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Executive Committee of Council  
C/O Office of the City Clerk  
City of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, B.C., V5G 1M2

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

### **Re: 2019 Community Grant Request**

Dear members of the Executive Committee of Council,

I am writing on behalf of Burnaby Meals on Wheels to request a \$9,000 community grant. Your continued support is very important to us and the many people we serve.

For over 50 years Burnaby Meals on Wheels promotes health and independence by providing nutritious, local and affordable food to people who—for physical, mental-health, social or economic reasons—are unable to meet their dietary needs. Our clients include seniors, cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, the chronically ill, and disabled.

The support of the City of Burnaby has been essential to both our success and longevity. We are very grateful for your community and financial support.

We provide much more than meals – our volunteers provide social contact with our often isolated clients. Many clients report that the volunteer visit is the highlight of their day. Our volunteers also check on the security and health of clients and act quickly in the event of an emergency.

No other meal delivery service provides people with affordable meals delivered by caring volunteers. The fact that last year our volunteers delivered 14,959 to 172 clients is a testament to the community need for our service.

We are requesting a grant of \$9,000. This grant will be used to cover some of the operating costs associated with coordinating the program.



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Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to another year of working together to ensure people in our community are receiving the nutrition they need to live independently in their homes, heal, and stay healthy.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our program, please contact me at 604-292-3904 or [Stephen@BurnabyMeals.ca](mailto:Stephen@BurnabyMeals.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. D'Souza", is positioned above the printed name.

Stephen D'Souza,  
Executive Director