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Grant for Assistance Application – South Cariboo / BRITISH COLUMBIA
District of 100 Mile House

Organization Information:

Name of Organization: Eclectica Community Choir	
Mailing Address: [REDACTED]	
Telephone (office): [REDACTED]	email (office): [REDACTED]
Purpose of Organization: Run a community choir	
How long has the organization been in operation? Over 20 years	
BC Society or Charitable Registration Number: (if applicable) n/a	
Chairperson's name: Margot Shaw	
Telephone: [REDACTED]	email: [REDACTED]
Treasurer or Financial Officer's name: Walt Sherry	
Telephone: [REDACTED]	email: [REDACTED]

Grant Request: \$ 1000.00

Project Information:

Brief description of proposed use of grant:

This grant will be used to help pay for rehearsal space, performance venues, and advertising for registration and concerts. We also use the funds to help pay for insurance premiums for our music library and general liability coverage.

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

Eclectica Community Choir has been a part of the 100 Mile House and area for over 20 years. The choir has performed at community events such as Remembrance Day ceremonies and July 1st celebrations. All our concerts continue to benefit local charities such as Fischer Place/Mill Site Lodge, the 100 Mile Hospital, the 100 Mile Food Bank, and Loaves and Fishes. Each fall, we have approximately 40 people from all over the Cariboo Regional District and the District of 100 Mile house.

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Start date: September 11, 2024

End date: July 1, 2025

Describe the key activities and timelines to complete the project

This season, Eclectica hopes to participate in all the activities we have done in the past as well as some new activities. In chronological order:

1. Remembrance Day service – Nov. 11
2. Singing at Fischer Place/Mill Site Lodge and Carefree Manor – Nov. 11
3. Canadian Composers Recital – Nov. 23
4. Christmas Concert – Dec. 15, 2024 – all proceeds will go to 100 Mile Food Bank and Loaves and Fishes
5. March 2025 – we are hoping to host a Parade of Choirs with all proceeds going to a local charity.
6. April 2025 – Participate in 100 Mile Festival of the Arts
7. May 2025 Spring Concert – proceeds to go to 100 Mile Hospital Auxiliary and Fischer Place/Mill Site Lodge Auxiliary

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

The success of the choir is based on how many people come back to choir each season and how many people attend our events, generating donations to local charities. Even after closing down for three years, the choir has between 40 and 50 people registering each term. We continue to generate approximately \$3000.00 for local charities.

Does your organization have sustainable funding? Please explain.

Our choir collects \$35 per term from each member. This registration fee is used to cover the cost of rehearsal space, venue rental, insurance, advertising, and memberships in local and provincial arts organizations. In the past, registration fees and grants from the Cariboo Regional District and the District of 100 Mile House have allowed us to accumulate small surpluses that we have used to purchase new music. Since the pandemic shut down where we continued to pay insurance premiums, we have used all of our funds. Grant assistance is still necessary to cover the basic costs of the choir.

Is your organization applying for funds from other sources for this project/event? If yes, what other organization(s)? How much? \$2000.00

We recently received a grant from the South Cariboo Community Enhancement Foundation that will go towards purchasing new music, training more conductors, and hosting workshops for choir members. This is an exciting opportunity to grow the resilience of the choir and support our members' musical abilities. Because of financial restraints we have been unable to do any of these activities for the past four years.

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 funding requested?

The planning team has worked very hard to get the choir up and running again. Members of the planning team have paid for much of the advertising and concert venue rentals for the past two year so we could continue but these donations are not guaranteed going forward. With the this grant from the Cariboo Regional District and the District of 100 Mile House, we are becoming more sustainable. Without this grant or with a lesser amount, the choir will continue but we will have to spend more of our development funds to cover the running of the choir, thereby reducing the amount we have for music and workshops.

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

We charge \$35.00 per term and we have a fall term (Sept.-Dec) and a spring term (Jan-May). We do not charge admission to our concerts but have concerts with admission by donation to local charities. If we charged admission, we would have to pay substantially more for copyright on the music we perform. We are also deeply committed to giving back to our community.

Does your organization receive any other support(s) from the CRD? Yes ___ No
(ie. Financial support, rental subsidies, contribution agreements, tax exemption, use of CRD-owned facility)

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

At all of our performances, the CRD and the District of 100 Mile's financial support is acknowledged verbally in a short speech as well as in our programs where we use the districts' logos to identify our sponsors.

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

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

[Redacted Signature]

Musical Director
Eclectica Community Choir

Sept. 27, 2024
Date

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
Kelsey Fast – Conductor
John Hooper- Music Librarian
Karen Smith – Assistant Librarian

Last season, we covered our cost primarily through registration fees. We received a combined \$1000.00 grant from the District of 100 Mile House and the Cariboo Regional District. We also receive \$100 from the committee organizing the July 1st 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 \$1500.00
2. Rental of Martin Exeter Hall for Christmas and Spring concerts – approximately \$850.00
3. Insurance – Axis - \$450.00

Eclectica Community Choir Planning Team Meeting – Wed. August 14, 2024

1. Financial Report – Walt

- our budget for last year was \$4720.02
- we have \$1570.62 in the bank
- we also have a grant from SCCEF but we do not know when it is coming

2. New Music

- Walt is buying "A Million Dreams"
- Marlene is buying "Gabriel's Message" from Cypress
- we will order "The Parting Glass" as an encore piece
- "Into the West" for the spring term

3. Dates for Fall terms

- Registration – Sept. 11, 18, 25
- Walt will send Margot the poster and Margot will put it in the paper as well as printing out some posters and putting them up
- Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2:00 pm - Walt will book MEH
- Margot will contact the Legion about Nov. 11th
- Margot will also contact Fischer Place/Mill Site Lodge and Carefree Manor about singing there on Nov. 11 after singing for the Legion ceremony

4. Dates and Plans for Spring Term

- Registration – Jan 8, 15, 22
- hoping to have a "parade of choirs" event in 100 Mile at the beginning of March
- Festival of the arts is April 28- May 9
- spring concert May 11th 2:00 pm

5. Music for Fall term

Margot – Prayer for the Children, The Parting Glass, And the Poppies Blow
Barb- Who Know Where the Seasons Go, Bell Carol of the King, Mary Mary
Marlene – Gabriel's Message, Candles are Dancing, Candle light Carol
Kelsey – A Million Dreams, Ding Dong Merrily on High

**Eclectica Community Choir
Financial Report
September 1, 2023 through August 10, 2024**

	<u>Sep 1, '23 - Aug 10, '24</u>
Income	
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Donations	550.00
Grants	1,000.00
Membership	3,170.02
Total Income	<u>4,720.02</u>
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Expense	
Expenses	
Advertising	247.49
Bank Charges	53.75
Fees, Dues, Memberships	233.50
Gifts/Honorariums	300.00
Insurance	425.00
Music	69.55
Office Supplies	107.77
Postage	19.32
Printing	272.20
Rehearsal Space	1,500.00
Training	380.00
Venue Rental	850.00
Total Expenses	<u>4,458.58</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,458.58</u>
Net Income	<u><u>261.44</u></u>

**Eclectica Community Choir
Balance Sheet
As of August 10, 2024**

	<u>Aug 10, '24</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Petty Cash	110.70
Williams Lake Credit Union	1,424.92
WLCU Equity Shares	35.00
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>1,570.62</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,570.62</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,570.62</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

September 28, 2024

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District of 100 Mile House

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 2023-2024 choir season. The \$1000.00 provided helped Eclectica help us cover essential costs and build the choir's resilience. 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 continue to be a wholly volunteer organization dedicated to bringing a choir and choral music to 100 Mile and the surrounding areas. Last season, we had 43 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.

In the fall term, we performed at the community Remembrance Day service run by the The Royal Canadian Legion on November 11, 2023. We also had a successful Christmas Concert at Martin Exeter Hall where the audience donated almost \$2000.00 to the 100 Mile Food Bank and Loaves and Fishes.

In the second term, we participated in the 100 Mile Festival of the Arts, giving the choir an opportunity to be adjudicated by a skilled expert, helping to build our skills. In May, our spring concert raised 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 received a final memorial donation to cover most of the hall rental last season so we were again able to donate all proceeds from our concerts to local charities. A member of the choir also paid for the newspaper advertising for choir start up and concerts. We did not have funds to purchase new music or provide workshops or training for our members but have secured funds to work on this in this season. The CRD and District of 100 Mile's financial support, we will be able to keep making music and give back to our community.

We truly appreciate your support.

Yours truly,


Music Director
Eclectica Community Choir