

**Lobstick Foundation Call for Grant Applications
From Programs Benefitting Girls and Women in Canada**

Funding Available to Help Girls and Women with Life and Professional Skills

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Victoria, BC – The Directors of The Lobstick Foundation are issuing a call for grant applications from organizations across B.C. and Canada that help girls and women of all backgrounds seeking to develop their life and personal skills, or other professional and educational development, and are unable to do so because of personal or financial circumstances.

The Foundation will contribute a total of up to \$40,000 in 2016 to organizations that meet its mandate, and who complete and submit a grant application by March 31, 2016.

“The Lobstick Foundation is looking to support young girls and women who were born here or who are new to Canada, and need a helping hand to reach their scholastic and self-supporting goals,” said Laurie Salvador, a Notary in Sidney, BC and Chair of the Foundation. “We hope like-minded support organizations will take the time to complete an application so we can learn more about their work and ensure our funds help make the positive difference they are intended to create.”

"We know many organizations are feeling a funding crunch, and hope that by reaching out we can help to fill gaps so that the women and girls who need help don't lose out."

In past years, the Foundation has supported Artemis Place, a Victoria-based integrated counselling and education program for girls; Salish Sea Girls' Leadership, which works to build young women and girls' leadership capacity in the Gulf Islands; 1Up Victoria Single Parent Resource Centre, which provides practical support, opportunities for growth and a sense of hope for one-parent families; Justice for Girls, which promotes health and well-being, social justice, equality and freedom from violence for teenage girls who live in poverty; Women in Need, which supports women along their journey between crisis, financial self-sufficiency and wellness; Bridges for Women Society, which works towards inspiring women impacted by violence or abuse to reclaim their lives and build economic stability.

A “lobstick” is a tall, conspicuous pine tree that has been limbed in such a way that the top limbs provide directions to the nearest safe haven. The Lobstick Foundation was created by Doctors Margaret Nix and Marygold Nash, both retired professors of psychology from PACE University in New York. They retired to B.C. and had a vision to leave their estate in a foundation that would support young girls and women who need a helping hand to reach their goals. The Foundation was established in 2012 and has so far donated \$60,000 to outstanding organizations.

Grant application guidelines and forms are available online at www.lobstickfoundation.org/grants-and-donations.

Successful organizations will be notified of their acceptance on or before May 15, 2016.

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