

# Grants Newsletter

February 2010

## Upcoming Deadlines:

- ◆ Canada Summer Jobs February 26, 2010
- ◆ STEP February 27, 2010
- ◆ Career Focus Internship Program Ongoing
- ◆ Celebrate Canada Program February 28, 2010

### Proposal-writing tip:

*Be Creative!*

**If you can't find funding for operating costs, perhaps you can find a grant for one of your projects and free up other money for operating expenses.**

## Accountability

If you ever thought that grant paperwork is a nuisance, remember that our last Liberal federal government was brought to its knees because of a scandalously run grant program. Ever since, non-profit groups have been burdened by increasing amounts of paperwork, all in the name of accountability. What does it mean for you? You must keep and provide documentation that proves to funding agencies that:

- ◆ you need their money for valuable projects/programs
- ◆ you will spend it on things they approve of
- ◆ you will spend it the way you say you will
- ◆ you will thank them for it publicly.

So, make sure you play by the rules, and remember that you share in the public trust to be wise with public money!

Is your group planning a celebration between June 21 and July 1, 2010? Apply for a Celebrate Canada Program Grant. See the website for more information:

[www.celebratecanada.pch.gc.ca](http://www.celebratecanada.pch.gc.ca). **Note:** Canada Day Cake is an eligible expense!

## Out of ideas for funding?

There are numerous databases around that can be searched for ideas — the Big Online, Foundation Search, the Canadian Subsidy Directory and Imagine Canada's online directory, to name a few. The problem is, most of them cost more money than non-profits can afford. To help groups within the MD of Big Lakes, the MD has invested in several data-bases that the Grants Manager can search for you to find ideas that fit with your goals and your projects. Call for info!

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