

## FOOD SECURITY – PROVINCIAL INITIATIVES FUND: Call for Applications

### Purpose of Funding

The Food Security – Provincial Initiatives Fund was established to support food security projects and initiatives in British Columbia, specifically those projects and initiatives that are regional in scope and foster cross-sectoral partnerships to address household food insecurity and develop or strengthen local food systems and economies. Projects should contribute to community access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food.

Up to \$750,000 is available for distribution.

Grant request size: \$100,000 - \$250,000

### Application Process

#### Eligibility

Federally registered charities or qualified donees in British Columbia in good standing with CRA may be eligible to apply, should they meet the purpose of the funding and one or more of the following **project criteria**:

- Support local food economy in food production, sales and/or services
- Provide food-based employment, training or education for job readiness or post-secondary education
- Food-based social enterprise business development, incubation and operations
- Community food hub development and operations that support the local food economy and are regional in scope
- Indigenous-led food sovereignty projects or initiatives

Emergency food programs are not eligible for funding (e.g. traditional food bank, hamper, pantry or meal programs)

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, we encourage you to please contact Victoria Foundation at [grants@victoriafoundation.bc.ca](mailto:grants@victoriafoundation.bc.ca).

#### Applications

Eligible organizations may submit a two-page proposal and a separate project budget. Additional materials will not be accepted. Proposals must include:

- Project summary
- Related experience of organization and people involved
- Project need
- Community impacts
- Timeline of activities
- Plan to evaluate the project or initiatives

**Consideration will be given to applicants' ability to leverage additional funding sources. Remote and rural communities are encouraged to apply.**

Proposals must be submitted in PDF format and have standard page borders, size eleven font and **not** exceed two-pages. Proposals that do not adhere to these parameters will **not** be considered. Victoria Foundation staff may reach out to applicants with questions during the review process.

*Application deadline and submission details*

**The deadline for applications is October 14, 2019 at 11:59pm.** Applications must be submitted to Victoria Foundation by email to [grants@victoriafoundation.bc.ca](mailto:grants@victoriafoundation.bc.ca). Please use the subject line Food Security – Provincial Initiatives Fund 2019 Application.

### Application Review Process

Victoria Foundation will review all applications based on established criteria.

Victoria Foundation will consult with a group of advisors with expertise and knowledge of the food security landscape in British Columbia to receive feedback and input on applications.

**Grant decisions will be made by the Victoria Foundation Board of Directors in late November 2019.**

### Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Delivers one or more of the **project criteria** outlined above
- Capacity of organization and people involved to deliver proposed project
- Feasibility of project
- Strength of impact related to the purpose of the funding
- Level of cross-sectoral partnerships in place (e.g. non-profits, levels of government, private sector)
- Ability to leverage other funding and in-kind contributions
- Plan to evaluate and capture learnings from proposed project