



Consumer Initiative Fund



The Consumer Initiative Fund (CIF) is a unique and progressive program that supports people with lived/living experience with mental health and/or substance use challenges in Vancouver by funding community projects and by providing grants for individuals.

Projects

CIF projects are proposed, developed and led by people with lived/living experience of mental health and/or substance use challenges (peers). This initiative enables project managers, assistants, and committee members to develop leadership and business skills while providing rehabilitation and recovery opportunities to others. Participation in this initiative fosters inclusion and community integration while decreasing isolation. CIF projects also build capacity and provide opportunities for personal, professional and/or community growth. Participation is offered at no cost to the public.

Funding of up to \$4000 for a 6-month project; up to \$8000 for a 12-month project.

Crisis Grants

CIF Crisis Grants intend to assist mental health and/or substance use services consumers who are experiencing significant financial strain due to unexpected circumstances.

12 Grants of \$85 each are awarded each month.

Art Grants

CIF Art Grants intend to assist artists who are consumers of mental health and/or substance use services to purchase art supplies.

10 Grants of \$85 each are awarded 4 times per year.

Education & Leisure Fund

The CIF Education & Leisure Fund provides opportunities for individuals to take courses they would not otherwise be able to access and to build capacity.

Funding of up to \$400 is awarded to selected applicants twice per year.

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