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Library Grant Opportunities

Attention Library Board Chairs/BCLTA Liaisons:

As you make your New Year's resolutions, why not retrieve that dusty project idea from your shelf and make 2009 the year you turn it into a reality. The following grant programs are either open to applications from public libraries or from local governments on behalf of libraries. And this is by no means a comprehensive list...take a few moments to look for other funding opportunities, many of which you may come across in this excellent resource hosted by the CivicInfo Society of BC:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS DATABASE

www.civicinfo.bc.ca/18.asp

Library Settlement Partnerships

www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca

Connect with a local settlement agency in your community and discuss how you could best provide a settlement service program to new immigrants within the library. Respond to the Request for Information for Library Settlement Partnerships now available on the BC Bid website at www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca (browse for Bid Opportunities or Bid Results/browse opportunities by organization/select Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development/select Bid# ON-001704). Also contact Trish Rosseel at trish.rosseel@gov.bc.ca or 604-660-3965 to discuss program ideas and models. Response deadline – January 22, 2009.

Dissemination Grants

www.mbc.metropolis.net/research/grant

Dissemination Projects are activities which facilitate the communication between the Metropolis knowledge base (previously known as Research on Immigration and Integration in the Metropolis – RIIM) and a community of stakeholders. Here, the Metropolis knowledge base is taken to include the body of research generated by Metropolis BC over its 13-year existence. A first Call for Proposals has been issued for Dissemination Grants and in this round funding is expected for approximately 5-10 new dissemination projects of \$2,000 to \$10,000 each. Application deadline – February 12, 2009.

Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage

www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/dcap-bcah/index-eng.cfm

The Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program was created to help you celebrate your community, its past and its present. The Program will increase opportunities, through festivals or other events and activities, for your local artists and artisans to be involved in their community and for local groups to commemorate your local history and heritage. Application deadline – April 1, 2009.

School-Community Connections Program

www.schoolconnections.ca

The School Community Connections "Strengthening the Connection" funding program is designed to address issues of common concern for Boards of Education and Local Governments such as early learning, physical activity opportunities and healthy eating options that could be addressed in schools if a funding program was available. Projects must address shared school/community priorities and be supported by both a board of education and local government. "Libraries and Literacy" is one of the applicable categories for project funding. Next intake deadline – March 31, 2009.

Columbia Basin Trust Community Development Program

www.cbt.org

The Community Development Program responds to project proposals or ideas from Basin communities, groups and organizations that build capacity within the Basin in ways that are consistent with the Columbia Basin Trust's mandate of supporting the efforts of the people of the Basin to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental well-being and to achieve greater self sufficiency for present and future generations. Libraries are one of the subject areas that qualify for funding.

Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund

www.nkdf.org

The Nechako-Kitimaat Development Fund Society is a grant-making agency that assists the people of North West British Columbia, and in particular the Nechako region and Kitimaat Village, by sponsoring sustainable economic and social projects in the area most affected by the Kemano project and the creation of the Nechako Reservoir. Libraries are one of the subject areas that qualify for funding.

Trees for Tomorrow

www.treesfortomorrow.gov.bc.ca/

Trees for Tomorrow is a Province of British Columbia initiative designed to support urban and rural communities in the planting of millions of trees in schoolyards, hospital grounds, civic parks, campuses, parking lots and other public spaces throughout British Columbia over the next five years. This initiative is part of the Province's strategy to reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere by at least 33 per cent below current levels by 2020. First intake deadline – January 16, 2009.