



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
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**Thursday, February 6, 2025 @ 4:00 PM**

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## Grant-in-Aid Application Additional Document

**Ucluelet Aquarium**

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**Society Registration Number:** 844430074RR0001

**Purpose of Organization:**

Our mission is to raise awareness about local marine biodiversity and promote respect for the ocean environment. We greet visitors from all over the world treating them to a very personal view of the fish and invertebrates from our local waters in Clayoquot and Barkley Sounds.

**Organizations Objectives:**

As a collect-and-release facility, the Ucluelet Aquarium is dedicated to fostering respect and understanding of local marine environments. Our primary objectives are to provide education about marine life and ecosystems, and to inspire a sense of stewardship and respect for the ocean. Through interactive exhibits, educational programs, and community outreach, we aim to cultivate an appreciation for marine life and the importance of preserving our natural habitats for future generations. Our commitment to these objectives is reflected in every aspect of our operations, driving us to be a leader in marine conservation and education in Ucluelet and surrounding communities.

**Nature of Services Provided by Organization:**

The Ucluelet Aquarium provides a variety of services aimed at education and conservation. Some of the key services include:

1. **Educational Programs:** Interactive and engaging programs designed to teach visitors about marine biology, local ecosystems, and the importance of conservation.
2. **Interactive Exhibits:** Hands-on exhibits that allow visitors to learn about marine species and their habitats in an immersive environment.
3. **Community Outreach:** Collaborations with local schools, organizations, and First Nation communities to promote marine education and conservation.

**Who are the people to benefit from your activity or functions?**

Several groups in the community would benefit by these initiatives:

- Seniors: With season passes, local seniors can enjoy regular visits, promoting lifelong learning and social engagement
- Students: Student passes would provide educational opportunities outside the classroom, fostering a connection to marine environments and making the aquarium more accessible to local schools
- Local Businesses/Children: Corporate passes for the local daycares would make it more accessible for the children to visit, encouraging early learning and appreciation for marine life
- General Public: Building maintenance and landscaping upgrades would ensure a safe, accessible, and enjoyable environment for all visitors

Overall, the grant would help create a more inclusive and engaging space for the entire community.

**Activity or Functions to be Supported by this Application:**

The Community Access and Enhancement Initiative aims to make the Ucluelet Aquarium more inclusive and accessible to community members while enhancing its facilities to provide a welcoming environment. Through this initiative, we plan to offer season passes to local seniors and daycare centers, ensuring that these groups have regular opportunities to connect with and learn about the marine environment. We also aim to lower costs for local schools by offering them free youth day passes and providing guided school group experiences.

Additionally, this initiative includes funding for an honorarium to support a Ucluelet First Nation language instructor, contributing to the preservation of Nuu-Chah-Nulth culture. To further enhance the aquarium experience, we seek funding to replace the outdoor building lights with energy-efficient options and maintain the aquarium's gardens and landscaping through staff time. These improvements will ensure that the aquarium remains an engaging and environmentally responsible space for the community to enjoy.

**Grant-In-Aid District of Ucluelet - Budget**

**Community Access and Enhancement Initiative - Ucluelet Aquarium**

	Description	Projected Cost	Requested from Grant
<b>Community Access Initiative</b>			
Senior Season Passes	\$35 for a senior season pass for 10 seniors in the community (\$35 x 10)	\$350.00	\$350.00
Child Care Season Passes	\$100 for a Corporate Seasons Pass for 5 child care centres (\$100 x 5)	\$500.00	\$500.00
School Group Admission Fee's	Help lower cost for locals school for students to come into the aquarium (youth day pass (\$11) x 100))	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
School Group Staff Interpreter Fee	Staff time to interpret and guide local school groups around the aquarium (\$80 per hour for interpreter x 30 school group visits for one hour)	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Wah-Chah-Nulth Language Classes	Honourarium for Language Instructor from Ucluelet First Nation to teach language classes in aquarium (\$100 per lesson x 8 lessons)	\$800.00	\$800.00
<b>Building Enhancement Initiative</b>			
New building lights	Outdoor building lights to light up aquarium sign and garden	\$350.00	\$350.00
Landscaping - staff time	Staff time to upkeep gardens/lanscaping (\$30 per hour x 40 hours)	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
		<b>\$6,700.00</b>	<b>\$6,700.00</b>