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New Program Launched: *Grant Writing Support*

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Squamish, B.C. – Squamish Chamber Grant Writing Support Service program launched for May 2021.

The *Squamish Chamber of Commerce* is pleased to announce the launch of a Grant Writing Support program for local Squamish businesses. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the provincial and federal governments have released a number of grants to support small-to-medium sized businesses in COVID-19 related recovery. The Squamish Chamber grant writing program will provide Squamish small businesses with free access to grant writers who can assist with the application process for COVID-19 business recovery grants.

“Over the last year, there have been a number of grants released to support our small businesses in pandemic recovery. We are aware that some of the grant programs are undersubscribed and received feedback from businesses on the challenges of navigating the programs, understanding eligibility criteria and finding time to apply.” said Louise Walker, Executive Director of the Squamish Chamber. *“The Chamber’s grant writing support program aims to alleviate some of these challenges and support our local businesses.”* Walker added.

The Squamish Chamber Grant Support program provides local businesses with **free** access to grant writing services. The program offers **three levels of service** (businesses may apply for one or more service level) including:

- 1) Discussion and Consultation - up to two hours
- 2) Grant Writing - up to eight hours
- 3) Revision and Review - up to two hours

The Squamish Chamber is grateful to the District of Squamish - via the B.C. Restart Grant - for making this program possible.

“The Squamish Chamber is committed to supporting Squamish businesses, and we are grateful to the District of Squamish for supporting the delivery of this new grant writing support service, which will ultimately benefit the Squamish economy and our community recovery.” Walker added.



The grant support service is available to both members and non-members of the Squamish Chamber who meet eligibility criteria. Eligible businesses must be Squamish based and small-medium sized businesses. Grant writing support is only focused on COVID-19 business recovery grants. Non-profits will be considered for COVID-19 business recovery grants.

The grant writing support is available on a first-come, first-serve basis until funding is expended. Please review eligibility requirements before submitting a request form for support. Once the Chamber has reviewed your submission, the Squamish Chamber will pair you with a grant writer.

For more information, access to eligibility criteria and the application form, please visit www.squamishchamber.com/grant-writing-support

About The Squamish Chamber of Commerce

The Squamish Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the Squamish community by actively supporting business, economic growth and diversification. The Chamber takes a leadership role in advocating for the interest of Squamish business and provides member services such as networking and educational events, policy positions and partnerships with other organisations.

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