

## Small Group Discussion Funding Application B.C. Poverty Reduction Strategy

### BACKGROUND

The B.C. government has committed to building and implementing a province-wide poverty reduction plan.

To inform the plan, a public engagement process is taking place until March 31st, 2018, which includes over 20 community meetings across BC and the ability to submit input by email, phone, mail, or online at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/bcpovertyreduction/>.

In addition, government recognizes that certain groups experiencing poverty and rural/remote communities may face barriers to participating through existing engagement opportunities. The B.C. government is providing funding to assist these groups in developing submissions to B.C.'s poverty reduction strategy.

### INSTRUCTIONS

SPARC BC is administering this funding opportunity on behalf of the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

To apply for up to \$2,500 to support your small group discussion and submission, please submit this application form by email to [povertyreductionsmallgrants@sparc.bc.ca](mailto:povertyreductionsmallgrants@sparc.bc.ca) or by fax to 604.736.8697 by **Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** Questions can be directed to Janet Viippola, Communication Coordinator for SPARC BC through email or by calling 604.718.7731.

### PART A: CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Organization or Group:	
Key Contact:	
Email:	Phone:
Mailing Address:	
Preferred Method of Contact:	
Is your organization an incorporated society under federal or provincial legislation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If no, please provide the name and contact information of an incorporated society that has agreed to sponsor your small group discussion:	
Sponsoring Organization (Name and Address):	Key Contact:
Email:	Phone:

## PART B: FUNDING STREAM

Please identify which funding stream applies to your group or community (Check both options if applicable):

People living in rural or remote communities NOT served by the list of community meetings posted at: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/bcpovertyreduction/community-meetings/>

If applying under this option, please identify the name of the rural or remote community where the small group discussion will be held:

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Other specific groups of people experiencing poverty in a variety of circumstances (e.g. homeless youth, single mothers, unemployed individuals, socially isolated seniors, refugees, families and individuals living on-reserve etc...)

If applying under this option, please describe the specific group and circumstances they face as well as their geographic location /region in the province (i.e. City/Town):

**PART C: SUPPORTS REQUIRED TO ADDRESS BARRIERS**

Please describe the unique needs and barriers faced by the group experiencing poverty and/or rural/ remote community identified above with respect to developing a submission for B.C.'s Poverty Reduction Strategy:

Please identify how the design of the small group session will overcome the barriers you described above (including any supports provided to participants):

Will you be able to organize a small group discussion and provide a submission to B.C.'s poverty reduction strategy by March 31, 2018?

Yes

No

**PART D: SIGNATURE**

I/we the undersigned commit to sending a submission based on the results of our small group discussion to [BCPovertyReduction@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCPovertyReduction@gov.bc.ca) by March 31, 2018.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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