



Miss Kelowna "Lady Of The Lake" Society

City of Kelowna
1420 Water St.
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Dear Mayor Shepherd and City Councillors

Re: Miss Kelowna Lady of the Lake Society Budget and request for \$4600 in additional funds.

The Miss Kelowna Lady of the Lake Society requests your consideration for a **\$4950** annual increase in funding which would increase our grant from \$6500 to \$11,450. In our enclosed budget for 2007-2008 we have co-ordinated our trips with the float travel in hopes that we will be able to travel to the same events throughout the year as well as visits to other communities. Our current funding does not allow for many out of town trips.

Funding of \$6500.00 for the Ambassador Program comes from the City of Kelowna and because the fee for the rental of the community theatre is waived, up to \$1000.00 from the profits from this event is put toward the ambassador program as well. The candidate program is funded by sponsors and from the ticket sales to our various events.

Enclosed are copies of our actual financial reports for the past three years

We would also like to point out that the candidate program covers all administrative costs such as the cost of insurance, post office, letterhead etc. These costs should ideally be shared however charging these costs to the ambassador expenses would further limit the amount of money for travel.

The trip to Japan takes a large portion of our budget. The Kuwahara family covers the cost of the airfare for one of the ambassadors. The society must cover the cost of the accompanying chaperone as well as the cost of Cancellation insurance. In keeping with the Japanese tradition we also must provide gifts for the host family as well as Japanese dignitaries. We also provide official photographs of the reigning ambassadors to the host family, and the City of Kasagui. The Kuwahara family also invites the reigning Princess, but unless funding comes from an outside source, the society cannot afford to send the Princess.

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Currently we pay \$0.25 cents per kilometre for travel out of town. We do not pay any mileage for local events, as again it would only reduce the amount of dollars we have for the ambassador out of town trips. As a matter of interest the ambassadors attend anywhere from 75 to 100 local events throughout their reign.

A brief history of our funding is as follows. In 1990 the City of Kelowna provided the Miss Kelowna Lady of the Lake Society with \$5000 .In 1992 the amount was increased to \$6000.In 1997 we were asked by the City of Kelowna to reduce our grant from \$6000 to \$5000 . The grant remained at \$5000 until 2001 when it was increased to \$6500 where it has remained for the past 6 years . In the 2003 ,the City of Kelowna waived the rental fee for the Kelowna Community Theatre which in 2003 was approximately \$950. The continual increase in costs has made it more challenging to stay within our current budget and has restricted our travel to other communities.

In summary our request to increase our funding by **\$4950** will allow the Ambassadors to travel to various communities with the float as well as some other communities that do not have parades.

Please feel free to contact myself or our President, Kim Booker should you have any questions regarding our financial statements and budget.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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