

Ed May and Social Justice Grants Information for 2013-14

Ed May Social Responsibility grants for individual members and groups of members

The Ed May Social Responsibility fund grants were established in 1994 by the BCTF AGM to support teachers in promoting socially responsible teaching in BC in the areas of gender equity, multiculturalism, antiracism, homophobia/heterosexism, LGBTQ issues, antipoverty, Aboriginal issues, environmental issues, violence prevention, child and youth issues, and peace and global education. The funds are based on \$1.00 per member per year and the BCTF usually awards between 35–45 grants per year, ranging from \$500 to the maximum allowable \$2000. It is a competitive process with applications totaling well over the available funds.

Criteria:

- may be classroom or school-based, or may involve the community and school
- can be a current or new initiative
- funds may be used for release time, materials, publicity, communication, coalition building
- funds may NOT be used for travel, overseas projects, purchase of food, or school hardware (computers, furniture, etc.)
- a budget MUST be included with the proposal.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- are new rather than repeat proposals
- are innovative
- actively involve students
- have major impact on learners
- are collaborative (with funding from other sources)
- represent a geographical and topical balance.

Timeline:

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 25, 2013. Decisions will be made by the end of January 2014. Successful applicants receive 50% of the grant to begin their project and the remaining 50% upon receipt of a final report by the December 1, 2014 deadline.

Tips:

- Try not to wait until the November 25, 2013 deadline when it may be a scramble to get the required signatures.
- Ensure that your proposal is clear, succinct, and meets all the requirements.
- Do not present a budget that includes items that the application clearly has stated will not be funded (food, travel, overseas projects, etc.).
- Get your final report in by the December 1, 2014 deadline or you may not receive the final payment.
- Ensure that you credit the BCTF on any performances, DVDs, publications, reports, etc. related to your project.
- Applicants should familiarize themselves with the social justice lens as a tool to assist in proposal development. Find it at bctf.ca/SocialJustice.aspx under Publications.

Ed May grant applications can be found at bctf.ca/SocialJustice.aspx.

BCTF Social Justice Grants for local social justice programs

These grants are meant to provide seed money for activities or projects that work toward systemic change within the local. They should fit within the local's overall social justice plan for the year and could focus on gender equity, multiculturalism, antiracism, homophobia/heterosexism, LGBTQ issues, antipoverty, Aboriginal issues, environmental issues, violence prevention, child and youth issues, or peace and global education. They are NOT meant to replace funding that should be supplied by the school district.

Criteria:

- reflect BCTF social justice principles as seen through the social justice lens
- have ongoing impact on teachers or teachers and students in the local
- involve several teachers
- may involve the community
- take place within the current school year
- fit within the local's social justice plan
- funds may NOT be used for travel, overseas projects, purchase of food, or school hardware (computers, furniture, etc.).

Who may apply?

The local social justice contact or members of the Social Justice Committee.

How much money is available?

Matching funds on a 4:1 ratio (BCTF/Local) to a maximum of \$2000 from the BCTF. (Example: \$500 local = \$2000 BCTF). The BCTF has budgeted for a total of \$20,000 for these grants in 2013–14. They are granted on a first-come basis.

Timeline:

Grant applications will be received from September 2013 until the final deadline of April 15, 2014.

Social Justice grant checklist:

- Proposal meets all the criteria.
- Project goals and plans are clear and succinct.
- Local social justice action plan is included.
- Details provided on how grant application fits with the SJ lens.
- Budget and timelines are included.
- All required signatures are in place.

Tips:

- Do not wait until April—the money may have been spent.
- Ensure that you credit the BCTF on any performances, DVDs, publications, reports, etc. related to your project.
- Send a final report on your project to the BCTF.

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