

Working with communities in BC's Interior, Lower Mainland, Central & Northern Vancouver Island

Call for Proposals

United for Ukraine – BC 2023-2024

SUMMARY

<u>United Way British Columbia</u> (UWBC) helps communities by investing in solutions where impact is needed. Research suggests that children and youth with existing vulnerabilities including language barriers may be even more at risk of falling behind in their development of social, emotional and continued educational growth and that providing opportunities for more access to prosocial/skill building and English language programming, will help set Ukrainian children and youth up for success during their settlement in BC.

November 2022, United Way British Columbia will launch the UWBC United for Ukraine funding stream, aimed specifically towards programs and projects (existing or new) that promote adaptability, resiliency, English language communication skills, emotional regulation, problem-solving, a sense of belonging, life skills needed for pre-employment/continued education and prosocial behaviour. UWBC United for Ukraine Funds will be available through our online portal <u>https://resources-uwbc.force.com/s/funding-program/a1l4x00000AVrX1</u> and eligible organizations include Settlement agencies, Community Organizations, and Ukrainian Cultural Organizations. Priority will be determined based on need in geographic region, capacity, scope and overall impact.

UWBC United for Ukraine funding is open to eligible local programs throughout BC's Interior, Lower Mainland and Central & Northern Vancouver Island.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal:

To address unmet need of English language support for Displaced Ukrainian Children and Youth that have fled the war in Ukraine. To provide opportunities/programming for Ukrainian children to build skills (physical, emotional, social etc.) that will be beneficial to their settlement in BC as well as ongoing social and emotional development to allow youth to practice skills needed for pre-employment, continued education and social success not to be interrupted by a language barrier.

- 1. Increased English Language Learning Inclusive and strengths-based programming that fosters social connectedness and positive relationship building while also improving English Language communication skills.
- 2. Increased Life skills Promoting various skill opportunities to contribute to positive physical, emotional and social health.
- Supporting Ukrainian Children (ages 6 12) Providing opportunities for children to learn and gain experience that enhances their capacity to communicate in English and reach their emotional and developmental milestones.
- Empowering Ukrainian Youth (ages 13 29) Providing opportunities for youth to learn skills and gain experience that enhances their capacity to find meaningful employment, further their education and create positive impact in their community.

FUNDING AMOUNTS

Minimum request - \$5,000.00 Maximum request - \$15,000.00

CRITERIA FOR APPLYING

- Eligibility: Any Settlement, Community or Cultural Organization in British Columbia that is a registered nonprofit/ incorporated society in BC (charitable registration number) and is actively addressing the unmet needs and challenges of war displaced Ukrainians.
- Demonstrated history of providing services and supports, particularly for newcomer youth and families or partnering to deliver services with a local experienced organization.
- Are a qualified donee as stipulated in Canada Revenue Agency Guidelines. The term "qualified donee" as defined, includes a list of entities such as registered charities, government bodies (i.e., municipalities) and certain other specific entities.
- Comply with all Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws, including laws concerning labour, employment, and human rights standards.
- Demonstrate community accountability through strong volunteer governance and leadership.
- Demonstrate effective human resources, program, and fiscal management, and deliver programs and services in an effective and efficient manner.
- Submit a completed Application prior to 11:59 pm on January 15, 2023

CONDITIONS OF GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Signed Letter of Agreement (LOA).
- Funds will be used for the initiative as approved by UWBC.
- All funds received from UWBC will be expended during the timeframe specified or returned in a timely manner.
- Written approval will be required from designated UWBC staff prior to any funding, operational, and/or timeline changes to the original approved application.
- Work with UWBC staff to develop at least one 'impact story' over the program period, as submitted in the required report(s). The story will highlight the direct and indirect linkages between the program and any positive impacts experienced by one or more participants.
- An interim report will be submitted to UWBC if programming is in place for greater than 6 months. Final Report will be submitted to UWBC by the reporting deadline (templates will be provided).

TIMELINES

November 28 – January 2023	Call for Proposals document is launched and applications open online.
January 15, 2023	Application deadline.
January 16–Feb 3, 2023	Applications reviewed and decisions made.
February- March 15, 2023	Letters of Agreement (LOA) signed and returned, funding released
March 31 2023	All funds have been disbursed and call for proposal is closed
March 31, 2024	Funding end use date/Final Report due.