

Organization Application – Hypothetical Project

Describe the proposed Project overview, need, and importance

Title: 80th Anniversary of the Japanese Canadian Internment – Survivors Reunion

Detailed description:

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the uprooting of Japanese Canadians during the second world war from British Columbia, we will host a reception dinner to honour the survivors on Vancouver Island for their strength, stoicism, and resiliency in overcoming adversity. We have identified 71 survivors in our region, and with each allowed one additional guest, there should be about 150 attendees. The event will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022. In addition to the dinner, there will be two guest speakers and entertainment (Taiko, Odori dancers, singers, and a jazz band). The proposed location is the Central Vancouver Island (CVI) Cultural Center. We will have display boards of pre-war, the internment, and Nikkei history during the time period 1942-1949. The goal is to honour the Issei and Nisei and recognize the living survivors. We will provide transportation and assistance where necessary for survivors to get to the event.

Describe how this Project will directly benefit survivors in terms of health and/or wellness and the number of survivors directly benefiting?

The internment is often a subject that is not talked about and/or generates trauma. And the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in much isolation and sadness for our seniors. We believe this reunion event will help survivors reconnect with other survivors and the JC community to share in things they have in common and be very beneficial for survivors' social and mental wellness. The number of survivors directly benefiting is 71.

Describe how survivors will be involved in the proposed Project?

We have many volunteers who are survivors, roughly 25. We hope these people can share their photos and stories. 71 survivors will be honoured at the reception. Therefore, all 71 survivors will be involved in the Project.

Provide a budget and explanation of expenditures. Please attach quotes to justify the budget.

Explanation:

We plan to have 150 people at the CVI Cultural Centre. The catering by Sushi King. There are 71 survivors. We plan to have two guest speakers that also need accommodation and airfare. We will offer transportation and assistance to the survivors, subsidizing drivers' gas but not mileage. The display boards will have photos on them. Many volunteer groups will provide entertainment, with the only paid group being the jazz band Japanese Jazz-Fusion.

Budget:

Facility Rental - \$500 (CVI Cultural Centre quote attached)

Caterer – 150 X \$30 = \$4500 (Sushi King quote attached)

Displays – 6 x \$200 = \$1200 (guesstimate for display board and reproducing photos)

Entertainment \$1000 (Japanese Jazz-Fusion Band quote attached)

Guest Speaker Honoraria 2 x \$500 = \$1000

Guest Speaker Travel \$2000 (flight and hotel)

Transportation \$400 (gas for volunteers to transport survivors)

Miscellaneous \$400

TOTAL = \$10,000 (requesting \$10,000)

Explain what provisions could be made if only partial funding was awarded.

If only partial funding is awarded, we will have to charge a nominal fee for the additional guest or scale back the guest speakers to one. Survivors will not have to pay a fee.