



2008 – 2009 CLBC Innovation Grants

Community Living British Columbia [CLBC] makes funding available each year on a one-time only basis for innovative projects that help create sustainable, person-focused approaches to developing, funding and implementing needed supports and services. During the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year, up to \$300,000 is available for **Family Governed Projects**. These are projects developed by small groups of families who, as a group, arrange and oversee individualized supports needed for their family members. Families take on as much, or as little, responsibility in developing supports tailored to their needs. Family governed projects can be for children and youth with special needs or adults with a developmental disability, and can be local or provincial in scope.

An application form will be posted to CLBC's website on Monday May 5, 2008. Some examples of family governed projects are:

- ❖ Providing family support services
- ❖ Family leadership development
- ❖ Working with a service provider to develop a consumer and family friendly way to “unbundle” or individualize supports and services
- ❖ Addressing the needs of members of an ethnic group
- ❖ Helping families learn how to develop effective person centred support plans
- ❖ Developing a workshop that will benefit families [e.g. hiring and managing staff]
- ❖ Implementing different ways to provide respite services [e.g. Respite; Developing a small business to coordinate respite workers in a remote area]
- ❖ Developing a mentoring program for families who wish to connect with others with similar experiences

Families can administer their own projects but a family member must sign a contract with CLBC on behalf of the group and is legally responsible for meeting all administrative requirements. Another option is to choose a service provider to act as a host agency to address the project's administrative and employer of record responsibilities on behalf of the family group. Host agencies can support projects to operate in ways that are distinct from their more standard ways of operating. For example, projects can hire and supervise their own staff, have separate budgets and management committees, a different philosophy, name, and location.

CLBC wants the process of acquiring innovation grants to be as simple as possible for applicants so they should not worry about technical issues. The application form is short and easy to complete and there is a separate document with guidelines on how to complete the application. What is important is that families should have an opportunity to innovate on how best to meet their important unmet needs.

Key Dates

- ❖ Call for Applications Opens – May 5, 2008
- ❖ Teleconference information session on **Family Governed Projects** with Michael Kendrick – May 26, 2008
- ❖ Call for Applications Closes – June 20, 2008
- ❖ Selection Committee Review of Applications Completed – July 15, 2008
- ❖ Notification to Applicants – July 31, 2008
- ❖ Earliest Project Start Date – September 1, 2008

Learn about family governed projects by visiting

http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/what_we_do/innovation/links_and_resources.htm#family_governed