APPLICATION FORM
2025 Grant in Aid

Merritt
FLOURISH UNDER THE SUN

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:
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MANDATORY: *REVIEW <u>"POLICY 4-01 COMMUNITY GRANT IN AID"</u> DOCUMENT*
REVIEW <u>"APPLICATION CHECKLIST"</u> ON PAGE 4 OF THIS DOCUMENT

Applicant Information

Application Date (mm/dd/yyyy):	12/06/2024
Full Legal Organization Name	Airport Comittee for Merritt Community Airport Day
Street Address	Airport
City	Merritt Prov BC
Postal Code	V1K 1B8
Organization Website	
Organization President / Executive Director	
Title	
Phone Number	E-Mail

Contact Person (if different)	Melvina White
Title	Committee Volunteer
Phone Number	604-302-4440 E-Mail melvinawhite2@gmail.com

Organization Information

Not for profit?   ☑ Yes   ☐ No   Registration Number   N/A

Did you receive a Permissive Tax Exemption in 2025   ☐ Yes   ☑ No

Did you receive a Grant in Aid in last two years?
(Include $ amount of financial and/or in-kind received)   2024   No   2023   No

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Organization Information

Current Fundraising Initiatives (500 characters or less)

There have been no fundraising initiatives for this event. It is a community event that does not involve any specific individual or group. Some members of the community contributed by covering certain expenses out of their own pockets.
Bathrooms - $500.00 / Posters and /Design -$500.00 / T Shirts - $250.00 / Souvenirs - $250.00
With fundraising efforts for this event we expect to need minimum help for the 2026 Airport Day Event if any. We will also have a few more volunteers than what we have had in the past, so we expect our fundraising to be successful.

Mission Statement/Purpose (500 characters or less)

Airport Day in Merritt, BC
Airport Day in Merritt, BC, is dedicated to bridging the gap between the aviation community and the public. Our goal is to foster a deeper understanding of our local airport's vital role in the community. Smaller community airports are often overlooked for their importance to a community or shrouded in mystery by those not directly involved in aviation. While many residents know our airport exists, few understand its location, purpose, or the invaluable benefits it brings to the region.
Our mission is to change this perception. Through a day filled with engaging activities, interactive exhibits, and educational opportunities, we aim to highlight the multifaceted contributions of the Merritt airport. This event offers an exciting and accessible way for families, aviation enthusiasts, and curious

Brief Description of Organization (1,000 characters or less)

The Merritt Airport Day Committee embodies the spirit of community collaboration and dedication to aviation, brought together by shared goals and a passion for showcasing the vital role of the Merritt Airport. Established in 2019, the committee was initially formed by Geoff Scholten, Ray Robinson, and Will George on behalf of the City of Merritt. Over the years, the group has grown to include a diverse array of individuals who bring unique skills, perspectives, and connections to ensure the success of this cherished community event.
Origins and Evolution
In 2019, Geoff, Ray, and Will laid the groundwork for what would become one of Merritt's most engaging annual events. Their initiative was driven by the desire to connect the community with the airport, demystifying its role and celebrating its contributions to Merritt's growth and resilience.
By 2022, the group expanded to include Mike Goetz, Greg Girard, Tony Luck, and Melvina White, each of whom brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the committee. Their inclusion marked a turning point, enabling the committee to adopt fresh ideas and approaches to enhance Airport Day.
Thematic Focus
Every year, the committee selects a theme that resonates with the community, emphasizing local history, achievements, or noteworthy events tied to the airport.
2022 Theme: Recognizing Heroic Pilots
In 2022, the theme highlighted the extraordinary efforts of pilots during the devastating 2021 flooding event. These pilots delivered over 400,000 pounds of food and supplies to Merritt and its surrounding areas, ensuring that cut-off communities received the necessities they desperately needed. This theme served not only as a celebration of these pilots' heroism but also as a reminder of the airport's critical role in emergency response and community resilience.
Origins and History
Another prominent theme focused on the history of the Merritt Airport. As pilots themselves, Geoff and Ray were deeply invested in uncovering and preserving the airport's story. With support from Mike Goetz, a long-time Merritt resident with an extensive knowledge of local history, the committee crafted an engaging narrative that educated and captivated attendees. This theme underscored the airport's evolution and its impact on Merritt over the decades.
A Tribute to Geoff Scholten: The loss of Geoff Scholten on July 28, 2024, was a profound blow to the

Please don't hesitate to **attach supporting documents** with further information about your organization.

Proposal Request

Program / Project / Event Name

Merritt Airport Day

Description of Event (1,000 characters or less)

The annual Merritt Airport Day event is a vibrant celebration that brings together the love of aviation and the spirit of community. Hosted at the Merritt Airport, this highly anticipated event attracts pilots, aviation enthusiasts, and residents from across the province to honor the skies and the important role of small community airports.
With a dynamic lineup of activities and attractions, Merritt Airport Day promises an unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages. From thrilling helicopter rides to a display of vintage automobiles, the event seamlessly blends aviation with community engagement, creating an exciting atmosphere that celebrates both the past and the future.
Highlights of Merritt Airport Day
Pilots and Planes from Across the Province
The event draws an impressive gathering of pilots and aircraft from various regions, showcasing the diverse world of aviation. Visitors have the chance to see a wide variety of planes up close, meet the pilots, and learn about the unique stories behind these flying machines. Whether you're a seasoned aviation enthusiast or a curious newcomer, there's something awe-inspiring about witnessing aircraft in action.
Helicopter Rides:
One of the most popular attractions is the opportunity to take a thrilling helicopter ride for just $50. This unique experience offers breathtaking views of Merritt and the surrounding landscape, giving passengers a perspective rarely seen from the ground. It's an unforgettable way to connect with the beauty of the skies and the excitement of aviation.

Please don't hesitate to **attach supporting documents** with details about your program, project or event.

Type of Funding Request   ■ Financial Aid   ☐ In-Kind   *Contact Facility Booking Department at (250) 315-1050 for a quote for your event*

Amount Requested 1500.00   *Maximum of $7,500 per organization or $500 per teams/individuals participating in recognized competitions*

Program Budget 1500.00

Percent of your Program Budget covered by this request 100 %
(i.e. a $1,000 grant would cover 10% of a $10,000 event)

Tell us how much money you have fundraised for this event. $ 0

Please explain how your Organization or Event plans to increase external fundraising in the future. (500 characters or less)

This year we plan on applying to gaming to be able to hold a 50/50 draw.

We are planning to sell Airport Day 2025 T Shirts (Merritt, BC)

Raffle to win a free helicopter ride

Souvenir's

Food Table

Declaration (Two Authorized Signatures Required)

1) On behalf of and with authority of the Organization, I certify that the information given on this grant application and attachments is true, correct and complete in every respect and if the Organization is awarded the grant, agrees to abide by the established grant terms and conditions.
2) The personal information collected on this form is done so pursuant to the *Community Charter* and/or the *Local Government Act* and in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The personal information collected herein will be used only for the purpose of processing this application or request and for no other purpose unless its release is authorized by its owner, the information is part of a record series commonly available to the public, or is compelled by a Court agent duly authorized under another *Act*.
3) Neither the City of Merritt or any Member of Council, individually or collectively, is in any way responsible for any deficits or cost over-runs in relation to any event or initiative.

Print Name of Board Chair or President	
Signature	
Print Name of Person completing the application	Melvina White
Signature	*Melvina White*
Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)	

APPLICATION CHECKLIST - ALL REQUESTS

☐ **2025 Grant Report** - If you received a Grant in Aid in 2024 you will be required to submit a final report to Council in order to be considered for 2025 funding. This may include actual revenues/expenses, attendance, and economic/social impact of the grant.

☑ **Completed and signed Grant in Aid application.**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST - REQUESTS OVER $1,500

☐ **Budget** - Include a detailed budget for the program, project or event, including all potential revenue sources.

☐ **Financial Statements** - include annual financial statements that are certified (signed) by a Director (or alternate) of the organization.

☐ **Organization Budget** - Include the current annual operating budget for the organization.

☐ **Long-Term Plan** - For recurring applications, please provide a business plan showing how the organization intends to become more self-sufficient and less reliant on the City Grant in Aid program in the future.

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