

# Moving Mountains for Children

## **Funding Opportunity**

### APPLY BETWEEN JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 3 AT 5:00 PM

## About Whistler Community Foundation

Founded in 1999, Whistler Community Foundation (WCF), grants money to local charities, engages the community through Whistler's Vital Signs and manages donations as long-term investments.

The Board of Directors takes recommendations on how to direct the available funds from volunteer grants committee members. WCF staff supports the board and committee during this granting process.

#### Description

The purpose of this fund is to support charitable organizations whose activities help children and youth, ages 0-18 and their families, in Whistler. Funds can be applied to learning opportunities for Early Childhood Educators (ECE), capital assets for childcare centres or programs, and seed funding for new programs.

#### **Grant Amounts**

Total available: \$1500.00 | \$750 available for ECE courses, \$750 available for programs.

## Criteria for Learning Opportunities

Applicants must:

- Be employed by a registered non-profit childcare centre
- Reside in or work in Whistler
- Be pursuing programs or courses focused on early childhood education or childhood development
- Demonstrate exemplary achievement and qualities
- Exhibit community leadership, consideration for others and outstanding personal qualities

## Criteria for Capital Assets

- Applicants must be a qualified donee that runs children's programming in Whistler
- Capital assets may include equipment, software, books, or other items that contribute to the long-term benefit of the community
- Applicants must demonstrate a plan for long term sustainability of programs

## Criteria for Seed Funding for Children's Programs

- Applicants must be seeking funding to create new children's development programs that are not available in the community
- Preference will be given to programs that support the expansion of science, technology, engineering and mathematics education and experiences in Whistler
- Seed funding may include support for initial operating costs including wages, and/or assets.

## **Application Process**

#### ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 3, 5:00PM, 2025

#### The Moving Mountains for Children Grants Program uses an <u>online application</u> process.

If your organization has used the grant portal previously, log in and begin your application. If you are a first-time applicant, please create your <u>online profile</u> to apply. You will use the system to submit your application, your grant agreement, and your grant reports. If you would prefer to do your application orally, please email ndoiron@whistlerfoundation.com by January 27th so we can accommodate your request.

All applications will be thoroughly assessed by Grants Committees. The Grants Committees will recommend project funding to WCF's Board of Directors who will have final approval. All applicants will receive written notification of WCF's decision and if successful, the terms and conditions of any grant that has been awarded by the end of March 2025.

#### **Selection Process**

Recipients are selected by the Whistler Community Foundation Grants committee.