

Bangladeshi Society of Wood Buffalo

2020 Community Impact Grant Analysis

CIP Grant Summary:

2017	2018	2019	2020 Request	2020 Recommended by CIP	Variance Recommended vs. Requested
-	-	-	11,300	-	(11,300)

Fiscal Year End	Total Expenses	Unrestricted Net Assets
December 31, 2018	914	131

Notes:

Bangla Language Classes - Language classes + snacks.

Administration determined that the intergenerational preservation of language in the home is not a demonstrated service gap in the region.

Budget Line Description	2020 Total Budget	2020 Budget Request	2020 Recommended
Revenues			
RMWB Community Impact Grant	11,300	11,300	-
Donation from Shell Canada	1,000	-	-
Total Revenues	12,300	11,300	-
Expenses			
Volunteer Teacher Honoraria	3,600	3,600	-
Classroom Rental	3,200	3,200	-
Snacks/Refreshments	4,000	4,000	-
Audio Video Equipment	1,000	1,000	-
Stationery Etc.	500	500	-
Total Expenses	12,300	12,300	-
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ (1,000)	\$ -

2020 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects Application for Grant Funding

The grant program under which your organization is applying has specific eligibility requirements. The Application Form should clearly show how the proposed program or project meets these requirements. The Application Form, including all required attachments, must be received by the closing date. **Late or incomplete applications will not be processed (Community Investment Program Policy FIN-220, Section 3.1.5).**

In order to complete this application for funding, please read the following thoroughly:

- 2020 Community Impact Grant Guidelines
- 2020 Community Impact Grant - Community Programs & Projects Application Checklist

If you have reviewed the 2020 Community Impact Grant Guidelines and have any questions regarding this application form or eligibility, please contact CIP@rmwb.ca.

Organization Name: <u>Bangladeshi Society of WoodBuffalo</u>	
Declaration: In making this application, we, the undersigned, confirm:	<i>Board Member(s) and/or Executive Director Initials:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● that we have read the Community Impact Grant Guidelines; 	<u>MA</u> <u>MR</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● that we understand that this application form and all attachments shall be part of the public Council agenda and accessible through all methods that the Council agenda is available; 	<u>MA</u> <u>MR</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● that we understand that this application form and all required attachments must be completed in full and received before 4:30 p.m. MT on Monday, September 23, 2019; 	<u>MA</u> <u>MR</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● that we understand the term of the Community Impact Grant is January 1 to December 31, 2020 and that all expenditures must happen during this term; and 	<u>MA</u> <u>MR</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● that we are authorized by the applicant organization to complete the application and hereby represent to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Community Investment Program and declare that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the information provided is truthful and accurate, and the application is made on behalf of the above-named organization and with the Board of Directors' full knowledge and consent. 	<u>MA</u> <u>MR</u>
 <hr/> Signature of Board Member <i>(must have signing authority)</i>	 <hr/> Signature of Board Member or Executive Director <i>(must have signing authority)</i>
<u>Mushtaque Ahmed</u> Print Name	<u>Morshed Rana</u> Print Name
<u>2019-09-22</u> Date: (YYYY-MM-DD)	<u>2019-09-22</u> Date: (YYYY-MM-DD)

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Community Programs and Projects Part A - Organization Summary

1. Organization Details

Organization Name:	Bangladeshi Society of WoodBuffalo
Street Address:	124 Red Lily Gate
City/Hamlet:	Fort McMurray
Province:	Alberta
Postal Code:	T9K 0G7
Phone Number:	s.17 (1)
Email Address:	s.17 (1)
Act Registered Under:	Societies Act (Alberta)
Registration Number:	5016539982

Note: Organization must be in good standing to receive funding.

2. Main Contact

Title:	Vice President
Name:	Morshed Rana
Daytime Phone:	s.17 (1)
Email Address:	s.17 (1)

3. Executive Director

Name:	Not Applicable
Daytime Phone:	
Email Address:	

4. Board Chair / President

Name:	Mushtaque Ahmed
Daytime Phone:	s.17 (1)
Email Address:	s.17 (1)

Note: Should any of the contact details in Questions 2 to 4 change before December 31, 2020, please advise the Community Investment Program at CIP@rmwb.ca

Community Programs and Projects Part B - Board Questionnaire

5. How often does the Board review the financial position of the agency? What efforts have been made in the past fiscal year to increase the number and types of financial support for your organization?

1. Once a year as reported at the "Annual General Meeting"
 2. Apply to corporations such as Syncrude for volunteer grants
 3. Contributions and grants from individuals within the Bangladeshi Community

6. Organization's most recent Fiscal Year End date (YYYY-MM-DD): 2018-12-31

Unrestricted net assets from your Financial Statements ending 2018-12-31 -\$ 131.18

(Accumulated surplus that the Board has not set aside for a particular purpose)

Total Expenses from your Financial Statements Ending 2018-12-31 \$ 1,831.66

7. Does your organization have financial reserves greater than the last fiscal year's operating expenses? If so, explain why.

No
 (deficit)
 Restricted Amount details:
 1. We have been accumulating some surplus in order to phaseout our obsolete sound system and get a new one costing about \$2300. We will be shortly acquiring one this year.
 2. We intend to keep about \$2000 at all times due to emergency requirement among any individual / family in the Bangladeshi Community, such as a fire, a death in the family etc.

8. What are the restrictions (if any) on becoming a member of your organization **and/or** participating in programs or services?

To be a member, one needs to be a Canadian citizen / Permanent Resident of Bangladeshi Origin (or spouse thereof). There is no restriction on participation in programs or services.

9. Minimum number of board members according to bylaws: 6

Number of board members: Currently: 8 2018: 9 2017: 10

How often does the Board of Directors meet? Min 3 times / year. Normally around once a month.

10. Please list your current Board of Directors:

Name	Board Position	Years on Board
Mushtaque Ahmed	President	2.00
Morshed Rana	Vice President	1.00
Abdul Bari Dipu	General Secretary	2.00
Farzana Rahman	Cultural Secretary	1.00
Nazmul Islam	Organizing Secretary & Public	2.00
Salma Begum	Event Secretary	2.00
Taslima Sultana	Youth & Sports Secretary	2.00
Nafis Imtiaz	Finance Secretary	1.00

11. Are any Board members being paid, or receiving an honorarium for being on the Board or for other positions in the organization outside of their role on the Board? Yes No

If yes, complete the following table:

Board member name	Paid role in the board / organization	Amount received

 The personal information collected in this application is collected under the authority of section 33(c) of Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. It will be used to process the application and contact you if needed, during the review of this application. If you have any questions about the collection and use of the personal information you may contact the Manager, Community Investment Program, at 9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4 or at (780) 743-7918.

Community Programs and Projects Part C - Proposed Program or Project Details

12. Program or Project Name: Bangla Language Class

13. Beginning Date (YYYY-MM-DD): 2020-01-01

14. Completion Date (YYYY-MM-DD): 2010-12-31

Note: The term of the Community Impact Grant is January 1 - December 31, 2020. The program or project and all expenditures must occur during this term.

15. What activities will be part of the program or project? Please provide details:

- a. Use headings if applying for more than one program or project;
- b. List specific activities of each program or project; and
- c. Include details such as location(s), number of sessions, length of sessions, etc.

(additional space continues on next page)

Bangla Language classes will be held every Sunday from 12Pm-13:30 hrs except during national holidays and cultural or religious festivals.

During the classes, there will be teacher led lectures on Conversational Bangla using lectures, audio-visual aids and classroom practice

The classes will be located in rented classrooms in schools / RMWB facilities

Teachers will be volunteer members of the community with honorariums

There will be two sessions through the year and certificates of completion will be awarded at the end of every session.

Class enrolment will be open to the public but focussed on children of Bangladesh origin and non-Bangladeshi origin spouses.

15. *(Continued from previous page)*

16. What objective(s) of the Community Program and Projects stream does this program or project address? (Check all that apply)

- To provide a program or project that enhances leisure, cultural, recreational opportunities and/or
- To support the design and delivery of preventive social service programs that promote and enhance the well-being of individuals, families and communities;
- To promote programs or projects that address, as directly as possible, any one of the 94 Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report;
- To promote and support community capacity and economic growth;
- To facilitate and promote investment in local projects by residents;
- To enrich the cultural landscape of the Municipality; and/or
- To create/maintain a program for recruiting, training and using volunteers.

17. Describe, in detail, how the program or project will meet and address each objective selected above. (additional space continues on next page)

If the Calls to Action objective is selected, please identify the Call to Action and include the following:

- a. *How the Call to Action will be addressed by the activities of the program project;*
- b. *How the activities promote healing, language and/or cultural restoration; and*
- c. *How the Indigenous community is involved in the planning, execution, participation or follow up to the program or project.*

1. "To provide a program or project that enhances leisure, cultural and recreational opportunities": Bangla Language learning can be an avenue to expand one's leisure, cultural and recreational opportunity for anyone within the RMWB for a person of any ethnicity
2. "To support the design and delivery of preventive social service programs that promote and enhance the well being of individuals, families and communities": This project aims to improve the scope and quality verbal communication between parents and children of Bangla ethnicity, which would lead to better parenting, keep open channels of communication, thus helping to prevent negative social behaviours such as substance abuse, gang behaviours and suicidal tendencies.
3. "To enrich the cultural landscape of the Municipality": Bangla (or Bengali) is a very rich language and would add to the cultural richness and linguistic versatility of not only the children of Bangla ethnicity but also of any other who would attend the classes.

17. (Continued from previous page)

18. How many participants are expected to benefit from the program or project? Please identify them in the table below.

Ages 0 - 3:		Adults:	10
Ages 3 - 5:		Seniors:	
Ages 5 - 12:	10	Families:	
Ages 12 - 18:	3		

19. What is the community need that the program or project will address?

There is a desire and need among families to retain the mother language proficiencies among second generation children , non-Bangladeshi spouses and also among people intending to visit Bangladesh or West Bengal (India). The community feels that this is very important not only to retain a sense of identity among the second and onward generations, but also enables better parent - child communications , thus leading to better parenting and acquisition of various life skills including coping skills so important in today's classroom situations.

20. How was the need determined?

We had a pilot program to teach Bangla Language during the summer of 2019 among the Bangladeshi community and the positive response and feedback from stakeholders was indicative of the need for continuation next year.

The approximate number of students were as follows:
 Total students 15
 Children ages 5-16: 12 (Bangladesh origin)
 Adults: 3 (Canadian and US origin)
 No of classroom sessions: 16
 Place :Mostly held by turn in the houses of students' parents. This presented some challenges which can be overcome by changing to a classroom setting (as proposed in the project)
 Teacher: The task of tutoring was handled by the initiator of the pilot project Mr.Salam Choudhury and assisted by Mushtaque Ahmed on a voluntary basis.

21. How will the program or project address this need?

The program will instill a proficiency in conversational Bangla among attendees through learning and practice, besides making the recipients familiar with conversational aids and cultural words and phrases that is also imparted during the course of the classroom lesson plans as part of the vocabulary training. At the same time it will help to bring together on a regular basis, children of similar ethno-linguistic background, with a spattering of their mother tongue and enhance their Bangla linguistic skills through classroom group sessions and play. Adult participants pick up the flow of the language not only from the Tutor but also from fellow students during classroom practice sessions. The classroom teaching also serves as a basis for enhanced practice with their own families and siblings based on what they learn during classroom lessons.

22. What will be the positive impacts to the community?

It will improve communications between the younger generation and their parents, thus contributing to a healthy parenting, self esteem and greater cultural awareness and respect for their cultural heritage. As such this will lead to the growth of confident and positive minded and future citizens with a high potential for community contribution.

Part of the CPP Stream is funded through a partnership with the Government of Alberta to provide support for the design and delivery of preventative social services programs that promote and enhance the wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

To determine if the program, project or service meets the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) program outcomes of Prevention, Local Autonomy, Volunteerism, Accountability, and Community Development, please answer the following:

- 23. Is the program, project or service preventative in nature? Does it enhance the social well-being of families and individuals? Does it have preventative social outcomes? If yes, please explain. If no, leave blank.**

The project will help prevent the community youth from being distracted to self destructive pastimes and substance abuse, which is increasingly prevalent among contemporary youth in school settings . This will happen by the inculcation of of values of self esteem and confidence through the acquisition of Bangla language which is the gateway to one's culture and traditions, all of which can increase one's sense of self-worth.

- 24. Does the program, project or service:**

- Help people develop independence, strengthen coping skills and become more resistant to crisis?
Yes No
- Help people develop an awareness of social needs?
Yes No
- Help develop interpersonal and group skills which enhance constructive relationships among people?
Yes No
- Help people and communities to assume responsibility for decisions and actions which affect them?
Yes No
- Provide supports that help sustain people as active members of the community?
Yes No

25. Is the program, project or service:

- Primarily a recreation, leisure, entertainment or sporting activity or event?
Yes No
- Offering direct assistance, including money, food, clothing or shelter, to sustain an individual or family?
Yes No
- Primarily rehabilitative, therapeutic or crisis management?
Yes No
- A duplication of services provided by any level of government?
Yes No
- A capital expenditure such as the purchase, construction or renovation of a building or facility?
Yes No

26. What does/will a successful program or project look like?

A successful program will lead to the building of a young generation fully aware and proficient in their own linguistic and cultural heritage and thus develop into confident and positive minded and socially compatible individuals. They will converse fluently with their parents and siblings in their mother-tongue and also be able to pick up the best quality English language proficiency from their Classroom teachers, instead of from their parents, which would happen if they communicated in English with them at home instead of their normal home language Bangla mainly due to the accentuated English spoken by their immigrant parents. It will also give a rapport and mutual respect and understanding between multi ethnic couples (who are also targeted as potential participants in this project).

27. How will the program or project's success be measured (e.g., surveys, evaluation, longitudinal studies)?

The success of the program will be measured by the following parameters:
a) by the increase in linguistic proficiency at the end of each year's programs.
b) by the increase / improvement of Bangla communication between children and their parents through annual opinion/rating surveys which will be a standard feature of this program handed out to both students and their guardians.

28. Does the program or project duplicate or overlap with other programs or projects offered in the community? How is this organization's program or project unique?

No. There is no such other Bangla language teaching service available in WoodBuffallo area.

29. How will the program or project be promoted/advertised?

(Successful programs or projects shall state "Funding considerations provided by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo" on all print and digital advertisements and shall not use the Municipal logo.

When the project is approved, concrete implementation plans will be drawn up by the Board and promoted / advertised using all means available including social media, news bulletins, Multicultural Association channels , local news media etc.

- 30. The Community Programs and Projects stream is intended to promote an allied social profit sector within the Municipality. What other community groups or organization will be involved in the program or project?**
- a. List each community group or organization; and**
 - b. Define each community group or organization's role.**

We will tcommunicate with the Multicultural Association of WoodBuffalo (of which our organization is a member) and develop synergistic programs with them for other languages too if it falls within their goals. It is the aim of this organisation to introduce the celebration of the " International Mother Language Day" on the 21st of February, which has been approved by UNESCO to celebrate all Mother Languages. The day is a commemoration of the day back in 1952, when students gave their lives protesting the denial of the Bangla Language as the State Language by the government of the day.

- 31. The Community Programs and Projects stream is intended to promote public/volunteer participation in the planning, delivering and governing of community programs and projects. How will volunteers be involved in the proposed program or project?**

The core work behind the planning, delivering and governing of program will be provided by Directors and volunteers of our organization Bangladeshi Society of WoodBuffalo (BSWB)

- 32. The CPP stream requires at least one other source of funding (e.g., monetary donations or grants, sponsorships, significant in-kind contributions, etc.) aside from the Community Impact Grant. Describe any other funding initiatives the organization has taken or is planning to implement to support this requirement.**

We have obtained some funding from Shell Canada towards similar objectives.

- 33. Outline any expected in-kind contributions for this program or project:**

Our volunteers will be applying for similar grants from other Oil Sand corporations in the region.

Program or Project Budget

34. a) Please be advised that although your organization's fiscal year may not run January - December, that is the funding period of the Community Impact Grant. The following content must only relate to the period of January 1 - December 31, 2020.
- b) Please include all anticipated sources of revenue for the program or project and whether or not it is in progress (applied for but not yet confirmed) or secured (confirmed).
- c) Please list all sources of funding separately and name the sources in the space provided.
- d) Do not include this grant application as a source of revenue.

Source of Projected Income	Revenue Jan - Dec 2020	Revenue Status	
		In Progress	Secured
Project/Program Income (Ticket sales, admission, etc.)	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government of Alberta Grant	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government of Canada Grant	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Casinos/Bingos	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donation from: Shell Canada	1,000.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Donation from:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donation from:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grant from:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Total (A)	\$ 1,000.00		

36. Provide any additional information that may assist in developing a better understanding of the organization or its services/programs during the grant review:

Bangladeshi Society of WoodBuffalo started its services from 2003 when the first Bangladeshi families started coming to this area, growing from a community of 1 in 2002 to about 170 in 2019. The Organization was registered under the "Societies Act" in 2012 as a not for profit organization and have been submitting annual returns regularly since then. The purpose of the organisation was primarily to provide a platform for the Bangladeshi diaspora community to organise various social events such as Eid al Fitr , Eid al Adha , Bangla New Year, New Year's Day, Bangladesh Independence Day, Canada Day, Annual Picnic , Mothers Day, Ramadhan, Sports events such as Soccer, Volleyball, MCA Annual Event etc. Finances were and still are usually arranged for the events through family contributions and food potluck arrangements etc. The Bangla language project was started this summer under the auspices of BSWB by initiative of the ex-Vice-president Mr.Salam Choudhury and that's when we realised that to do this well, we need to broaden the scope into this project to make it more sustainable and effective and also to open it up to the entire WoodBuffalo community at large.

37. Attachments

The following **MUST** accompany this application.

Failure to submit the following will result in this application being deemed incomplete.

- Financial Statements of **most recent** fiscal year end (Year end date must fall between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019)

The following is **OPTIONAL** to this application.

- Project Logic Model (if available)

Completed and Signed Applications are to be submitted:

Preference is By Email: CIP@rmwb.ca

OR

In Person or By Mail:

Community Investment Program
Community Services
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
9909 Franklin Avenue
Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4

**LATE or INCOMPLETE applications will not be processed
(Community Investment Program Policy FIN-220, Section 3.1.5)**

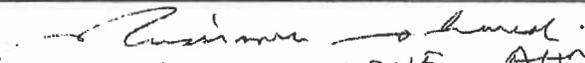
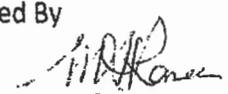
Bangladeshi Society of WoodBuffalo
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31 2018

Non Current Assets	
Equipment	\$ 2721.03
Current Assets	
Cash at Bank	\$ 6868.82
Current Liabilities	
Liability	\$ ----
Total Assets	\$ 9589.85
Net Assets	
Temporary Restricted	\$ 7000
Accumulated Deficit	\$ 131.18
Total Liability & Net assets	\$ 9589.85

(CURRENT ASSETS
- TEMPORARY RESTRICTED)
= 6868.82 - 7000
= -131.18

Statement of Activities
For the period of January to December 2018

Revenue	
Support & Events	
Donations received	\$ 1200.00
Collection for various events	\$ 657.00
Members Donation	\$ 440.00
Total Revenue	\$ 1901.00
Expenses	
MCA Annual subscription	\$ 100.00
MCA Entry Fee	\$ 90.00
Projector Screen	\$ 189.00
Decoration item (Propa)	\$ 58.00
Deposit slip book	\$ 5.00
Entertaining kids	\$ 115.00
Water Dispenser	\$ 189.00
Hall Rent	\$ 200.00
Hall Rent	\$ 300.00
Picnic (Excess cost)	\$ 25.00
Eid Reunion	\$ 36.00
TOTAL	\$ 914.00
Net Surplus	\$ 987.00

Approved By 
 Audited By 
 (Morshed Rana)
 (MUSHARRAF AHMED)