

Lighthouse Organizations Fund: Expressions of Interest

Welcome!

The Lighthouse Organizations Fund is made possible through the Stronger Community Services Fund from the Government of BC. This fund provides multi-year operational grants to large, multi-service organizations with a provincial or regional footprint that support poverty reduction.

[British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy](#) informed the criteria for this granting stream, including the six priority areas, four guiding principles, and thirteen priority population groups that are outlined in the [2022 Annual Report](#). This questionnaire will give the adjudicating committee insight into the distinctive strengths and focus areas of your organization within this context.

As we are committed to a trust-based approach, and to meet the goals of the Lighthouse Organizations Fund, we are sharing the following assessment criteria that all organizations must meet in addition to the eligibility criteria listed [here](#), in order of weighted priority:

- **Contribution to Poverty Reduction:** Your organization's contribution to the overarching goal of poverty reduction as outlined in the Provincial strategy will be the primary emphasis.
- **Population of Focus:** Recognizing the diverse needs within our communities, significant importance is placed on the specific population groups your organization serves.
- **Other Considerations:** Additional considerations will include commitments to equity, organizations with less access to large-scale funding, organizations with increased demand for services, and considering the balance of recipients across geography and poverty reduction areas

To reduce applicant workload, we will incorporate publicly available documents, such as CRA data, alongside this submission. This approach aims to minimize documentation burden while still being comprehensive. You will have the option to provide additional details at the end of the questionnaire if you feel this publicly available information may not adequately represent your organization's work.

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Section 1: Organizational Details

The following questions are intended to capture key organizational details to better understand the scope of your service offering, your geographic focus, and how your work aligns with the priority action areas outlined in the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy.

* 1. Please provide the following details about your organization

Organization Name	<input type="text"/>
Registered Charity Number	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Website	<input type="text"/>
Contact Name	<input type="text"/>
Contact Email	<input type="text"/>
Contact Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

2. As part of our commitment to reducing applicant burden and in an effort to streamline this process, please upload a copy of your organization's most recent annual report.

Accepted file types include PDF, DOC, and DOCX

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen

* 3. **Geographic Scope:** This fund is intended for organizations with a Regional or Provincial scope. A regional scope can be defined as providing activities throughout one or more of BC's distinct 8 regions and/or regions as defined by indigenous communities.

Please indicate the geographical scope of your organization's services and programming:

- Local/Municipal
- Regional
- Provincial
- National, but applying on behalf of a provincial entity of the organization
- Other (please specify)

* 4. **Geographic Focus:** Please select the region(s) where you are actively offering services and programming:

- Vancouver Island / Coast
- Mainland / Southwest
- Thompson / Okanagan
- Kootenay
- Cariboo
- North Coast
- Nechako
- Northeast
- The entire province

* 5. **Direct Services:** While there are many different ways to contribute to poverty reduction, the Lighthouse Organizations Fund is designed to support organizations providing services directly to communities who face barriers to social inclusion and economic stability.

Please select all options that best describe your organization's work as it relates to providing direct services to communities:

- We do not currently provide direct services to community
- We support others who provide direct services
- We provide services directly to the community
- We partner with others to offer additional services

* 6. **Scope of Services:** As noted in the criteria, this Fund is intended specifically for multiservice organizations. Please select the option that best describes the scope of services your organization currently provides:

- We provide one primary service
- We provide two key services
- We provide three or more services

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Section 2: Principles & Priority Areas

The Lighthouse Organizations Fund grants are focused on supporting organizations working along the four principles and six priority action areas listed in the Government of BC's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

More information about the principles can be found in the [2022 Annual Report](#) and the [Poverty Reduction Strategy](#).

The questions in this next section will help us better understand your work as it relates to these principles and priority areas.

* 7. The Poverty Reduction Strategy highlights four **Guiding Principles**: *Affordability, Opportunity, Social Inclusion, and Reconciliation*.

Which principles are most prominent in your organization's work?

- Affordability
- Opportunity
- Social Inclusion
- Reconciliation

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Priority Area: Housing

* 8. Of the six priority action areas, does your organization address ***Housing?***

Yes

No

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Priority Area: Housing

* 9. You indicated that your organization's work contributes to the **Housing** priority, please indicate in what areas your organization's contributions align with the priorities outlined in the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy?

Select all that apply.

- Support for renters
- Increasing the supply of affordable homes
- Action on homelessness
- Other (please specify)

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Priority Area: Families, Children and Youth

* 10. Of the six priority action areas, does your organization address *Family, Children and Youth*?

Yes

No

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Priority Area: Families, Children and Youth

* 11. You indicated that your organization's work contributes to the ***Families, Children and Youth*** priority, please indicate in what areas your organization's contributions align with the priorities outlined in the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy?

Select all that apply

- Access to childcare
- Support for single-parent homes
- Supporting children and caregivers fleeing violence
- Supporting youth currently not with a family, such as those formerly in foster care with access to basic needs and/or income support
- Supporting and strengthening families/reducing risk of children (re)entering the care system
- Supporting caregivers (parents, foster parents, others) and families with income support and/or access to basic needs, skills training, and/or education
- Access to early intervention support for children and youth with disabilities
- Other (please specify)

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Priority Area: Expanding access to education and training

* 12. Of the six priority action areas, does your organization address ***Education***?

Yes

No

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Priority Area: Expanding access to education and training

* 13. You indicated that your organization's work contributes to the **Education** priority, please indicate in what areas your organization's contributions align with the priorities outlined in the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy to expand access to education and training.

Select all that apply.

- Skills training for older workers
- Skills development for people needing extra supports
- Adult basic education and English language learning
- Investing in trades training
- Other (please specify)

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Priority Area: More opportunities, more jobs

* 14. Of the six priority action areas, does your organization address ***Employment?***

Yes

No

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Priority Area: More opportunities, more jobs

* 15. You indicated that your organization's work contributes to the **Employment** priority, please indicate the specific areas your work addresses in alignment with the priorities outlined in the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Select all that apply.

- Supporting those re-entering the workforce
- New opportunities for people with disabilities
- Improving employment standards
- Support for temporary foreign workers
- Improving job security
- Improving work conditions
- Improving wages
- Reducing barriers to accessing employment
- Other (please specify)

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Priority Area: Income Supports

* 16. Of the six priority action areas, does your organization address ***Income Supports***?

Yes

No

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Priority Area: Income Supports

* 17. Priority Action Area: Income supports

You indicated that your organization's work contributes to the ***Income Supports*** priority, please indicate the specific areas your work addresses in alignment with the priorities outlined in the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy?

Select all that apply.

- Reduce living costs
- Help individuals increase their earnings
- Provide financial support
- Provide access to basic needs such as healthy food, housing, and other basic needs
- Other (please specify)

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Priority Area: Social Supports

* 18. Of the six priority action areas, does your organization address ***Social Supports?***

Yes

No

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Priority Area: Social Supports

* 19. You indicated that your organization's work contributes to the ***Social Supports*** priority, please indicate the specific areas your work addresses in alignment with the priorities outlined in the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy?

Select all that apply.

- Addiction services
- Mental health services
- Supports to improve food security
- Health care
- Safe and affordable transportation
- Justice support
- Advancing human rights and addressing discrimination
- Other (please specify)

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Section 3: Who You Serve

The questions in this section aim to provide insight into who your organization serves in alignment with the populations of focus outlined in the Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy, and your approach to serving individuals experiencing poverty.

* 20. **Priority Populations:** In carrying out the Poverty Reduction Strategy, BC has indicated specific priority groups for this work, which are listed below. Which of the following population groups does your organization's work in the action areas identified above contribute to?

Select all that apply

- Children
- Youth
- Women and gender-diverse peoples (*including all who identify as women or non-binary*)
- Indigenous Peoples
- Persons living with disabilities
- Persons living in rural and remote communities
- Immigrants and refugees
- LGBTQ2SIA+ persons
- Seniors
- Persons and families working and earning low incomes
- Persons living with mental illness or addiction
- Persons living with or fleeing abuse
- Black communities
- Persons of colour
- None

*** 21. Approach to Priority Populations:** Please indicate the extent to which your organization focuses on serving the priority populations you've indicated above:

We do not apply a specific focus on the priority populations indicated	We apply a general focus on priority populations, but do not target these demographics specifically	We have a moderate focus on serving priority populations indicated	We are primarily focused on serving priority populations indicated	We exclusively target priority populations indicated
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*** 22. The Lighthouse Organizations Fund seeks to support those who are most at risk of or are currently experiencing poverty. In light of the priority areas your organization focuses on (as selected previously), in what ways do folks experiencing poverty show up in your target communities?**

- Our programs are available to everyone, which may or may not include people experiencing poverty or are at risk of poverty
- Our programs are available to everyone, which includes people experiencing poverty or are at risk of poverty, but we do not specifically target this demographic
- Our programs are available to people facing a range of needs, but a large portion of those we serve are likely at risk of experiencing poverty or already are
- We prioritize those who are experiencing poverty or are at risk of poverty in our programs

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Section 4: Additional Information

If there are reasons you believe that publicly available information does not comprehensively represent your organization's activities, you may provide up to 200 words to clarify or expand on your application thus far.

23. Is there anything you would like to add or clarify regarding any of the responses you've provided in this application?

200 word maximum

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Section 5: Stewardship of Funds

* 24. If awarded, these funds are allocated for operational purposes and can be used at the discretion of the receiving organization, except for the following restrictions for which they cannot be used:

- Activities and programs outside of B.C.
- Debt retirement, reserves, endowments, or mortgage pay-downs
- Direct religious purposes

Please confirm your understanding of these restrictions to conclude this Expression of Interest.

I confirm that if our organization is selected for this grant, we will not use the funds for any of the restricted purposes listed above.

We appreciate your interest and your commitment to reducing poverty and enhancing social inclusion across the Province of British Columbia - thank you for taking the time to submit an Expression of Interest.