

CONSUMER FACILITATION FUND

Are you applying as:

Consumer Family Member Agency

Verification of Mental Illness

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Date of Birth _____

Application Category: (please check one)

Family Education Work Leisure/Personal Life

Have you applied for funding before? Yes No

Please give a brief description of your experience of mental illness and what you are doing to support your recovery.

Bus Pass Applications:

Annual Bus Pass People with Disabilities (PWD) qualify for an **annual** bus pass.

Monthly buss pass

Complete if requesting funding for Education Applications:

Check List:

- Please provide receipts for previous funding
- Check on course refund policy
- Please provide itemized list of all costs
- Please attach all pertinent information

- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to confirm approval for funding**
Phone: 250 374 0440

All applicants please describe your request in detail attaching quotes and information.

Total Funds Requested: \$ _____

Applicants Signature : _____

Association Application:

Are you are a registered association or a society?

Provincial Branch Self Branch

Do you offer services exclusively to Mental Health Consumers?

Yes No

Approved	(for office use only)
Cheque #	_____
Payable to	_____
Tabled	Why? _____
Denied	Why? _____

Completed application forms must be submitted to:

Canadian Mental Health Association
857 Seymour Street
Kamloops, BC V2C 2H6
Telephone: 250 374-0440
Fax: 250 374 8718

**Inquiries can be made by phone at 374-0440
Or in person at 857 Seymour Street, Kamloops**

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THE CONSUMER FACILITATION FUND

Philosophy: Fund allocation is directed by consumers, family members, Mental Health and CMHA- Kamloops working in equal partnership as the Funding Committee. The committed efforts of the Funding Criteria Committee membership has enabled the delivery of this fund in spite of the challenges faced in balancing a finite resource with the ever changing environment and needs of consumers and family members in the Thompson Region. This effort in and of itself reflects the notions of empowerment inherent to the Consumer Facilitation Funds initiative.

Purpose: To allocate funds to consumers, their family members and agencies for projects, courses, and endeavours that relate to personal life, leisure, education and employment. These endeavours enhance self-fulfilment and mental health, while encouraging consumer and family member involvement in a coordinated mental health network.

Program Overview: A consumer is a person with a current experience of mental illness. This will be demonstrated by the consumer offering a brief description of the mental illness they experience and what they are doing to support their recovery (for example: I suffer from recurring depression. I visit my doctor, take my medications and see my counsellor regularly. I also take care of myself by going for a walk everyday.) Consumers over the age of 18 years of age are eligible to apply. Case by case consideration will be made for requests coming from consumers less than 18 years of age.

A family member is a family member of a person with a mental illness. This will be demonstrated by the family member offering a brief description of the mental illness and what they are doing to support themselves as family members (for example: My husband suffers from panic attacks. I have attended a support group and read books to help me understand what panic attacks are. I work to be a good support to my husband and keep myself healthy at the same time).

An agency is a registered not for profit agency that exists to provide programs and services to mental health consumers and family members as previously described.

The Funding Committee is comprised of consumers, family members, a representative from the Mental Health Centre and a representative from CMHA – Kamloops Branch.

GUIDELINES

1. Verification of Mental Illness must be submitted.
2. **NEW MEETING DAY:** Applications are reviewed by the Funding Criteria Committee on the **3rd Monday** of every month.

Applications must be submitted before the end of the business day prior to the meeting. **Late applications will be held until the next regular meeting.**
3. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain, complete, and return the application, and to inquire whether they have been funded. Cheques will be available to the **applicant** on the **Friday after each meeting**. Cheques will be voided after two months.
4. Approved applicants are eligible for funding to a **maximum of \$125 per fiscal year**. This does not include any personal (ie. Clothing, razors, hygiene items) or household items such as electronics.
5. Approved agencies are eligible for funding to a **maximum of \$300 per fiscal year**.
6. A formal quote must be attached to application **or** detailed explanation and breakdown of costs is required.
7. **Receipts are required** for all purchases. Photo copies are acceptable. If receipts are not provided, future funding will be denied for one calendar year. **Receipts are requested within 14 days.**
8. If you have more than one request, please submit on separate applications.
9. Requests for education/workshops/conferences must have information attached to the application outlining content, dates, and cost.
10. For association/society requests, please provide mission statement, goals, vision, and philosophy statements. If reapplying for annual funding, please provide (on a separate sheet of paper) a budget for previous funding disbursements.
11. FCC will fund items directly related to sports & fitness.

12. Psychotherapy, medications and alternative therapies, medical/dental treatment and/or supplies will not be funded.
13. The FCC will not provide funding when other community resources are available which provide access to the same or similar activity at a lower cost or available at no cost. For example, FCC will not fund computers because free computer access is available at several places in the community.
14. The FCC will not fund subsidized programs including the Y and Parks and Recreation. FCC will not provide funding when subsidies are available from another provider for the same or a similar activity. For example, FCC will not fund the use of fitness gyms because subsidies are available from the Y, Parks and Recreation, and other providers.
15. Ongoing requests (e.g.: lessons) must be re-applied for on a quarterly basis (every 3 months)
16. **Bus passes** for non PWD status applicants **must be applied on a monthly basis.**
17. Persons who have previously been approved for PWD status and are receiving annual bus passes will not be eligible for monthly bus passes and/or bus tickets or cost of lost passes.
18. Out of town transportation will only be funded for education/workshops/conferences.
19. Requests for utilities, rent, bill payments, and insurance, ID in any format, licences and ongoing business expenses of any kind will not be funded.
20. The Committee does not reimburse for items or costs that have been already acquired or paid for.
21. Any available refunds a person receives from an unfinished course or project are to be directed back to the Funding Criteria Committee.
22. The Funding Criteria Committee does not make loans.
23. There is an appeal process. Please contact CMHA for details.