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2015 Strategic Plan Grant Application Form

How to Apply:

1. Complete **Application Form** in its entirety and send to grants@victoria.ca

2. Assemble **Eligibility Documentation**

Attach the following *required* documentation to ensure eligibility and completion of the 2015 Grant Application Form.

- ☒ Society or Charity confirmation – Provide society number and Certificate of Good Standing or Charity Registration Number and CRA Canadian Registered Charities details page showing charity status as **registered**
- ☒ Annual Report and Financial Statements – organization's current filed documents with the Registrar of Companies as required by the BC Society Act

SECTION 1. CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization Name: AIDS Vancouver Island

Mailing Address: 3rd Floor Access Health Centre, 713 Johnson Street Victoria, BC, V8W 1M8

Contact Person: Shane Calder

Email: Shane.Calder@avi.org

Telephone: 250 384 2366

Website: www.avi.org

SECTION 2. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Are you registered under the *Society Act*? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Society Registration Number: S 20925

Are you a registered Charity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Charity Registration Number: 13064 2440 RR0001

Organization mission/mandate

AVI serves the needs of people infected and affected by HIV and hepatitis C across Vancouver Island. We take evidence based action to prevent infection, provide support and reduce stigma. Our vision is of a world free of HIV and hepatitis C. Until that time, those most at risk in our community continue to be marginalized - not only by their disease, but also by stigma and discrimination, poverty, and despair. As we fight these diseases, we join with those we serve to provide services based on consideration and respect and to provide visibility and a voice in the community

Brief history and role in benefitting residents of Greater Victoria

AIDS Vancouver Island was founded at the beginning of the AIDS crisis. On September 17, 1985, five men (Wayne Cook, Don MacIvor, Roy Salonin, John Spencer, and Grant Sullivan) sat around a kitchen table and decided it was time to meet the challenge posed by the AIDS epidemic on Vancouver Island. These five men saw the growing need for accurate and up-to-date information and services relating to HIV/AIDS. That evening saw the birth of AIDS Vancouver Island (AVI), with the founders forming the first Board of Directors. The society was subsequently incorporated in BC and registered under certificate number S20925 on January 24, 1986 under the legal name the Vancouver Island AIDS Society.

The need for HIV/AIDS related programs and services has continued to grow. AVI programming has consistently responded to the changing nature of HIV while seeking the resources to expand and better target



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our services. The virus has progressively moved into the injection drug using population, Aboriginal peoples, women and youth. Increasingly, Hepatitis C has infected or coinfecting the people that AVI serves (the injection drug using population is particularly vulnerable with rates estimated to be as high 70%). AVI has continued to be a leader in the prevention of HIV and in the support and care for those infected and affected in Greater Victoria and across the Island.

How many paid staff at organization? Full Time: 21 _____ Part Time: 19 _____
How many volunteer staff at organization? 90 _____ Total volunteer hours: 6,000 _____

SECTION 3. ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

What is the organization's annual budget? \$ 2.98 million

What other sources of funding do you receive and how is it used?

Source	Total Funding	Use
VIHA	\$1.6 million	Treatment and Support, Harm Reduction, Health Promotion and Community Development
PHAC	\$285,000	Mens' Wellness Program, Youth at Risk, Hep C Program
UW	\$188,000	Access Possibilities Program
MAC AIDS Fund	\$75,000	Nutrition Program, Harm Reduction Case Manager
BC Gaming	\$94,000	Nutrition Program, Volunteer Services, Hep C Services

Has the organization filed for bankruptcy or currently seeking credit protection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 4. PROJECT OR PROGRAM INFORMATION

Project or program title: Community and Service User(s) Engagement Initiative

Brief description of the project or program and why the grant is needed.

This project seeks to ensure robust social inclusion in the City's social inclusion and community wellness objectives related to community wellness and Supervised Consumption Services (SCS) in Victoria by facilitating the active involvement of potential service users, as well as non-services users, in the planned City-led round table process. The meaningful inclusion of people who use illicit drugs is a best practice standard in harm reduction health care. As such, this project will help to ensure that the strategic goals related to SCS in Victoria are aligned with ethical ways of working with a population of local citizens who are socially isolated by stigma and discrimination. This project will further engage relevant health and social service agencies, neighbourhood associations, community organizations and University-based researchers to contribute to the creation of this essential part of the healthcare continuum.

The evidence to support SCS as a public health and social justice response to illicit drug use is overwhelming. The consequences of not having SCS for people who are using illicit drugs are costly,



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may incite disorder and social conflict, lead to poor health outcomes and chronic illness, and death from overdose. With the support and collaboration of the City of Victoria, AVI will ensure the community engagement necessary to see SCS provided to people who use illicit drugs in Victoria while ensuring the voices of potential service users are front and center in all the relevant discussions.

Does this project or program impact public space? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please select the Strategic Plan Objective that the project or program aligns with or supports (for further explanation of objectives, please read the full text of the Strategic Plan found at <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/city/corporate-strategic-plan.html>). Check off as many as is appropriate.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovate and Lead | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance and Steward Public Spaces, Green Spaces and Food Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engage and Empower the Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete a Multi-modal Active Transportation Network |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strive for Excellence in Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Nurture Our Arts, Culture and Learning Capital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build Financial Capacity of the Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Steward Water Systems and Waste Streams Responsibility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create Prosperity through Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan for Emergencies Including Climate Change Short and Long Term |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make Victoria More Affordable | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate Regional Leadership |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facilitate Social Inclusion and Community Wellness | |

Explain in detail how this project or program will meet and support the City of Victoria's Strategic Plan Objectives.

Objective 7 of the City's 2015-2018 Strategic Plan is to "Facilitate Social Inclusion and Community Wellness" and includes an action item for 2015 to facilitate "a collaboration among Island Health, VicPD, the Yes2SCS campaign, and City of Victoria to create supervised consumption services embedded in a continuum of healthcare services, including harm reduction" with the goal of creating "accessible health services for Victoria's most marginalized people" by 2017

It is clear that the City of Victoria is committed to the establishment of SCS in a responsible and progressive manner. As such we see this project as furthering the intent of Objective 7 in the Strategic Plan, and the direction the Victoria City Council is taking on the ultimate goals of ending homelessness and increasing overall health and wellness for people who are marginalized by their health status. While the City of Victoria has long supported harm reduction services in principle, the inclusion of the Yes2SCS campaign in the strategic plan shows an awareness of the issue hitherto not achieved by previous Councils, and illustrates a desire to include the community, along with potential service users. AVI, in collaboration with the Yes2SCS campaign, is uniquely situated to bring a myriad of voice to this critical conversation and planning process in a coherent and understandable fashion.



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AVI has supported the Yes2SCS campaign from its inception and currently has two staff members sitting on the steering committee alongside front line service providers, service users, researchers, and community advocates. The Public Engagement Committee (PEC) and the Peer Advisory Committee (PAC) represent the two most active of the campaigns committees and will facilitate the bulk of this project. AVI will be the grant holder and will collaborate with the Yes2scs campaign to realize this vital, yet unrealized health initiative.

The City has an interest in seeing this issue move forward decisively by bringing the relevant stakeholders together in a manner that will produce effective decision making based on the evidence at hand. AVI and the Yes2SCS campaign are not only able to bring the necessary voices to the discussion but will also be able to bring forth the relevant research and data necessary to make educated and informed decisions. Therefore our decision making process need not be based solely on our shared moral prerogative to end preventable illness and death from drug use, but from sound peer reviewed data.

AVI supports the goals of the community-driven Yes2SCS campaign, as well as the City's objectives around establishing SCS. AVI currently provides harm reduction health care to over 2500 individuals who access safer drug use and safer sex supplies, information and support, many of whom are homeless or unstably housed, living in poverty and engaging in public drug use. The health of our city could best be judged by the health and well-being of its most vulnerable citizens. The incidences of public drug use, discarded drug use paraphernalia, and challenging behaviours related to sleep deprivation and mental illness often exacerbated by drug use, are phenomena that strain the vitality of a community and creates social conflict between those seen as being the cause of the 'problem' and those caught in the middle. SCS do not just increase the quality of life for the service users but for all who enjoy the downtown core and would seek a cessation to the problem of chronic open drug use, sickness, and death from overdose. On a related note, a reduction of discarded drug paraphernalia will make a small yet significant dent in the work of the City, the DVBA, and related social service agencies to keep our city streets clean and inviting.

AVI has a long standing and productive relationship with the City of Victoria and its residents. In the nearly 30 years of community service in Victoria, AVI has spearheaded what could once have been considered controversial health services, but are now tried and true elements of essential health care



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for many of Victoria's residents. There have been numerous occasions over the years where the City of Victoria and AVI have supported one another's initiatives and we hope that you will continue to do so once again.

How many will benefit from the project or program?

AVI's Harm Reduction Services has roughly 2500 unique clients, larger than the national average of .04% of the general population who inject drugs. We feel it is fair to assume that this number could not be a complete total of Victoria's injection drug users as this number represents only those who have an active account with the agency. Further, the benefits of this project could have sweeping implications to numerous groups and individuals whether they be locals or tourists. Frustrated small business owners, city workers picking up paraphernalia, shoppers wondering if they should call 911 not knowing what else to do or who else to call. Removing public drug use from city streets benefits everyone, particularly those accessing the service who rarely finds a place to be that is welcoming, respectful and wholly useful to their particular needs.

Percentage of Greater Victoria Residents? 100%

Comprehensive harm reduction services, including SCS, are a recognized public health services, benefiting the health and wellbeing not only of those accessing services but also the population's health.

Who is your target audience? _

There are two distinct audiences we will be targeted as a part of this project.

1. People who would use SCS: The Yes2SCS Peer Advisory Committee (PAC) engages people who use drugs and who would use and benefit from the establishment of SCS. The work of the PAC is currently supported by a Peer Coordinator, and this person will continue to engage and elicit the input and involvement of people who use drugs via surveys, focus groups, regular meetings and consultations.
2. Non-service users: The Yes2SCS Public Engagement Committee (PEC) engages local residents, management and staff of relevant health and social service agencies, the local business community, and neighbourhood associations to elicit support and feedback around the establishment of SCS. The PEC Coordinator will gather this information and report back to the City of Victoria's roundtable discussion on this issue.



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SECTION 5. PROJECT OR PROGRAM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please attach a detailed breakdown of all expenses for this application.

What is the project or program: Total Cost **\$118,964** Amount Requested **\$73,744**

Administrative costs are capped at a maximum of 18% of total budget. Indicate the percentage of administrative costs: **18%%**

How much is the organization contributing to this project or program? **\$16600**

Please indicate the funding sources for this application:

☐ Government funding

Organization Name	Contact Person	Phone Number	Amount

☐ Corporate sponsorships

Organization Name	Contact Person	Phone Number	Amount

☐ Matching funds

Organization Name	Contact Person	Phone Number	Amount

☐ In-Kind contributions

Organization Name	Contact Person	Phone Number	Amount
Society of Living Illicit Drug Users	Jill Cater	250 298-9497	\$9,120
AIDS Vancouver Island	Katrina Jensen	250 384 2366	\$6,600
Yes2SCS campaign	Heather Hobbs	778 679 2602	\$8,000

☐ Waived fees and charges

Organization Name	Contact Person	Phone Number	Amount

☐ Other

Organization Name	Contact Person	Phone Number	Amount
Vancouver Foundation	Prof. Bruce Wallace	250 721-6275	\$10 000
Aids Vancouver Island	Katrina Jensen	See above	\$10 000
United way	Kristen Kvacic	250-384-2366	\$2,970
Mac AIDS	Jill Cater	See above	\$2,970
Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group	Stephanie Hartman	250 472-4386	\$1,000
Profession Employees Association	Scott McCannell	250 385-8791	\$500

Grand Total of Other Funding Sources: **\$45,220**



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Partial funding may be available. Will the project occur without full funding by the grant? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you do not receive full funding, what is the impact to the organization and project or program? Please provide an explanation below.

If we do not receive full funding we will not precede with as rich a community engagement process, in favour of facilitating the voices of service users. We would eliminate talking to neighborhood associations, local businesses, and non-essential community groups.

SECTION 6. PROJECT OR PROGRAM TIMELINE

Project or program dates From: September 14th 2015 To: September 30th 2016

Project or program location: Victoria/AIDS Vancouver Island/Community

Project or program timeline and major milestones.

Date	Milestone
October 5 th 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structure of the City Roundtable on SCS completed with relevant organizations invited• Peer Advisory Committee sets goals and priorities for the coming year including professional development needs• Relevant Victoria based groups and agencies contacted for SCS presentation by members of the Peer Advisory Committee• Presentation to community groups begin• Report compiled for the City sponsored roundtable members on current status of SCS in Canada and Victoria• Rotating Neighbourhood forums begin• Workshops to front line service providers begin• Solicit letter of support for the exemption
December 14 th 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rotating Neighbourhood forums continue• Meetings of the City Sponsored Roundtable continues• First draft of section 56 exemption completed and presented to Roundtable members• Begin giving SCS presentations and workshops to front line service providers (Our place, Pacifica, Cool Aid Society, Rock Bay Landing and Cool Aid Society staff generally)• Community dinners sponsored by the Peer Advisory Committee continue to illicit service users feed back• Peer led SCS presentation to community groups continue• Peer based education and capacity building workshops continue• Community dinner and open house
February 22 nd 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer led SCS presentation to community groups continue• Rotating Neighbourhood forums continue• Meetings of the City Sponsored Roundtable continues• Peer led SCS presentation to community groups continue• Workshops to front line service providers continue



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly Community Dinner and open house continues• Report presented to city roundtable summarizing community input• Peer based capacity building workshops continue
April 25, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second draft of section 56 exemption presented to roundtable• All abovementioned community engagement processes and roundtable meetings continue• Community Dinner and open house•
June 30, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All above mentioned community engagement process and peer education sessions to continue• Third draft of section 56 exemption completed and presented to roundtable
September 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan for the second phase of the three year goal completed and presented to roundtable

SECTION 7. PROJECT OR PROGRAM VOLUNTEERING

How many volunteers will work on this project or program? 10-20 Total volunteer hours required: 20 per week

Can the project or program occur without volunteer support? ☐ Yes ☒ No

SECTION 8. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

All grant recipients are required to publicly acknowledge the grant. How does your organization plan on publicly acknowledging the City's funding support?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Advertisement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Media | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor Plaque | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Report |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>All Public Engagement Events</u> | |

SECTION 9. DECLARATION

I am an authorized signing officer of the organization and I certify that the information given in this application is correct. I agree to the following terms:

- The organization will be in compliance with all applicable municipal policies and bylaws
- The organization will publicly acknowledge the grant awarded by the City
- The organization is in good standing with either: (1) the Province of BC as a registered Society or (2) the Canada Revenue Agency as a registered Charity
- The organization is not in arrears with the City
- The organization is not in bankruptcy or seeking creditor protection
- The grant application meets all the eligibility requirements of the City's Grant Policy

Signature: Katrina Jensen

Position: Executive Director

Name: Katrina Jensen

Date: _____

Budget
Community and Service User(s) Engagement Initiative
September 14th 2015-September 30th 2016

Wages

Peer Advisory Committee Coordinator:

\$20/hr x 7.5 hour day x 3 days a week for 52 weeks = **\$ 23,400**

Public engagement Coordinator:

20/hr x 7.5 hour day x 3 days a week for 52 weeks = **\$23,400**

Peer Advisory Committee

Honourarium: 10 members/\$20 per 2 hour meeting/22 meetings = \$4,200

Food: \$30 per meeting = \$660

Travel (bus tickets) = \$495

Total= \$5,355

SCS agency presentations

2 presentations a month for 32 weeks = 64 presentations

Honourarium for presenters: \$30/2 presenters/64 presentation

Total= \$3,840

SCS Community Forums, Dinner, and Open Houses

1 event a month to be given in various Victoria Neighbourhoods

Hall rental: \$3000

Food: \$2500

Material costs: \$1000

Total=\$6,500

Administrative Support (@18%)

Total: \$11,249

Over all Total = \$73,744

Note: This budget represents one year of a three year project represented by the inclusion of this item in the 2015-2018 City of Victoria Strategic Plan.