



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST from CONSULTANTS SD NO. 40 (NEW WESTMINSTER) HEALTHY SCHOOLS VISIONING

### Background

The goal of the Healthy Schools BC School District Readiness Grant is to support school districts to identify and address priorities for healthy schools through strengthening and shaping partnerships with the health sector and community partners. The grant supports school districts and health professionals to build relationships, create a plan for addressing shared healthy schools priorities informed by community and school district data sources, and take collaborative actions towards these shared goals.

School District No. 40 (New Westminister) worked with Fraser Health to secure \$5,000 in Phase one funding. In our application, we proposed the development of a **Healthy Schools Vision** for the District using the **Comprehensive School Health** model as our foundation. Comprehensive School Health (CSH) is an internationally recognized framework for supporting improvement in students' educational outcomes while addressing school health in a planned, integrated and holistic way.

The four pillars of CSH are:

- social and physical environment;
- teaching and learning;
- healthy school policy; and,
- partnerships and services.

For more info on CSH please visit: <http://www.jcsh-cces.ca/upload/csh-eng-2012.pdf>

As part of the process, a Healthy Schools Steering Team has been formed that consists of a variety of district and community stakeholders. This group has met to discuss best practices, current CSH work that is being done in the District, and ideas around what they would like to see in the future. The next step is a broader consultation that will include a stakeholder survey and a facilitated Healthy Schools Lunch.

### The Project

The short time line for the completion of the project necessitates the use of a Consultant who could support this team and the process by:

- Attending and/or facilitating 2 to 3 **Healthy Schools Steering Team meetings** between September and November.
  - Facilitating a **Healthy Schools Lunch** for our broader community stakeholders in **October** where we will share with them what has been developed by the steering team to date, and get their input with respect to the development of a Healthy Schools Vision and an Action Plan for 2016;
- Collaborating with the team on the development of **Healthy Schools Survey(s)** for stakeholder feedback that will further inform the Action Plan; and,
- Working with the team to finalize the final **Healthy Schools Vision** and **Action Plan for 2016**.
- Producing a report that articulates the **Healthy Schools Vision** and **Action Plan for 2016**.

**Project Timeline:** September to December 2015

**Value of the contract:** \$4,000 including GST

**Expressions of Interest will be accepted until 4pm on August 4, 2015**

**Responding to this Call for Expressions of Interest:**

Consultants are asked to provide the following information:

1. A brief overview of your background, including:
  - Experience facilitating groups;
  - Experience working with diverse stakeholder groups; and,
  - Experience or expertise you have in the area of Comprehensive School Health.
2. Three references that can speak to the work you have done with groups.

**Please forward your Expression of Interest to:**

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*Only those Consultants considered for the contract will be contacted for an interview.*

*The School District reserves the right, in its discretion, to accept any Expression of Interest and to reject any or all Expressions of Interest, to waive any irregularity or informality in an Expression of Interest and to negotiate with one or more of the Consultants after the closing.*

*The School District shall not be obligated to accept the most qualified, or any specific Expression of Interest, and by submitting an Expression of Interest each Consultant assumes all costs and risks associated therewith, and thereby unconditionally and irrevocably releases any claim it may have against the School District or any of its trustees, officers, employees or agents, whether based in contract, tort, legitimate expectation or any other principle of law, trade, custom or practice.*