

Tri-Cities Seniors Planning Network Host Agency Opportunities and Restrictions

Host Agency: Fraser North – Community Volunteer Connections (CVC)

History:

CVC became involved with the Tri-Cities Seniors Planning Network as it sought status as an official planning table through the United Way in 2012. Although United Way support fell through, the Network was able to secure a grant from the Vancouver Foundation for a 6-month Network Facilitator (Linda Western) supported by an Administrative Assistant (Judy Jackson).

CVC took on the responsibility of managing the Vancouver Foundation grant and funded additional support in the form of CVC staff involvement (Stacy Ashton) using Direct Access Gaming funding earmarked for supporting senior volunteering.

CVC has continued to be involved in seeking grant funds, maintaining an Administrative Assistant contract, organizing Forums, and general support of the Network.

Opportunities:

Hosted groups under an established organization enjoy benefits like:

- Easy access to expertise in community development
- Ongoing logistical support
- Access to expertise in grant writing
- Access to grants that require organizations with society or charitable status
- Access to a bank account and accounting systems to track revenue and expenditures
- Access to the ability to hire staff and contractors

Restrictions:

Any activities carried out by a hosted group must be in alignment with CVC's overall mission and vision for community, and with CVC's legal responsibilities as a non-profit charity. Specific restrictions include, but are not limited to:

Charitable Status:

- To maintain charitable status, all activities of CVC and hosted groups must fit into CVC's charitable purpose of providing support and services to the charitable sector, through expertise in volunteerism.
- All activities of CVC and charitable groups must be in alignment with restrictions on partisan political activity

Society Status:

- As a Society, CVC is governed by a Board of Directors. All activities of CVC and hosted groups are overseen by the CVC Board of Directors, which has ultimate decision-making power on the direction of CVC.

Direct Access Gaming Grant Requirements

- To the extent that CVC’s contributions to the activities of a hosted group are funded through Direct Access Gaming, all CVC activities must be accounted for according to Direct Access Gaming policy.

Finances

The TCSPN is supported by a mix of funds, some generated by the TCSPN through its own activities and targeted grants; and some contributed to support CVC staff engagement in TCSPN.

Disposition of Funds

- Funds generated by TCSPN through its own activities (e.g. Forums) will be directed at the wil of the TCSPN membership
- Funds targeted to TCSPN via grants will be spent according to the purposes of the grant
- Funds contributed to TCSPN activities by CVC are under the full discretion of CVC

Overall Budget:

2016/17

As of September 9, 2016

Revenue

Investors Group -2016	\$550.00	For Housing Forum
Investors Group - 2017	\$560.00	For future Forum
Housing Forum Revenue	\$1,750.00	Unrestricted
Direct Access Gaming	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	For CVC staff support
	\$12,860.00	

Expenditures

Administrative Assistant	\$3,600.00
CVC Staff Support	\$6,400.00
Housing Forum expenses	<u>\$472.00</u>
	\$10,472.00
	\$2,388.00