



South Vancouver Island Criteria for Funding 2017- 2018

FUNDING STRATEGY

A. Directed and Responsive Funding

As a community partnership, Success By 6 has access to partners and information, which will inform decisions about directed and responsive funding in communities. This strategic approach encourages leadership and responds to communities' needs.

B. Creation of Partnerships to Leverage Existing Resources

Success By 6 believes that bringing existing funders and other resources together will create a sum much greater than its parts. Therefore, we support community partnerships where different sectors and new partners come together to support young children and families. Success By 6 will join other funders for sharing and consultation wherever possible. Success By 6 will seek to inform and involve the business sector of the value of our funded programs in order to promote sustainability.

C. Accountability

Success By 6 is accountable to our major funders (United Way, Credit Unions of BC and Ministry of Children and Family Development), and donors. It is our responsibility to ensure our resources are used transparently, to positively affect supports to children and families. Therefore, Success By 6 requires accountability in terms of reporting use of funds and evaluating impact.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Success By 6 will give funding priority to applicants who:

1. Enhance existing programs and/or support the development of new services to support young children ages 0-6 years and their families that address identified gaps in services and/or resources. Success By 6 believes investment in preventative and early intervention programs is a critical strategy to support healthy families, children and communities.

2. Raise awareness of the importance of the early years and work towards changes in local and systemic policies, procedures and priorities that support young children and their families. Complete community research to gain understanding of community needs, gaps and priorities.
3. Increase intersectoral collaboration/integration and utilize existing community partnerships to improve accessibility and supports children and families from a variety of abilities, cultures and from all socio-economic groups.
4. Support Aboriginal-identified priorities for young children that strengthen community capacity, increase cultural awareness, promote healthy development and promote and increase awareness of the importance of early childhood development.
5. Support cultural safety and understanding that supports new comers and refugees, create protocol and frameworks and/or provide cultural training opportunities.
6. Provide low-cost accessible training/educational opportunities for the local early years workforce.

Examples of funded programs:

- Early Learning and care programs
- Parenting Education and support
- Healthy early childhood development
- Early Literacy ☐ Cultural awareness and indigenous cultural resources and training
- Nutrition and physical activity
- Child care
- ECD public awareness and family friendly communities
- Early years professional development

DECISION-MAKING

The following priorities guide decision-making:

- Use of research evidence, expertise and fit with community values;
- Based on community priorities identified by regional/local planning tables;
- Coordinated approaches to enhancing service delivery;
- Evidence that services will have the greatest impact and outcomes for young children;
- Evidence of community needs based on community assessment;
- Engages community in the development of the funding application;
- Reduces barriers to improve access (including cost, language, SES, transportation, availability, awareness);
- Strategic, or part of a broader plan/initiative;
- Evidence of sustainability.

REPORTING

Success By 6 requires reporting by organizations who receive funding. Reporting to Success By 6 requires both qualitative (narrative) and quantitative (statistics/demographics) information to demonstrate how the program is making a difference to children's health and well-being.

SUSTAINABILITY

As Success By 6 receives year-to-year funding, our funding to communities is also year-to-year. Therefore, we require communities to identify potential strategies for sustainability.