

## **Centerra Gold Inc.**

### **Centerra Gold Community Project Fund - Criteria for Funding Requests**

#### **Community Project Fund Objective:**

The objective of the community project fund is to contribute to healthy communities and support regional sustainability by investing in people and a diverse post-mining economy.

Funding will be provided to organizations and/or special projects that build the capacity of local community groups and/or members and are focused on one or more of the following priority areas:

- a. Education and training – provision of education opportunities, resources and leadership training, especially in health and safety, technical and scientific fields
- b. Health – improving access to health services, including in particular, service for children and the elderly
- c. Environmental – funding of environment projects focusing on air, water, biodiversity and energy conservation
- d. Community – enhancing business development, employment activities, programs to assist vulnerable groups, and a sustainable economy
- e. Literacy – improving the various aspects of literacy in the region

Priority will be given to those organization and/or projects that aim to achieve sustainable outcomes, and those that are innovatively meeting a defined need within one or more local communities.

#### **Terms of Funding:**

- Eligible Amounts between CAD \$2,000 – CAD \$10,000
- A project or organization may be funded in whole or in part as determined by the Mount Milligan Community Sustainability Committee (CSC) or a subcommittee thereof
- Organizations applying for funding must be a member community represented on the CSC or be affiliated (either full-time or for the project that is the subject of the funding application) with a member community of the CSC
- Organizations applying for funding must have a local presence (i.e. head office or branch) in one of the seven eligible communities
- Funding provided must be spent on projects/activities in or around one of the seven eligible communities
- Except as part of a proposal that otherwise meets the terms and criteria of the legacy fund program, funding is not intended for community capital expenditures or ordinary operational expenses
- Multiple members of the CSC, or organizations affiliated with them as described above, may jointly make an application for funding requests
- Proposal intake periods will occur twice per year:
  - Winter deadline of February 1 for application review by end of April
  - Summer deadline of August 1 for application review by end of October

**Eligibility:**

Organizations must have a presence in one of the following seven communities:

1. Mackenzie
2. Fort St. James
3. McLeod Lake Indian Band
4. Nak'azdli Whut'en
5. Vanderhoof
6. Prince George
7. Fraser Lake

Eligible organizations include:

1. Not-for-profit organizations
2. Academic Institutions
3. Non-governmental organizations
4. Government organizations

Organizations that will not be eligible to receive funding include:

1. Political groups
2. Religious organizations
3. For-profit organizations
4. Foundations
5. Individuals
6. Organizations that discriminate under the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, or sexual orientation

**Selection Process:**

1. Submission of a request for funding using the application form that will be available on the Centerra Gold website. Applications should include a proposed timeline for the project. The completed application form may be emailed to [bccommunityrelations@centerragold.com](mailto:bccommunityrelations@centerragold.com) or submitted in hard copy format, addressed to the Sustainability Department, 299 Victoria Street, Suite 2000, Prince George, BC, V2L 5B8.
2. Proponents that meet the Terms of Funding and Eligibility requirements may be invited to present proposals in-person to the CSC.
3. The CSC may ask questions or make requests for additional information to be provided in writing by the proponent; proponents will have two weeks to respond.
4. Decision on funding will be made by CSC, and the CSC will assign a member to act as the point of contact.
5. Funds will be allocated as described by the funding decision. The CSC may grant partial funding.
6. Grant funding will not be released to successful applicants until the full funding for the project is committed. Funds can be held for successful applicants for up to one year, after which the organization will have to re-apply.

**Selection Criteria:**

The application proposal must

- Meet an objective of the Legacy Program and address an identified need
- Identify a specific objective or project that is executable within a reasonable period of time, which generally will be deemed to be 12 months
- Include clear and measurable outcomes, and outline Key Performance Indicators used to evaluate success
- Be aligned with the goals and objectives of the region
- Identify opportunities for project sustainability beyond investment period
- Identify funding opportunities beyond the Community Project Fund and disclose other confirmed sources of funding
- Demonstrate creativity and innovation
- Define the beneficiaries, and ensure benefits (including expenditures) remain within the region as much as possible
- Detail the way in which the results of the project are relevant, identifiable and focused on the beneficiaries
- Must minimize, mitigate and restore any negative environmental impacts
- Include a work plan, budget, timeline and biographies of all project team members

The proponent must:

- Demonstrate capacity to carry out the project and have required alliances/partnerships in place, if relevant
- Demonstrate previous project-related experience and good governance, including financial management
- Have experience working within the project region
- Be open to third party audit of project, after project completion
- Identify a project team member who will act as a contact person for the CSC

### **Reporting:**

Unless the CSC agrees otherwise, all organizations receiving funding are required to submit a report on their activities and use of funds. A brief report template will be provided and must be emailed to [bccommunityrelations@centerragold.com](mailto:bccommunityrelations@centerragold.com)

Each report should include an evaluation of the organization and/or project's performance against the Key Performance Indicators and project timeline outlined in the Request for Funding Application Form.

The first report must be submitted to Centerra Gold's Sustainability Department within 90 days of receiving first payment from the Mount Milligan Legacy Program for subsequent distribution to CSC members.

Upon project completion, organizations may be required to submit a final written report and present project results to the CSC in-person. It is recommended that photographs of project activities and/or results are included in the final report.