

FUNDING GUIDELINES

ACTION Mini-Grants – Applications now available!

Most injuries are predictable and preventable

The Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) Trauma Program is excited to provide a funding opportunity for innovative community driven projects, partnerships and initiatives that promote the prevention of injuries and improve the quality of life of residents living in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region.

Inclusion Criteria

ACTION mini-grants may be used for labor and non-labor expenses related to the delivery of the injury prevention initiative. Grants do not cover research, capital expenditures, ongoing operational expenses or direct welfare supports and services that clearly fall under the mandate of other government bodies.

Priority Areas

ACTION mini-grants are available to organizations that serve residents in all or parts of the VCH health region. Priority will be given to organizations that address at least one of the following priority areas of the VGH Trauma Program:

- Seniors Falls Reduction
- Mental Wellness
- Sports Related Injuries
- Road Safety (drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists)
- Alcohol Related Injuries

Mandatory Organization Criteria

All organizations that receive ACTION mini-grants must (1) be fiscally sound - maintain financial audits in good standing and (2) have an independent, active governing body (Board of Directors)

Funding Principles

ACTION Grants fund projects that:

- **Last** - your project has a good chance of living on after the funding ends.
- **Make a difference** - your project will broadly impact your community in a positive way.
- **Support collaborations & partnerships** - your project will encourage diverse groups to work together toward a common goal.
- **Reduce injuries** - your project will reduce the risks and impacts of injuries through education, awareness and action.
- **Invest upstream** – your project is aimed at the root causes of injury. In many cases, upstream action addresses social, economic and environmental conditions.

Accountability

ACTION mini-grant funded organizations must complete a brief activity report and statement of expenses upon completion of their project. These reports must be submitted by the date(s) specified in the grant contract. These reports must be completed using the templates and forms provided by VCH. Please note: Report materials become the property of Vancouver Coastal Health. These reports enable VCH to explain how and where the funds were used, as well as, its impact on communities.

Granting Amounts and Period

ACTION mini-grants are for a 1 year period. Grants range from \$500 to \$1500, depending on the scope of the injury prevention initiative. ACTION mini-grants may be renewed based on the initiative’s performance and on the continued alignment with Trauma Program priorities and compliance with ACTION funding guidelines.

Questions

If you have any questions about the ACTION grants, please do not hesitate to contact us by email or phone and we will be happy to help:

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Good Luck!