

GWA'SALA-NAKWAXDA'XW TRUST GRANT PROPOSAL

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Proposal Name: Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School Breakfast and Lunch Food
Name of Trustee Applicant: Reed Allen-Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School
Associated Band Department: Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School
Associated Band Department Contact Information: Box 1799, (250) 949-7743
Amount Requested for 2025: \$75, 000
Estimated number of Band members to benefit: 125 students every school day

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Summary: Briefly describe the project (3 or 4 sentences), including a high-level description of what will be done.

With this proposal the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School will have the necessary funding to purchase food to provide our students with a daily breakfast and lunch program.

Programs will provide a variety of healthy foods and beverages with the goal to provide one-third of the recommended number of Canada's Food Guide servings per day for specific age groups. Our food will be fresh, flavourful, and as much as possible locally sourced.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Project Background: Outline the context for the project. Provide necessary background to understand why the project is being undertaken.

The school has provided a breakfast program out of the Wakas Hall for years. However, with the expansion of the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School and new cafeteria we had the physical space to offer our students a breakfast, snack and lunch program. This started in January 2022 and we would like it to continue as there are many benefits to our students and families. The program ran from January to June 2022 with great success. Ensuring funding for the food costs is one of the key components to the operation and success of what we hope to offer.

PROJECT PURPOSE

Project Purpose: Explain the purpose of the project by describing what this project is aiming to achieve. What is its vision? What need or opportunity will it address?

A healthy breakfast and lunch program provides many benefits. The simple fact is that children who eat better learn better. School meals offer an incentive for children to attend and remain in school. Not only does the prospect of receiving food at school encourage children to attend, but transfers in to better learning. They are better able to concentrate, have more energy, their memory and problem-solving skills are better and they exhibit less disruptive behaviour. School meals improve all aspects of children’s health and well-being. Especially for the youngest children, adequate nutrition provided in early childhood care and development centres has a huge impact on fostering healthy child development. Children in all grades all benefit from consistent, nutritious meals in school.

The purpose of this funding is to ensure the program has the funding for the food to keep the project happening.

3. Budget

Project Costs: Identify applicable cost categories such as: wages, consulting costs, materials, project management, equipment costs, etc.

Expenditures Total

\$75,000

Funding Timeline: In what month(s) will you require the Trust funds requested in your proposal.

2025-2026 School Year (September to end of June)

4. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Project Management Team: Identify the individuals who will be responsible for managing the project and provide their contact information.

This project will be managed by the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School Principal, Reed Allen.
(250) 949-7743 or rallen@gwanak.bc.ca

REPORTING STRUCTURE

Identify the reporting structure for the proposal

Reports can be made available to the trust committee or community when required. Unsure of what will be expected but in the past I have submitted final reports for all trust proposals.

5. OTHER

Are there any potential risks that might threaten the successful completion of the project? Indicate how these risks will be mitigated.

If the funding isn't approved it would put the food programs at the school in jeopardy.

Is there any other information relating to the proposal that the Trust Committee should be aware of?

For the school it is important and very helpful that trust proposals be accepted, reviewed and voted on annually at the same time. It has been difficult undertaking some projects not knowing when funding is approved or available.

Where the proposal requires the purchase of supplies, equipment or services, indicate how best values for money will be ensured. Indicate where the Applicant has a procurement policy in place.

We have opened a accounts with a number of commercial food vendors t to ensure the best value for food costs.

6. TRUSTEE APPLICANT

How have project costs been reviewed /verified for accuracy, completeness and reasonableness? Explain.

Our chef keeps meticulous records of our spending to stay within this budget.

In addition to the funding sources identified above, has the Applicant approached/applied to any other funding programs? If yes, indicate organization and the status of those applications. If no, please explain.

We also supplement this grant with a Breakfast Clubs of Canada grant.

Submitted by:

Trustee Applicant: Reed Allen-Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw School

Associated Band Department Representative: Education