the 100 Mile Arts Council and the B.C. Choral Federation. We often rely on donations from members to fund new musical pieces.

**Is your organization applying for funds from other sources for this project/event? If yes, what other organization(s)?**

We are not applying for additional funds.

**How much?** \$ n/a

**Describe the impact of this application being denied or approval of an amount less than requested. Will you be able to complete the project/event if you do not receive the funds applied for?**

This grant will allow us to pay for rehearsal and performance venues. This would mean we would be able to use donations and some of our registration fees to purchase new music and continue to update our music library. Some of our donations could also be used to provide training opportunities for interested members to train as conductors and to work on providing choral workshops for us and surrounding choirs, as we have in the past.

While we will hopefully continue to have a choir with this financial support, it will be much more difficult to develop and grow our choir without it.

**Does your organization charge user fees/membership/admission? If yes, attach your current fee structure.**

This year, we raised or registration to \$35.00 per semester. We have two semesters each year.

Admission to our concerts is by donation to local charities.

**Does your organization receive any other support(s) from the CRD? Yes ☐ No X (i.e. financial support, rental subsidies, contribution agreements, tax exemption, use of CRD-owned facility) If yes, what support(s) and how much?**

We received a grant from the CRD last year but we do not receive any other support from the CRD.

**How will you recognize the CRD's contribution to your organization?**

The support we receive from the District of 100 Mile House and the Cariboo Regional District is announced at our concerts as well as acknowledged in our concert programs.

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



Musical Director/Planning Team Chairperson

September 25, 2023

## Planning Team Structure

Eclectica Community Choir is not a society, but a volunteer group run by a planning committee. We have not had general meetings or a formal structure and are currently without a secretary. The following people are involved in organizing and running the choir.

Margot Shaw – Musical Director, Conductor, and Planning Committee Chair

[REDACTED]

Walt Sherry – Treasurer and technical director  
Barb Hooper – Conductor  
Marlene Funk – Conductor  
John Hooper- Music Librarian  
Karen Smith – Assistant Librarian

Last season, we covered our cost primarily through registration fees. We received a combined \$500.00 grant from the District of 100 Mile House and the Cariboo Regional District. We also receive \$100 from the committee organizing the July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations at the 108 Heritage Site.

## Proposed Use of Grant

**We hope to use the grant to help pay for:**

1. Rental of 100 Mile United Church for rehearsals – approximately \$1300.00
2. Rental of Martin Exeter Hall for Christmas and Spring concerts – approximately \$850.00

**Eclectica Community Choir**  
**Financial Report**  
 September 2022 through August 2023

	<u>Sep '22 - Aug '23</u>
<b>Income</b>	
Income	
Donations	515.00
Grants	500.00
Membership	2,280.00
Total Income	<u>3,295.00</u>
Total Income	3,295.00
<b>Expense</b>	
Expenses	
Bank Charges	65.00
Fees, Dues, Memberships	118.00
Gifts/Honorariums	250.00
Insurance	425.00
Music	76.69
Printing	231.00
Rehearsal Space	1,300.00
Venue Rental	425.00
Total Expenses	<u>2,890.69</u>
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00
Total Expense	<u>2,890.69</u>
Net Income	<u><u>404.31</u></u>

**Eclectica Community Choir**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of August 31, 2023

	<u>Aug 31, '23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Petty Cash	55.00
Williams Lake Credit Union	1,225.68
WLCU Equity Shares	35.00
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>1,315.68</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,315.68</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,315.68</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

TREASURER