



## Joint Council

### Funding

### Application Form



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#### Question

#### Answers

1	Description of your project or reason you are applying for funding:	<p>Pincher Creek Search and Rescue is seeking core funding for the operation of our organization to continue to operate its main function of providing search and rescue services in the Town and Municipal District of Pincher Creek.</p> <p>Our other funding sources are generally tied to equipment purchases or specific training courses. This leaves a critical gap of funds in maintaining emergency equipment including monthly fees such as satellite phones, non-funded internal training, record keeping, administration and non-funded search expenses.</p> <p>Core funding from the Joint Council addresses this gap and allows our organization to continue to operate.</p>
2	Amount Requested:	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
3	Do you qualify for FCSS?	No
4	If not, why? Is so, how?	As an emergency response organization, we are excluded from FCSS funding.
5	Latest Year End Financial Statements.	Attach
6	Budget Report- funding year and previous year.	Attach

**Application Deadline September 9, 2015**



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7	<p>General purpose and objectives of your organization.</p>	<p>We provide our community with ground search and rescue services through trained, enthusiastic volunteers. We find children that are lost in our urban areas, rescue individuals that are hurt in the back country and assist in disasters. Our organization responds to calls for help in coordination with the police and emergency services and can bring to bear a large number of highly skilled volunteers.</p>
8	<p>What are the benefits of your organization to our community?</p>	<p>We conduct searches for lost individuals and rescues of injured people in the Town of Pincher Creek (e.g. lost children, Alzheimer suffers) and the rural and wilderness areas of the MD of Pincher Creek. We work in conjunction with local police and emergency services and assist in disasters providing a large pool of trained, disciplined volunteers that are self-sufficient under all conditions. The presence of a search and rescue team increases the safety of all residents and visitors of our municipalities.</p>
9	<p>Does your organization have a Youth and/or Seniors component? Please elaborate.</p>	<p>Seniors and children are the most vulnerable segments of our population and often subject to disorientation. Frequently they are the people we search for and help rescue. We are planning a program to inform seniors, youth and the general public on the requirements and essential needs for hiking and travelling in the back country and rural areas and what you should do if you become lost or disoriented.</p>



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10	Explain how the proposed project/service does not duplicate other project/services in the community.	While partnering closely with Emergency Services and Police Services, our organization brings a large number of volunteers who are trained and skilled in environments and techniques that are not within their normal practices. We do the work on the ground and provide specialized training, thus releasing Emergency and Police personnel to return to their other duties.
11	Indicate percent of your project's revenue budget that is dependent on this grant.	19%
12	Did you receive funding through the Joint Funding process last year? If so, was the project completed? Attached proof (pictures/budget sheet).	Our 2014/2015 training programme received funds through last year's Joint Funding Process. We completed search manager training bringing an instructor in from Canmore. We were able to bring on line four new search managers, significantly increasing our ability to provide leadership during incidents. We presented a search and rescue basics training course for eleven students and used the opportunity to provide refresher training for several existing volunteers in conjunction with other teams. Two students were put trough a man-tracking course. Through-out the year these formal courses were supplemented with regular monthly in-house training, training in rope and swift water rescue and wilderness exercises to familiarize and condition volunteers with terrain.
13	Indicate how often you have requested and been provided with Council grants and the amounts received.	<p><b>In 2015 we received a combined \$13,000 from the Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek.</b></p> <p><b>In 2014 we received a combined \$2,000 from the Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek.</b></p> <p><b>In 2013 we received a combined \$15,000 from the Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek.</b></p>



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14	What other sources of revenue are you pursuing and for what projects?	<p>We continue to solicit donations from corporations and individuals to help cover operating costs. We have a 2016 AGLC Casino in February which will help cover some equipment costs as well as a small portion of our operating costs.</p> <p>We are applying for funding under the provincial government's Ground Search and Rescue Training Programme. (Provincial policy prohibits volunteer Search and Rescue organizations from seeking costs from the rescued individual).</p>
15	If the Councils do not provide total funds requested, can you complete the project?	<p>Core funding is essential for the provision of search and rescue services. Without this funding we will have to draw from reserves and reduce our level of service. Continued operation into future years would be at jeopardy.</p>
16	How many volunteer hours are anticipated for this project? And how are volunteers utilized?	<p>We have 64 volunteer members who provide search and rescue services and support all functions of our organization. Volunteer hours vary from individual to individual depending on training and role. We are well over 1000 hours of volunteer service each year.</p>
17	What are your organizations' accomplishments over the past 2 years?	<p>In the last 2 years we have responded to 12 calls for search and rescue, including multi-day incidents. Ten individuals were located and returned to safety. Four individuals were rescued from imminent danger.</p>



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18	Your organization primarily serves the needs of residents of the Town of Pincher Creek (T), the Municipal District of Pincher Creek #9 (MD), Cowley (C), or Other (O).	<p style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MD    <input type="checkbox"/> C    <input type="checkbox"/> O </p>
19	Any other relevant information you would like to provide.	<p>Pincher Creek Search and Rescue Society has been serving our community for 20 years. We have responded to over 200 calls for help. 230 of our citizens have volunteered to train as search and rescue responders. They have gotten up in the middle of the night, headed out into miserable weather and fraught conditions to help find and rescue our neighbours in trouble. They have dedicated their time and efforts providing the Search and Rescue motto: "These things we do, that others may live."</p>

Completed applications can be returned to the MD of Pincher Creek No 9 Administration Office located at 1037 Herron Avenue, via mail to Box 279 Pincher Creek, Alberta T0K 1W0, fax to 403 627-5070 or e-mail to info@mdpincercreek.ab.ca. Please call the MD Office at 403 627-3130 should further information or clarification be required.