



SOUTH VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

Welcome Bienvenue 歡迎欢迎 Chào mừng Quý Vị Bienvenidos 환영합니다 ਜੀ ਆਇਆਂ ਤੂੰ

February 3, 2023

RE: Bus Grant Program

[REDACTED] is a registered not-for-profit that serves the community while ensuring our services are accessible to residents who experience cultural, language, physical, and economic barriers. Our mission is to play a leadership role in building healthy and engaged neighborhoods in South Vancouver by connecting people and strengthening their capacity to create change. With the array of programs SVNH, we provide various settlement services to support the needs of Newcomers, including permanent residents and refugees, to support newcomers to integrate and settle as they transition to life in Canada.

We are looking to rent a bus for this grant for one of our settlement programs, Karma Connections. This program is [REDACTED] aimed to equip newcomer youth (including immigrants and refugees) with the skills to begin their job search in the Canadian job market and gain experiences and knowledge of Canadian life and culture. Many of the youth attending this program face multiple barriers that may not allow them to visit Park on their own due to low income or familial responsibilities or familiarity with the transit system, among others.

This would be an opportunity for the youth to connect with their environment by learning the effects of climate change and all the wildlife within the park and learning about potential employment opportunities such as invasion removal specialists and forest researchers. We will be accompanied by the Pacific Spirit Park Society (PSPS) who will be taking the group on an Eco WALK. They will be showcasing all the wildlife and plant species, invasive species, and other volunteering/employment opportunities that the youth may want to look into in the future. Through this grant, we hope to allow youth to learn and partake in environmental stewardship activities through the PSPS and be allowed to gain hands-on knowledge of Canadian nature and biodiversity. Without this grant, taking a large group of youth who are unfamiliar with the transit system during rush hour may pose a challenge due to the expected crowdedness of the bus during the scheduled time of the trip.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,
Salma.

Building Better Neighbourhoods Together Since 1977

