



**2026 Annual Intake Grant for Assistance Application  
Central Cariboo Chilcotin**

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**Organization Information:**

<b>Name of Organization:</b>	Williams Lake Dry Grad	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	PO Box 4452 Williams Lake, BC V2G 2V5	
<b>Telephone (office):</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>Email (office):</b> Wldrygradfundraising@outlook.com
<b>Purpose of Organization:</b>	Fundraise for annual Dry Grad event for all graduates in the Williams Lake area (all schools).	
<b>How long has the organization been in operation?</b>	1989	
<b>BC Society or Charitable Registration Number: (if applicable)</b>	N/A	
<b>Chairperson's name:</b>	Dora-Lee Wheeldon, Executive Chair	
<b>Telephone:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>Email:</b> [REDACTED]
<b>Treasurer or Financial Officer's name:</b>	Melanie Engelbrecht	
<b>Telephone:</b>	[REDACTED]	<b>Email:</b> [REDACTED]

**Grant Request: \$ 1,500**

**Project/Event Information:**

**Proposed use of grant:**

Funding for the Dry Grad parade.

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

The 2026 Dry Grad will be the 37<sup>th</sup> annual event for graduates in the Williams Lake area. Highschool graduates from all schools in the Williams Lake area are provided with a fun and entertaining evening to celebrate this milestone without drugs or alcohol. The event is looked forward to by graduates and parents alike. The "Grad Parade" is a longstanding tradition featuring graduates and watched by their friends, families, and community members.



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**Start date:** the Dry Grad Parade will take place on Saturday June 13, 2026

**End date:** Parade take down will take place on June 13, 2026

**Describe the key activities and timelines to complete the project/event.**

Fundraising for Dry Grad is always a year in advance. The 2026 Dry Grad funding was completed during the 2024/2025 school year. The Dry Grad committee is formed in September each year and works throughout the school year to secure funds for the following year's graduates. This year we are technically raising funds for the 2027 graduates. Generally, events need to be booked, and deposits paid by the end of November. Raffle ticket items must be identified and secured before the gaming license can be applied for, which should be in place by January. Themes for the decorating need to be determined before the end of December and design and construction will start and carry on from January to the end of May. The parade organization will take place closer to the event, starting by the end of April. Insurance will need to be purchased, barricades secured, hi-vis vests and parade staff secured.

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

Participation by the majority of graduates.

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

Some funding is reliable. \$20,000 is collected annually in the form of "grad fees" where each graduate pays a fee to participate in the event. \$20,000 is raised by selling raffle tickets, some donors supply cash for some of the raffle prizes year, after year, but often the "big ticket" item is uniquely sourced each year. \$20,000 is raised by various means of fundraising, including but not limited to: cash from local businesses; donated items that are sold at silent auctions; events like "Burger and a Beer"; individual donations in the form of beverage container deposits; or donations for gift wrapping Christmas presents at local shops.

**Is your organization applying for funds from other sources for this project/event?**

**If yes, what other organization(s) and how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

No other funding source is being approached for funding for the parade.

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

Yes, the parade will likely still take place if this funding request is denied or less is provided, the impact will be that less money will be spent on other budget items in order to fund the parade.

**Does your organization charge user fees/membership/admission?**

**If yes, please explain or attach your current fee structure.**

Yes, \$20,000 is collected annually in the form of "grad fees" where each graduate pays a fee to participate in the event.



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**Does your organization receive support(s) from the CRD?**      Yes       No   
(i.e., financial support, rental subsidies, contribution agreements,  
tax exemption, use of CRD-owned facility)

**If yes, what support(s) and how much?**

The "Dry Graduation Celebrations" are provided with three (3) days of facility (CMRC) rental at no charge, providing the booking is made 120 days in advance.

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

Recognition will be provided in promotional materials for Dry Grad, in the "Thank You" advertisement in the Tribune and if provided with CRD signage/banner could be featured in the parade itself.

**Date of your last AGM:** October 14, 2025

**Previous Grant from CRD:**      Year: N/A      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

**Project/Event Description:**  
N/A

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.

Dora-Lee Wheeldon

**President/Chairperson**  
(Please print name)

November 11, 2025

**Date**

## **Dry Grad Committee AGM**

**Date:** October 14, 2025      **Location:** 640 Carson Drive, Lake City Secondary, in the Commons

Called to order at 6:34 pm

**Attendees:** Dora-Lee Wheeldon, Amanda Bailey, Chrisine Rae, Barbara Hooker, Adrea Moe, Jenn Guenette, Tannis Armstrong, Sarah Greig, Leslea Destree, Erin Dell, Bal Uppal, Christine Seinen, Heleen Scrooby, Carol Anne Dikur, Sara Gayowski, Bailee Konkee, Melanie Engelbrecht, Meghan Smith, Dena Baumann, Tera Grady, Brandi Vath, Lindsay Thiessen, Heather Auger, and Mindy Johnson.

**Current Chairs (directors):** Dora-Lee Wheeldon, Executive Chair; Amanda Bailey, Executive Co-Chair and Fundraising Chair; Christine Rae, Communications Chair; Adrea Moe, Food Chair; Tannis Armstrong, Decorations Chair; Leslea Destree, Activities Chair; Christine Seinen, Security Chair; Leslie Rowse, Swag Chair; Carol Anne Dikur, Baggage Chair; Bailee Konke, Parade Chair; and Melanie Engelbrecht, Treasurer.

**Quorum met.**

### **Report from the Executive Chair:**

Committees were formed during the September meeting, still need Baggage and Parade Chairs and additional members on the Decorating committee. – *Carol Anne Dikur volunteered for Baggage and Bailee Konke volunteered for Parade.*

No anonymous emails or comments will be accepted.

Criminal record checks are required by all committee members; Christene will send out the link to all members.

Please ask all grade 11 parents to consider participating this year.

**All Chairs provided updates on progress made to date.**

**Financial Report:** Melanie explained that each Grad Committee is raising funds for the next year's graduating class, as there is no way to collect funds in time for the event the same year. Deposits are required and funds must be spent too far in advance to raise it within the same year. All donations MUST be received before the end of the Fiscal Year (July 31<sup>st</sup> – no exceptions). All cheques must be paid out and CASHED by the end of June annually. Melanie reviewed the budget for the upcoming year and provided each Chair with the amount they are expected to work with. There were enough funds raised in 2024/2025 to fully fund the 2026 Dry Grad and enough to purchase a shipping container for additional storage.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm**



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Period Beginning	Sep 01, 2025
Period Ending	Sep 30, 2025
Account Number	[REDACTED]
No. of Enclosures	1
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**Dream Organization Chequing ACCOUNT [REDACTED] - Cheq - Org**

Date	Description	Debits/ Interest	Credits/ Principal	Balance
Sep01	Balance Forward			106,642.48
Sep05	Cheque #1625	-49.53		106,592.95
Sep30	Maintenance Service Charge	-2.95		106,590.00
	Total Debits	-52.48		
	Total Credits		0.00	

Unauthorized Overdraft Interest Paid YTD ..... \$0.00

**Deposit Account Interest Rate Summary**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
09-25-03	0.000				

**Unauthorized OD Interest Rate Summary**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
06-12-19	21.000				

**Member Share ACCOUNT [REDACTED]**



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DRY GRAD 2026

	<u>BUDGET</u>	Actual to date	@
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Fundraising/Donations	\$20,000		
Grad Fees	\$20,000		
Raffle	\$20,000		
<b>SubTotal</b>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Activities	\$12,000.00		
Administration	\$1,000.00		
Advertising	\$1,000.00		
Baggage	\$750.00		
Cleanup	\$3,000.00		
Decorations	\$10,000.00		
Facilities	\$3,000.00		
Food	\$8,000.00		
Insurance (C-Cans, Event & Parade	\$3,250.00		
Parade	\$1,500.00		
Keepsakes	\$15,000.00		
Raffle	\$500.00		
Security	\$1,000.00		
	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>