

To: Victoria Family Court & Youth Justice Committee (VFC&YJC)

From: Priorities Sub-committee, Chair Marcie McLean

Subject: Grant application received from Umbrella Society for Addictions and Mental Health (the applicant) received by the Sub-committee on October 12, 2023 via Steven Carey CRD staff

The applicant has provided all the necessary documents and information for the Sub-committee to review and process their application. The application is for one time funding contribution of \$5,423.32 towards the applicant's costs for an 18 week, 2 hours once a week (evenings) for an Intensive Journaling Workshop including a certified trained facilitator, materials, bus passes, and snacks.

The purpose of the Intensive Journaling Workshop (the Workshop) is to support their participants in reaching their individual goals around their substance use. The Workshop is offered free of charge to participants and the Program is offered to anyone within Greater Victoria who wants to work on their recovery from mental health and addictions/substance use challenges.

The applicant is offering \$6,700.00 towards in-kind contributions for the Workshop which leaves their total request for a grant of \$5,423.32.

Although the Program appears to be a valuable Workshop, there were members of the Sub-committee that felt it did not appear to have at this time sufficient youth involvement in participants. This is based on the applicants information provided and additional questions to them on the potential 15 participants. Their enrollment in the Workshop may or may not include youth or individuals whose challenges are directly affecting families. A goal of VFC&YJC is to serve youth and families in the Capital Regional District.

Therefore, the Priorities Sub-committee recommends that the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee not support the grant request from the Umbrella Society for Addictions and Mental Health submitted in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie McLean, Chair, VFC&YJC Priorities Sub-committee