



COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

SUBMISSION FOR A GRANT-IN-AID (ELECTORAL AREAS)

Submitted by Director Karen Deck Area I

Grantee: Cowichan Valley Primary Care Society Grant Amount \$ 1,000^{KA}

NAME: Dr. Mark Sanders

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PURPOSE OF GRANT: To contribute to the start-up costs of the Cowichan Valley Primary Care Society

REQUESTED BY: Karen Deck
Director's Signature

ACCOUNT NO.	AMOUNT
<u>118</u> 01.2.1950.0464.118	<u>\$ 1,000</u>

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BUDGET APPROVAL [Signature]

Approval at Regional Board Meeting of _____

Finance Authorization _____

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From: M Sanders McLean <mdlsanders@me.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 8:30 PM

To: Mike Wilson

Subject: Cowichan Valley Primary Care Society

Good evening Mike

It was good to speak to you today. As you know I am a Family Physician who works at Ingram Family Physicians in Duncan. Ingram Family Physicians has 8 family doctors practicing longitudinal family practice. I've been in practice there for the last 23 years. The clinic has been operating as a Family Doctor's office for well over 60 years. All of us work in our clinic and at Cowichan District Hospital seeing patients.

In the last few years it has become apparent to the doctors in our clinic and other clinics in the Valley that our community is facing a growing problem of recruitment and retention of primary care providers (Family Physicians and Nurse Practitioners). Doctors who want to retire often cannot find replacements. Large clinics are at risk of closing leaving thousands of Cowichan community members without a primary care provider in the very near future. The hospital is facing enormous manpower gaps. We really are in a crisis. Of course this is an issue across the province and the country.

The statistics as to how many family doctors are planning to retire and how few doctors we are recruiting to our area are also very concerning.

All of this has led me to work with a group of other local family doctors to look at ways to encourage more primary care physicians to come to the Cowichan Valley. About a year ago our group started talking about what we could do in our community. This led to the formation of a Cowichan Division sponsored **Family Practice Sustainability Working Group** of which I am co-chair. This working group is still active and has been supported by our Division of Family Practice although financial support is coming to a close at the end of this month .

Our working group studied other primary care models in the province and found that there are other communities that are having success in recruitment, attachment of patients, and providing inpatient care support.

We have now created a non-profit society called the ***Cowichan Valley Primary Care Society***. Our vision is to create a multidisciplinary health centre located in Duncan that is governed by this non-profit entity. We see potential expansion of this model (under the same governance) to other practices and communities within the Cowichan Valley. We want to partner with community to allow the people of this Valley the opportunity to have a hand in creating a strong and sustainable primary care workforce while responding to the unique healthcare needs we face in our region. By creating a stronger and more coordinated community primary care model we believe that we will also be better able to support essential human resources to the new upcoming Cowichan District Hospital.

Our working group has created a new Framework document and some graphics that I've included below.

I would love the opportunity to present our concerns and vision to the CVRD board. How would I go about requesting such a meeting? Peter De Verteuil (Duncan City Administrator) has also been expressing interest in our project with one of my colleagues. He apparently spoke with the CAO of the CVRD who was keen to hear our concerns.

I would also like to ask you whether or not you know of any immediate funding streams to help our non-profit society get going? We have just been awarded an Our Cowichan Communities small grant. This recognition has "filled our sails" however we really need more funds to further roll this idea out to the community and to hire an ED to help us explore the next steps in this process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Sanders

Mark Sanders, MD, FCFP (he/him)
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Settler on the traditional, unceded lands of the Hul'qumi'nim speaking peoples of The Cowichan Tribes

Cowichan Valley Regional District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures



Budget Type : APPROVED BUDGET

Fiscal Year : 2024
 Period : 5
 Account Code : ??-?-????-???? To ??-?-????-????

Account Code	Account Description	Current Period	Year to Date	Budget Amt	Variance	% Used
1	GENERAL REVENUE FUND					
118	GRANTS IN AID - AREA I					
	OPERATING REV					
17571	REQUISITION					
0000	REQUISITION	0.00	0.00	-6,555.00	-6,555.00	0
TOTAL	REQUISITION	0.00	0.00	-6,555.00	-6,555.00	0
19110	SURPLUS/DEFICIT - CURRENT YEAR					
0000	SURPLUS/DEFICIT	0.00	0.00	-15,057.00	-15,057.00	0
TOTAL	SURPLUS/DEFICIT - CURRENT YEAR	0.00	0.00	-15,057.00	-15,057.00	0
TOTAL	OPERATING REV	0.00	0.00	-21,612.00	-21,612.00	0
	OPERATING EXP					
21950	GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS					
0000	GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS	0.00	0.00	21,412.00	21,412.00	0
0238	LAKE COWICHAN SENIOR SECONDARY SC	0.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00	0
TOTAL	GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS	0.00	500.00	21,412.00	20,912.00	2
28050	GENERAL GOVERNMENT CHARGE					
4100	ALLOC - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0
TOTAL	GENERAL GOVERNMENT CHARGE	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0
TOTAL	OPERATING EXP	0.00	500.00	21,612.00	21,112.00	2
TOTAL	SURPLUS / DEFICIT	0.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00	0
TOTAL	GENERAL REVENUE FUND	0.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00	0