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The Office of the City Clerk
c/o Executive Committee of Council, City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Dear Chair and Members of the Executive Committee of Council, City of Burnaby:

Please find enclosed a request for funding from the Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of British Columbia (Crisis Centre) for \$8,000 presented to the City of Burnaby to help fund **our 2019/2020 Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Program**. The Crisis Centre has recently changed its fiscal year and reporting cycle and the 2018 annual report will be available after the next Annual General Meeting in September 2019.

Since 1969, the Crisis Centre has been a non-profit dedicated to providing help and hope to individuals, organizations, and communities. Spanning the spectrum of crisis support, suicide prevention and postvention, staff and volunteers are engaged in a variety of services and programs that educate, train, and support the strength and capacity of individuals and communities.

Through the financial support of communities, organizations, and individuals, we are able to provide:

- Immediate access to barrier-free, non-judgmental, confidential support and follow-up is provided to youth, adults and seniors through our 24/7 phone lines and online services
- Education and training programs that promote mental wellness and equip schools, organizations and communities to assist people at risk of suicide.

Our programs work to ensure timely access to support, destigmatize suicide and mental health concerns, increase awareness and skills for mental wellness, and engage a community of passionate volunteers. Ultimately, we seek to foster compassionate, connected suicide-safer communities.

If you have any questions about the enclosed funding request, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 604.872.1811 or by email at jpreiss@crisiscentre.bc.ca. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for the opportunity to submit a proposal.

In Best Health,



Jeffrey Preiss

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