



Executive Committee of Council (Community Grants)  
C/o Clerk's Department  
The City of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC  
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April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**RE: 2016 Grant Application for volunteer Burnaby**

Dear Executive Committee:

Please accept this letter in support of our request for a community grant in the amount of **\$12,000.00** for the calendar year of 2016.

From a program perspective, 2015 was very busy year for Volunteer Burnaby. In that year our Board of Directors approved an ambitious strategic plan designed to better support Burnaby agencies and their volunteer programs while at the same time providing meaningful volunteer opportunities for the citizens of Burnaby.

We continue to reach out to our many neighborhoods that need the benefits of strong, safe and impactful volunteer programs. Volunteer Burnaby is also working to support volunteerism in all its forms to help make Burnaby the best place to live and volunteer in North America.

We are pleased to report that we are succeeding in large part to the generous contribution from the City of Burnaby. A copy of our 2015 annual report to our membership and our audited financial statements are included for your review.

From a funding challenge perspective, earlier this year the United Way of the Lower Mainland informed us that they are moving away from funding member agencies in favour of self-funding their own projects. As a result of this announcement, our organization has lost one-quarter of our core funding effective immediately (with no transitional support).

As we struggle to absorb this tremendous liability we are also endeavoring to meet the unprecedented community demand for our services.



I want to assure Mayor and Council as a society we are committed to meeting this challenge. However, we can't do this without your critical support.

Thus, it is in our hope of being able to continue to offer quality service that we are requesting a grant of **\$12,000.00** for the year 2016. This grant will provide transitional stability and will allow us sustain the important community programming that the city and the community have come to appreciate.

To underscore our commitment and resolve, we will be formally requesting a face to face meeting with the Executive Committee to explain our situation, provide our value proposition and answer any questions. In the meantime, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration we look forward to your response.

Warm regards,

Volunteer Burnaby

FOR

Dr. Dave Baspaly, Executive Director  
Volunteer Burnaby

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