



COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

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

Submitted by Director Nicholson Area E

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| Grantee: | Grant Amount \$ <u>1000</u> |
| NAME: | <u>Sunrise Waldorf Parent Association</u> |
| ADDRESS: | <u>2148 Lakeside Road Duncan V9L 6M3</u> |
| Contact Phone No: | <u>Amanda Knapp 250 743 7253</u> |
| PURPOSE OF GRANT: | <u>↓ playground climbing structure for school contribution towards a</u> |
| REQUESTED BY: | <u>[Signature]</u> Director's Signature |

| ACCOUNT NO. | AMOUNT |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| <u>01.2.1950.0468.115</u> | <u>\$1000.00</u> |

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| FOR FINANCE USE ONLY |
| BUDGET APPROVAL <u>[Signature]</u> |

Approval at Regional Board Meeting of _____

Finance Authorization

Funding for our Elementary School Climbing Structure

Sunrise Waldorf Parent Association (SWPA)

Introduction

The SWPA is the Parent Association for Sunrise Waldorf School. The Parent Association serves as the vehicle for full parental involvement in the life of the school community. The Parent Association actively supports the work of the Board and Faculty, and contributes to the intellectual, physical and social climate of the school community. The Parent Association is a non-profit organization and is incorporated under its own bylaws and constitution as legislated by the Society Act.

Sunrise Waldorf School is a K-Grade 8 Ministry approved and AWSNA certified elementary school in the Cowichan Valley, BC. Our school's philosophy focuses heavily on reverence for the natural world and we take a child centered approach to academic studies. Sunrise Waldorf School is an established member of Federation of Independent School Association (FISA).

Sunrise Waldorf School is situated in the rural area of the Cowichan Valley, on Vancouver Island BC. As we are a rural school, our student catchment is 15km in either direction. Our student body is made of 124 families with 156 students from Pre-K to Grade 8. Our student body includes 5% of students who are First Nations and 10% who are immigrants living in Canada on Permanent Resident cards. All our students aged 5 and up will have access to the climbing structure at various times during the school day as well as after school.

Our students are driven from the City of Duncan, Lake Cowichan or across the Trans Canada HWY from Cowichan Bay or south from Cobble Hill, Shawnigan Lake and Mill Bay. Most of our students' families carpool or are driven by their parents. The majority of our students cannot exercise on their way to school by walking and only a handful can ride a bicycle as it involves crossing a dangerous highway. Therefore, they are not exercising on their commute to and from school each day. When they are on school grounds, it is critical that they get adequate physical exercise and ample outdoor play.

In addition to playing on the climbing structure during school hours, our after-school clubs and summer programs will use the climbing structure between the school's end and before clubs begin. After school, our students participate in woodworking club, strings orchestra and choir. Participation in each club varies from 8-12 students per club. Our younger students aged 5-6 often stay after school for after-care. This climbing structure is also intended for their use as after care is often outdoors. Our new climbing structure will be accessible to all students participating in extra-curricular activities, providing an outlet for physical energy at the day's end before beginning their extra curriculums.

structure. We would hire a professional company to build the new climbing structure only during the summer months when camp is not in session and with either professional company proposal enclosed in this document to ensure all health and safety standards are met. We have obtained two quotes for a medium sized structure and a large sized structure from two companies, Habitat and Kinsol Play.

All construction will be done in a safe and ecologically mindful manner. We will be recycling natural resources and use the minimally disturbed soil from levelling the land in our school gardens. The surrounding trees will be respected and levelling will remain a safe distance away to protect their root structures. No trees, bushes or gardens will be removed to build this playground. Our desired aesthetic is to bring materials from the natural world into our daily, playful lives. As such, our play structure will be near school gardens, an outdoor living willow branch classroom, a greenhouse and a re-forested area.

Project Funding Sources

We are looking forward to fundraising beyond our currently available funds in the coming school year, including help from our local government and corporate sponsorships. Over the next few months, we will be asking the CVRD and local companies to sponsor our playground. Our budget projections for this playground use our SWPA currently available funds, anticipated fundraising from our annual silent auction, Winter Faire and a bottle drive in early spring. We are receiving matching funds promised by Sunrise Waldorf School.

We are very excited to be applying for the BC Capital Projects Gaming Grant this year. We have asked for funding of 50% of the large structure estimates, at \$50,000. We do not qualify for the Ministry of Education Playground Enhancement Program (PEP). The PEP grant focuses on upgrading school playgrounds in order to become universally accessible. As we are a small school of 150-160 students, we cannot accommodate students with visual impairments, severe hearing loss or students who require a wheelchair and other mobility assistance devices. There is another independent school in the region who can accommodate these learners and therefore qualify for the PEP grant provided by the Ministry of Education.

Conclusion

In closing, support from the local government is essential to our project and we are very grateful for your generosity. All children need a mixture of play structures to encourage different types of skills and to challenge the whole body and brain.

There is a need for playgrounds within the CVRD as population rates continue to increase. Our rural children will benefit from this climbing structure as it is unique in our area

Cowichan Valley Regional District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures



GL5350 Page : 1
Date : Oct 11, 2023 Time : 12:06 pm

Budget Type : APPROVED BUDGET

Fiscal Year : 2023
Period : 10
Account Code : ??-?-????-???? To ??-?-????-????

| Account Code | Account Description | Current Period | Year to Date | Budget Amt | Variance | % Used |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | | | |
| 115 | GRANTS IN AID - AREA E | | | | | |
| | OPERATING REV | | | | | |
| 17571 | REQUISITION | | | | | |
| 0000 | REQUISITION | 0.00 | -10,000.00 | -10,000.00 | 0.00 | 100 |
| TOTAL | REQUISITION | 0.00 | -10,000.00 | -10,000.00 | 0.00 | 100 |
| 19110 | SURPLUS/DEFICIT - CURRENT YEAR | | | | | |
| 0000 | SURPLUS/DEFICIT | 0.00 | -15,000.00 | -15,000.00 | 0.00 | 100 |
| TOTAL | SURPLUS/DEFICIT - CURRENT YEAR | 0.00 | -15,000.00 | -15,000.00 | 0.00 | 100 |
| TOTAL | OPERATING REV | 0.00 | -25,000.00 | -25,000.00 | 0.00 | 100 |
| | OPERATING EXP | | | | | |
| 21950 | GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS | | | | | |
| 0000 | GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 24,875.00 | 24,875.00 | 0 |
| 0112 | COWICHAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | -3,000.00 | 0 |
| 0406 | COWICHAN LAKE AND RIVER STEWARDSH | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | -1,500.00 | 0 |
| 0422 | COBBLE HILL EVENT SOCIETY | 0.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | -300.00 | 0 |
| 0451 | DUNCAN COWICHAN CHAMBER OF COMMI | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | -2,000.00 | 0 |
| 0463 | TAKE A HIKE FOUNDATION | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | -500.00 | 0 |
| 0464 | COWICHAN VALLEY PRIMARY CARE SOCIE | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | -500.00 | 0 |
| TOTAL | GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS | 0.00 | 7,800.00 | 24,875.00 | 17,075.00 | 31 |
| 28050 | GENERAL GOVERNMENT CHARGE | | | | | |
| 4100 | ALLOC - GENERAL GOVERNMENT | 0.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 0.00 | 100 |
| TOTAL | GENERAL GOVERNMENT CHARGE | 0.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 0.00 | 100 |
| TOTAL | OPERATING EXP | 0.00 | 7,925.00 | 25,000.00 | 17,075.00 | 32 |
| TOTAL | SURPLUS / DEFICIT | 0.00 | -17,075.00 | 0.00 | 17,075.00 | 0 |
| TOTAL | GENERAL REVENUE FUND | 0.00 | -17,075.00 | 0.00 | 17,075.00 | 0 |