

**WE ARE ACCEPTING
SUBMISSIONS FOR A**

PEER CO- COORDINATOR



SUBMISSIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 24TH, 2023

SNAPSHOT:

THE VANCOUVER COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (VANCAT) IS SEEKING A PEER CO-COORDINATOR TO SUPPORT WITH OVERSEEING CAT INITIATIVES. THE CO-COORDINATOR WILL SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE VANCAT BY REPRESENTING THE CAT PERSPECTIVE AT DIFFERENT GROUPS/TABLES, SUPPORT CAT WORKING GROUPS, SUPPORT THE COORDINATOR WITH FACILITATING MEETINGS AND PLANNING EVENTS, PLANNING AGENDAS, BRINGING CONCERNS TO THE CAT, AND SUPPORTING ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS RELATED TO THE CAT.

BACKGROUND

WHAT IS A PEER? IN THIS CONTEXT, A PEER IS SOMEONE WHO IDENTIFIES AS A PERSON WHO USES, OR USED SUBSTANCES. THIS PERSON HAS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS, AND IS COMFORTABLE IN SPACES WHERE DISCUSSIONS AROUND THE TOXIC DRUG SUPPLY CRISIS ARE HAD.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM?: IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS' OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE (OERC), THE COMMUNITY ACTION INITIATIVE (CAI) FUNDS COMMUNITY ACTION TEAMS (CATS) IN COMMUNITIES HARDEST HIT BY THE DRUG POISONING CRISIS ACROSS BC.

SINCE JULY 2018, ANNUAL GRANTS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR CATS ACROSS BC WHOSE INITIATIVES ALIGN WITH THE OERC'S COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE OF INTERVENTIONS. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM GRANTS IS TO HELP COMMUNITIES DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS TO PROVIDE FOCUSED, ACTION-ORIENTED STRATEGIES THAT WILL HELP TO ADDRESS THE POISONED DRUG CRISIS ON A LOCAL LEVEL. VANCOUVER IS ONE OF 35 OPERATING CATS IN B.C. SELECTED TO RECEIVE CAT FUNDING.

WHAT DOES THE CAT DO?: THE CAT WORKS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT, COORDINATION, AND COMMUNICATION OF LOCAL OVERDOSE EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGIES WITHIN VANCOUVER. OUR GOAL IS TO COLLECTIVELY WORK TO SAVE LIVES AND REDUCE HARMS IN THIS DRUG POISONING EPIDEMIC, WHILE CENTERING AND DRAWING ON THE VOICES OF PEOPLE WITH LIVED AND LIVING EXPERIENCE (PWLE) OF SUBSTANCE USE.

WE WORK TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS, RECOMMEND INTERVENTIONS, AND ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED BY THE TOXIC DRUG CRISIS. MUCH OF THIS WORK COMES THROUGH CAT WORKING GROUPS AND PROJECTS. THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, WE ARE COORDINATING OUR ACTIONS AND SHARING INFORMATION ACROSS OUR CAT MEMBER AGENCIES. OUR STRATEGY IS TO PROVIDE A UNIFIED RESPONSE THAT WILL HELP INFORM THE PLANS AND POLICIES OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH, AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN THIS DRUG POISONING EPIDEMIC.

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE APPLYING

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YOUR SUBMISSION MUST INCLUDE: A COVER LETTER, RESUME, EXPECTED SALARY

SCOPE OF WORK & DELIVERABLES

- SUPPORTS WITH MEETING FACILITATION AND AGENDA PLANNING
- PARTICIPATES IN LOCAL TABLES/GROUPS TO REPRESENT CAT PERSPECTIVES, INITIATIVES AND CONCERNS. EX: *CCRN MEETINGS, WEEKLY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE CALLS*
- PARTICIPATES IN THE CAT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- MAINTAIN ENGAGEMENT WITH CAT MEMBERS AND COLLABORATORS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH ONGOING CAT PROJECTS.
- SUPPORT COORDINATOR WITH PLANNING EVENTS
- SUPPORT WITH ENGAGEMENT OF CAT WORKING GROUPS
- BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON OVERDOSE RESPONSE, INCLUDING GROUPS LED BY PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS, LOCAL NON-PROFITS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PEERS TO HELP INFORM CAT INITIATIVES AND COMMUNITY NEEDS
- COMMUNICATE BARRIERS ENCOUNTERED BY THE CAT TO THE COORDINATOR / OERC.
- PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES
- REPORTS TO THE CAT COORDINATOR

Contract Term: The contract duration will be from Jan 1st, 2024 - December 31st, 2024, with possibility of extension, depending on CAI and CAT funding availability.

Hours of work: up to 8 hours/week

Remuneration: Please state your expected salary in your submission.

Application Requirements: Applicants must have experience working with people with lived and living experience of substance use, or have their own experiences and are familiar with the DTES Community and organizations working on the toxic drug supply crisis in Vancouver. This is a remote position for people in the Vancouver area, as such applicants need to have access to a computer and or phone for communication purposes. If this is a barrier, please let us know in your application.

When sending in your submission, please use this as the subject line: "**Vancouver Peer CAT Coordinator Submission 2024**"

Applicants must be available for interviews the week of Nov 27th, 2023

Onboarding: Thur Dec 7th from 9:30 - 12:30. Tuesday Dec 12th and Dec 13th from 3:00 - 5:00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS TO CATCOORDINATOR@OUTLOOK.COM