### Envision Financial Community Endowment

### 2019 Grants

### The following organizations received a grant from the stream: **Strengthening the Social Service**

### **Sector (4S)**

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| **Organization** | **Community** | **2019 Grant** |
| Autism Society  | Surrey  | $4,085  |
| **Launch into Life** is a training program providing information and support to parents and families whose children will be transitioning into adulthood. It focuses on developing Individualized Transition Plans. Workshops enhance critical thinking and planning of parents to support their children with Autism into adulthood.  |
| BC Family Hearing Resource  | Surrey  | $10,000  |
| ***Early Years Sign Language Instructor (SLI) Workshop*** brings together SLIs from around BC who work with children (birth to school entry) who are deaf and hard-of-hearing (DHH) and their families. It will provide an international-caliber professional development opportunity (three days) not only for the SLIs employed by BCHRS, but also for this entire professional community in BC. It will also enable SLIs to share and further best practices in this province. This will directly benefit DHH children and the families we serve.  |
| Avalon Recovery  | White Rock | $5,325 |
| We are seeking funding to operate our child minding program at Avalon which makes it possible for recovering moms to attend peer support meetings, connect with other women and develop healthy networks of support. In 2017 approximately 550 child care visits were recorded. |
| PLEA | Surrey, Langley, Delta | $9,150  |
| We are seeking funding to support youth living in Surrey, Langley, and Delta to gain skills in the social services sector. Through our **KidStart 6‐12s** program, youth are able to volunteer as mentors to vulnerable children. The funding from First West Foundation will be used to train and supervise these young people as they build the skills to work as frontline support workers, therefore providing PLEA with a pool of qualified candidates for our vacancies. |
| MSA Society of Community Living  |  Abbotsford |  $9,000 |
| ***Youth Building Welcoming and Inclusive Communities*** is a project tobuild 300 diverse youth’s skills and knowledge to be active participants in creating welcoming and inclusive communities. We work closely with 15 community partners in Surrey, Delta and Coquitlam to build staff capacity to address barriers to participation for diverse youth aged 12 to 18.  |
| Paws for Hope Foundation  | Fraser Valley  | $10,000  |
| Paw’s for Help is developing a **5 year strategic plan** that will lead towards truly transformative impact on animal welfare in BC. No longer a startup organization Paws for Hope makes lasting impact in the animal welfare sector. Funds will support a professional facilitator, costs, stakeholder engagement and bringing our stakeholders together for planning through the fall of 2019. |
| Kitimat Seniors Centre  | Kitimat | $3,360  |
| The Kitimat Senior Association is seeking funding to **purchase a printer** for the Kitimat Senior Centre. Currently, the Association has been using a donated small desktop printer for small jobs while the majority of large printing jobs are done at the District of Kitimat or the local printing company; this has become quite costly for our organization as the Centre does a substantial amount of printing.  |
| **Total** | **$50,920** |