



Respiratory Equipment Grant Application Information 2009

TB Vets: Helping BC breathe since 1946

TB Vets was founded in 1946 by veterans with tuberculosis and other lung diseases. Because of their disabilities, employers would not give them a chance. Our founding veterans created BC's first Keytag program as a way to provide work for themselves and other people with disabilities. With the Keytag proceeds, they funded equipment, research and education to fight respiratory distress in BC. Today, TB Vets Charitable Foundation is a registered charity that continues to employ people with disabilities and has given over \$10 million to help BC breathe.

TB Vets operates a business unit, **TBV business solutions**, which provides direct mail services and recognition products. TBV business solutions hires and trains people with disabilities, and proceeds are returned to the Foundation to fund respiratory initiatives. More information about TBV business solutions can be found at www.tbvbusinesssolutions.com.

TB Vets Vision Statement

TB Vets will be recognized as a leader in the community in the fight against respiratory diseases.

TB Vets Mission Statement

Helping British Columbians in respiratory distress lead healthy and productive lives.

TB Vets Objectives

- To provide employment to people with disabilities
- To provide grants to hospitals and health care facilities for the purchase of respiratory equipment
- To further research into a cure and treatment of tuberculosis, and
- To provide education, communications and information concerning control, prevention and treatment of respiratory diseases.

Grant Guidelines

1. Applications must be received by September 30. Successful applicants will be notified in January.
2. Grants will be provided to fund:
 - Tuberculosis research
 - Bursaries for respiratory therapy students at Thompson Rivers University, and
 - Respiratory equipment for BC hospitals, senior's homes, nursing homes and other related institutions.
3. When making grants, we consider the following:
 - Applicants must be registered charities. Grants are not made to individuals or businesses.
 - TB Vets funds respiratory equipment. Personnel or other expenses are not eligible. An official manufacturer's quote for the requested equipment must be supplied with the grant application. The equipment must be purchased by December 31 of the year the grant is provided. Extensions may be provided in extraordinary situations.
 - TB Vets seeks to provide grants to communities all across British Columbia. As a result, we may decline an application from an institution who has recently received support from us, in favour of an institution we have not yet supported.
 - Institutions who receive a grant must have a plan to publicize the grant. At minimum, the institution must:
 - host a photo shoot/cheque presentation with the equipment,
 - display a sign on the equipment stating that the equipment was donated by TB Vets
 - issue a press release describing TB Vets' contribution.
 - Institutions who receive a grant must provide a written, signed testimonial of the importance of the new equipment, within 12 months of receiving the equipment. TB Vets will use these testimonials to raise funds for future grants. Patient stories, especially life-saving stories, are most helpful (assuming the patients give permission for their stories to be used for fundraising purposes).
 - TB Vets operates a business unit, TBV business solutions. TBV business solutions offers direct mail services and recognition products, including ribbons, engraving and awards. TB Vets asks that grant recipients forward information about TBV business solutions to the appropriate decision maker at the institution.

Grant Application Checklist

- Complete grant application form. Make sure all questions are answered.
- Provide Registered Charity Number. Only registered charities are eligible for grants.
- Enclose official quote(s) from the supplier(s) of the equipment you are asking for. Failure to supply an official quote will disqualify your application.
- Deadline: Applications must be received by **September 30, 2009**. Applications received after September 30, 2009, will be disqualified. Applications may be emailed to **grants@tbvets.org**, faxed to **604-874-3033**, or mailed to:

TB Vets Charitable Foundation
Attn: Susan Ashton, Executive Director
4050 Graveley St.
Burnaby BC V5C 4A5

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding grant applications to TB Vets or if you would like to present to the grant committee in person, contact Executive Director Susan Ashton at **604-874-5626, 1-888-874-5626, or grants@tbvets.org.**

Thank you for your application.