



**GRANT APPLICATION**

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name of Organization	Somenos Community Association
Address of Organization	3248 Courichan Valley Hwy Duncan BC V9L5Z4
Full Mailing Address	As Above
Telephone Number & Email	2505105255 Somenoscommunityhall@gmail.com
Contact Person/Title	Celine Degraaf, Director

Primary purpose of organization: Community Service

Category under which greatest portion of services fall:

Social Service  Sports  Cultural  Economic Development  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Services available to all members of community:  Yes  No

If no, please list criteria for receiving your service: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of people that used your service within the Municipality last year: Difficult to Judge.

Approximate number of your clients that reside in North Cowichan: 9090

*(Please note that North Cowichan includes the communities of Chemainus, Crofton, Maple Bay, and the Duncan area north of the Cowichan River, and outside the one square mile Duncan core.)*

Amount of grant requested: \$10,000

Describe how the grant will be used: (e.g. special projects, operations, maintenance, etc.)

Our goal this year is to install a 50' cement walkway to the side door (\$5,000), add a heat pump to the downstairs area (\$6,000) and purchase a ride-on Lawn mower (\$4,500)

In order to be considered for a Municipal grant, please ensure that you enclose the following: **most recent financial statement and the proposed operating budget.**

Other Information: Have you obtained a previous grant from the Municipality?  Yes  No  
Have you applied to another local government for funding?  Yes  No

If yes, please list:

Applicant's signature: FIPPA s. 22(1)

Date: Oct 10, 2025

*In order to be eligible for consideration for a 2026 grant-in-aid, this application and all requested supporting materials must be received no later than October 15th, 2025.*

Please submit in person at 7030 Trans Canada Hwy or email to [finance@northcowichan.ca](mailto:finance@northcowichan.ca)

Print Form

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October 10, 2025

Ms. Teri Vetter  
Director, Financial Services Municipality of North Cowichan

**Re: Grant-In-Aid Application 2025**

Dear Ms. Vetter,

Thank you for your generous support in the past. The Somenos Community Association continues to improve the hall thanks to the Municipality of North Cowichan's ongoing assistance.

This past year, we completed several upgrades: the downstairs bathrooms received new toilets and flooring, all kitchen outlets were replaced, and a new sunshade was installed at the back of the hall to reduce summer heat in the basement. We also expanded the parking lot with additional gravel, and added a fence to the back of the yard.

Our next major project will be a 50 foot **cement walkway** along the side of the hall leading to the side door. This entrance is used daily by children, and a proper walkway will help eliminate the muddy conditions that develop in wet weather. In addition, we hope to replace our hardworking lawn mower, which maintains the large grounds surrounding the hall. We also want to add a heat pump to the downstairs area.

The hall remains an active community hub. The **Girl Guides** meet weekly, and the **West View Learning Centre** rents the hall regularly each month as a learning space for high-functioning children—an excellent fit for our facility.

The Somenos Community Hall and its patrons have benefitted greatly from the Municipality's consistent and generous support. For 2025, we respectfully request a **Grant-In-Aid of \$10,000** to help us complete these projects.

Thank you for your continued support and for considering our application.

Sincerely,

FIPPA s. 22(1)

Celine Degraaf

**Director, Somenos Hall**

# SOMENOS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

October 1, 2024- October 1, 2025

## **INCOME**

Group and Social Rentals	12,500
Municipal Grant	10,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22,500</b>

## **EXPENSES**

Bank Charges	240
Hydro	3,628
Water, Taxes, Licenses	404
Lawn and LawnMower Maintenance	1,900
Parking Lot enlargement and gravel	2,800
Heat Pump Maintenance	908
Snow Removal	600
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	35
Fence in Backyard	2,400
Bathroom Reno floor and toilets	2,796
Snow/Leaf guard in new gutters	1,157
Furnace Room Repairs	385
Kitchen Plugs Repair	192
Sunshade for downstairs office	128
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>17,573</b>

# PROJECTED BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

## Projected Income

Group rentals .....	12,550
Municipal Grant .....	10,000
Cash on Hand .....	6,800

**Total Projected Income .....29,350**

## Projected Expense

Cement Sidewalk.....	5,000
Heat Pump for downstairs .....	6,000
Utilities .....	5,000
General Expenses .....	1,500
Maintenance (Heat Pumps, Hall Maintenance Yard Maintenance ) .....	5,600
Taxes, Water, License .....	700
Ride On Lawn Mower .....	4,500

**Total Projected Expense ..... 28,300**