



# Vancouver Police Foundation

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## Vancouver Police Foundation Grant Application Process

### *About the Society*

The Vancouver Police Foundation is incorporated under the Province of British Columbia Society Act.

The purposes of the Society are:

- to receive, hold, invest and distribute contributions from donors for charitable purposes
- to promote programs of research and education relating to law enforcement
- to encourage public participation and law enforcement
- to emphasize the role of the police in the community
- to encourage community awareness of the problems of crime and its prevention
- to encourage initiatives and commitment for better policing

The Vancouver Police Foundation issues grants twice yearly. The funds used for this purpose are derived from cash donations to the Foundation and by means of profits realized from a GENUS investment portfolio. The amount of funding available for grants varies from year to year and is dependent on interest rates and investment rates of return.

### *Grant Criteria*

Project proposals must address one or more of the following:

**Police Leadership:** Leadership styles, models, ethical practices or community based leadership models

**Creative Use of Technology:** To explore new and unique use of technology to assist in criminal investigations, improve police practices, prevent crime and improve service to the community.

**Best Police Practices:** Explore best practices in police, business and professional organizations, community partnerships and alliances.

**Policing Issues:** Emerging global issues in policing. This includes but is not restricted to youth gangs, drug abuse, demographic change, career criminals and cultural diversity.

**Investigative Techniques:** To inquire globally with police agencies what are the newest and most efficient and effective forensic investigative techniques being used.

### *Application Process for a Foundation Grant*

Applications are called for twice per year, by means of departmental bulletin notice. Awards are made subject to the criteria found in the Vancouver Police Foundation charter as follows:

- promoting programs of research and education relating to law enforcement
- encouraging public participation in law enforcement
- emphasizing the role of the police in the community
- encouraging community awareness of the problems of crime and crime prevention

Submissions for the grant disbursement process should be addressed to the Executive Director of the Vancouver Police Foundation.

All proposals must include:

1. A detailed outline of the proposal, including all costs to be incurred, timelines etc.
2. Identification of the specific person responsible and accountable for the processing of funds and project evaluation.
3. Source(s) of additional funding, if available. While it is our wish to assist as much as possible it may be necessary for you to seek out additional funding as well. If this is the case please itemize what that process will be and names of other funders.

Applications must be forwarded through the chain of command and receive the endorsement of the Divisional Commander. Applications received without such approval will not be eligible and will be returned to the applicant.

The submissions will be reviewed relative to the Vancouver Police Foundation criteria. Following this process, the authors of the projects that have been selected for consideration will be invited to present their proposal at the next meeting of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Proposals with the highest likelihood of approval will be those that are unique and creative but which cannot be funded by means of the regular operational and/or administrative budget of the Vancouver Police Department.

It should be noted that the Foundation prefers to grant "seed money" to assist in the commencement of a project, with additional funding coming from other sources such as the community. The Trustees also prefer to give "one-time-only" grants. Funds will go to projects under the direct control of the Vancouver Police Department, not outside agencies.

## *Dr. Joseph Cohen Police Education Travel Bursary*

A secondary component of the fund provides for a bursary specifically intended to facilitate travel for the purpose of studying police practices throughout the world. This fund is called the "Dr. Joseph Cohen Police Education Travel Bursary."

The name is a tribute to Dr. Joe Cohen and his contribution to the Vancouver Police Foundation and the Vancouver Police Department. Dr. Cohen has, over the past 29 years, consistently supported the Vancouver Police Department and is a founding member of the Foundation. Through his efforts the financial viability of the Foundation has been assured. Dr. Cohen is committed to maintaining an outstanding quality of police service in Vancouver.

The Trustees of the Foundation recognize the advantages of personal examination of best police practices wherever they may occur. Goodwill and understanding between cultures, communities and police agencies is promoted through travel to other countries. Exposure to diverse points of view and experiencing other cultures builds confidence. The quality of police service in Vancouver can only be increased by the examination of police leadership in other countries.

### Goals of the Cohen Bursary

The Cohen Bursary has as its goals:

- the promotion of educational opportunities by permitting members of the Vancouver Police Department to travel and visit police agencies world-wide to study best police practices
- to expose Vancouver Police personnel to diverse points of view and experience other police cultures through a program of individual study
- to establish global police contacts, to exchange information on best practices and build understanding between police agencies
- to share new ideas and initiatives with other police agencies, and to open avenues of communication with other police agencies
- to increase the international reputation of the Vancouver Police Department

### What the Bursary Funds

The bursary will pay the cost of:

- return airfare
- travel within a host country or countries
- reasonable costs for accommodations and meals
- conference registration fees where appropriate
- medical and travel insurance when required

The bursary does not pay the cost of:

- academic study leading to a degree
- a course normally paid for by the Police Department

### Cohen Bursary Eligibility

1. Members of the Vancouver Police Department, sworn or civilian

2. A minimum of five years service with the Vancouver Police Department
3. Reference is given to people who are unlikely to obtain financial support from other sources
4. Permission of the Chief Constable for a leave of absence

### Application Process for the Cohen Bursary

The Trustees of the Vancouver Police Foundation will call twice annually for applications. Consideration for the bursary takes place at the same time as applications for grants from the general fund occur.

Applicants for the Cohen Bursary will submit a detailed description of the project or initiative they wish to research. The application will describe why the selected police agency or program warrants study and a description of how the Vancouver Police and the community will benefit from the research.

Applicants will include a budget with their applications. The budget will include air travel costs, ground transportation costs, per diem, conference fees and all other related costs.

A letter of endorsement from the applicant's immediate supervisor is required. This will include a statement on the candidate's suitability for the bursary and a statement on the appropriateness of the type of research. A report from the Chief Constable confirming that up to three months paid leave or education leave will be granted should the applicant be successful.

The Chief Constable will comment on any aspect of the research proposal or the individual's suitability as deemed appropriate. The Trustees may "short list" the number of applicants for interviews with the assistance of the Chief Constable or a representative. The Trustees may include on the interview panel, any person whose skills will facilitate selection based on merit.

The Executive Director of the Vancouver Police Foundation will manage the Cohen Bursary.

The Trustees will annually establish the amount of money available for this grant. This may include but is not restricted to, interest from funds held in trust, specific or general donations to the Foundation or other funds the Trustees designate.

The Trustees will review all applications and in consultation with the Chief Constable will select one or more applicants to receive a Cohen Bursary.

### Conditions of Acceptance

Vancouver Police personnel who receive a Cohen Bursary shall submit a full report on the accomplishment of the project to the Chief Constable and the Trustees of the Vancouver Police Foundation. This will be accomplished within two months of completion of the project or a date set by the Chief Constable and the author shall permit the Chief Constable and the Trustees of the Foundation to edit and publish the report and share the report as deemed appropriate.

An applicant may be required to give presentations on the project as directed by the Chief Constable and shall agree that no additional funds will be requested from the Foundation or the Vancouver Police Department.

When available, an applicant will utilize police accommodation and police transportation as offered by host police agencies and will agree that per diem and meal allowance rates set by the Vancouver Police Department do not apply to the Cohen Bursary.

A financial account of how the grant was expended, accompanied by receipts and other pertinent documentation, must be submitted in a timely fashion to the Chief Constable. Any funds remaining will be forwarded back to the Vancouver Police Foundation.

## Examples of Potential Cohen Bursary Grants

### **Drug Dog**

A proposal to research the use of a non-aggressive drug-sniffing dog for dedicated street drug work would benefit from a Cohen Bursary. A police member would travel to the US or European locations where drug dogs are used to observe their training and work with the dog handlers and dogs in their day to day operation. A grant would permit the member to visit the London Metropolitan Police, a German and a Dutch Police Department. Alternatively, the Foundation could fund a visit to three or four US destinations. The result would be a solid foundation if the Vancouver Police should proceed with training or purchasing a non-aggressive drug dog. The detailed examination of the use of drug dogs would enhance the chance of success.

### **Community Policing Office**

There are numerous different models of Community Policing Offices (CPO's) in cities around North America. A Cohen Bursary would permit a Vancouver Police member to visit a number of cities, talk to the volunteers, police members and community residents about the model used in each city. The best practices would be brought back to Vancouver.

### **Training Course**

A Cohen Bursary could be used to fund a member of the department to take a specialized police training course which cannot be funded by the Vancouver Police Department. The Victoria Police annually hosts an international executive development course. This course brings together senior police officers from around the world for an intense six week program. Funding could be granted to have personnel understudy with the FBI in physiological profiling skills for use in serious crime investigations. Personnel could request a grant to take specialized training at US or UK police academies.

### **Examination of New York Police Crime Reduction**

In recent years, the New York Police Department (NYPD) has reported a significant reduction in crime. This is attributed to an aggressive program to enforce minor crime and public order offences and a large increase in personnel. A Cohen Bursary would permit a detailed examination of what has occurred in New York. The potential to look behind the public rhetoric would be possible.

### **New Technology or Equipment**

The Cohen Bursary program could assist with police members wishing to examine first hand the use of new technology. Many locally developed computer programs are in use by police agencies. Vehicles, offices, aircraft and boats are all used in a myriad of uncommon ways that make policing more effective and efficient. First hand examination of these ideas will assist the Vancouver Police Department in adapting the best for use in Vancouver.

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