



**Vancouver Odd Fellows**

## **Call for Proposals**

26 March 2021

The Vancouver Odd Fellows is reaching out to the community to receive proposals from Registered Charities that would appreciate having the Odd Fellows work with them to help achieve their charitable goals.

We have decided to develop an ongoing relationship with a charity that will become our “signature charity” and the largest, single focus of our charitable benevolence activities. While the overall objective is charitable benevolence, other related objectives are to:

- Focus the funds and energy of the members to make a greater overall benevolent impact.
- Leverage the esprit de corps of the Lodge members through a clear unity of purpose and related activities.
- Increase the visibility of Odd Fellows charitable activities.
- Leverage the physical space of the Lodge hall in support of charitable activities and events.

Contributions to the selected Charity in the first year will be a minimum of \$20,000 in direct donations with opportunities to increase that with related fund raising activities and events.

### **About Us**

Vancouver Odd Fellows Lodge 90 and Hemlock Lodge 8 are member lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. We are both registered non-profit societies operating out of our heritage building located at 1443 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC.

As an organization, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows aims to provide a framework that promotes personal and social development. The common bonds that unite us as Odd Fellows are a belief in the value of friendship, the responsibility we share to help one another and our community, and the importance of the principles of truth in daily life. Our organization does not believe in the divisions and classifications of society. It teaches respect and tolerance of differing beliefs and values, but avoids affinity with systems of faith or sect, whether religious or political. It requires no sacrifice of your opinions, but supports the right of the individual to make up their

own mind, rather than be told what to believe. Odd Fellowship recognizes all people as part of one universal family and encourages mutual respect between people, ethics in our personal lives and careers, the right and responsibility of each person to think for themselves, and expects honesty of belief and integrity of convictions in each person.

One of the elements of our mission is to help make the world a better place to live by aiding each other, the community, the less fortunate, the youth, the elderly, the environment and the community in every way possible.

## **Selection of the Signature Charity**

In the selection of the Charity, the Charity must meet these prerequisites:

- A non-profit must be a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- The Charity is willing to involve Odd Fellows Lodge members in their activities where appropriate.
- The Charity must be local and/or available to Odd Fellows member participation.

Criteria used to evaluate the charities:

- Worthiness of the cause and the need for funding.
- Efficacy of the organization: trustworthiness, reputation, percentage of the funds that go directly to charitable activities and the strength of the proposal
- How the Charity will facilitate Odd Fellow members willing to participate in fundraising and or delivery of program activities?
- Will the Odd Fellows participation in this Charity significantly raise the visibility of the Odd Fellows benevolence activities?

## Submission of Proposals

The proposal must clearly and specifically address the following:

1. The Charity Contact Information:
  - 1.1. Name
  - 1.2. Charitable Registration Number
  - 1.3. Contact Person
    - 1.3.1. Position/Role
  - 1.4. Email
  - 1.5. Telephone
  - 1.6. Address
  - 1.7. Website, Facebook links, any other social media sites
2. The mission of the Charity
3. Describe the needs of the charitable program recipients and the need for funding.
4. Describe the current charitable programs and activities.
5. Explain how long the Charity has been in operations
6. Describe scope of operations including the number of employees, volunteers, geographical locations of the Charity's operations. Etc.
7. Provide overall financial statements or an Annual Report from the last complete fiscal year (*and/or include statements prior to Covid*) and indicate what percentage of the budget is applied to charitable programs.
8. Provide subjective and objective explanation of the impact and results of charitable programs and activities.
9. Explain how the results are measured.
10. Important: Explain how Odd Fellows members and/or the Odd Fellows Lodge could be involved in supporting fundraising or program activities.

## Submissions to be received on or before May 17 2021

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