

# School Connectedness Grants

## An Invitation to Learn Together



**Application  
Deadline:  
5pm,  
May 16, 2014**

All children and youth benefit from a strong connection to their school.

Five \$5,000 grants are available for the 2014-15 school year for schools/districts working on school connectedness and demonstrating results

These grants are part of the **School Connectedness Capacity Building Initiative**, which aims to:

- highlight some of the great work being done by BC school communities to enhance school connectedness, and
- provide opportunities for other school communities to learn from these promising practices and other available resources.

### An Opportunity to Reflect; Share your Story

Many schools are taking action on school connectedness as a strategy to support better learning and health outcomes for their students.

**If your school/district is one of them, this could be an opportunity to learn, reflect on your school connectedness practice and share your knowledge with others.**

Five school communities will be selected to receive \$5,000 each in the 2014-15 school year. The funding is intended to support the selected school communities' efforts to tell their story.

**Questions?  
Contact Kim at  
[schoolconnectedness@dashbc.ca](mailto:schoolconnectedness@dashbc.ca)**

### Grant Requirements

The selected school communities will:

- provide a local coordinator to attend a start-up meeting in the Lower Mainland (date TBD) and liaise with the DASH project team;
- form an ongoing team (minimum 3), available to participate in the local discussion/ sessions (Sep 2014 to Apr/May 2015; schedule TBD locally);
- submit their school connectedness story and reflections in a visual format such as video, for publication on the [Healthy School BC website](http://HealthySchoolBC.com) by May 2015.

### How to Apply

Complete the attached application. Print & send it to [schoolconnectedness@dashbc.ca](mailto:schoolconnectedness@dashbc.ca) by 5pm Friday, May 16, 2014. Ensure that you provide details on how you will use the funding to support telling your school connectedness story. See the sample budget below.

### Initiative Sponsors

This initiative is co-sponsored by **DASH BC** and the **School Centred Mental Health Coalition** (BCSCMH). It is guided by a steering committee that includes representatives of **BCCPAC**, **BCSSA**, **BCSTA**, **BCTE**, the research community (**CARBC**) and government, working together to enhance school connectedness for all BC students and their families.

## Reflect ♦ Document ♦ Share

Reflect on your practice ➡ Document your learning ➡ Share your story

Activity	Amount (\$)		
	Reflect	Document	Share
List what the funding will be used for below. Identify costs at the right			
TTOC for coordinator (1 day each for project kick-off & final wrap-up mtg in Vancouver; 4 half-days for project support @ \$500/day )	750	500	750
Facilitator (1 day for initial meeting & 2 x ½ day check-ins + expenses of \$75)	575	250	250
Initial mtg: TTOC (1/2 day; 3 people @ \$250 per ½ day; food – 8 people: \$75)	825	0	0
Ongoing meetings (supplies, snacks)	100	100	100
Activities to support engagement of student in project (snacks, etc)	50	50	50
Video support for telling story (\$400 for HS video club to film & edit)			400
Celebration to launch video w/families & community (promotion; food, prizes)			250
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>

**Sample Budget**

BC SCHOOL CENTRED  
MENTAL HEALTH  
COALITION | BCSCMH

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## School/District Contact Information

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

District Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

**FYI...Applications will be accepted at the school community or district level**

PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

Type of school: (check all that apply)

- Elementary
- Middle
- Secondary
- Alternative

- School district (not individual school)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Role \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Context: Where are you at?

**Provide a few sentences summarizing your school's/district's work on school connectedness.**

*(What brought you to enhance school connectedness in your school/district? What are you doing? i.e. new learning, changes in routines ) Optional: Attach relevant existing reports or articles.*

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## What changes have you observed as a result of these activities?

Provide a few sentences summarizing the impact that your school connectedness work has had.

## Who's involved in your school connectedness work (mark all that apply)

- |                                                  |                                                             |                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Students                | <input type="checkbox"/> School district                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parents/families        | <input type="checkbox"/> Community members                  |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers                | <input type="checkbox"/> Community groups/<br>organizations |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School administrator(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses                         |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other school staff      | <input type="checkbox"/> Local government                   |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health authority        |                                                             |                                       |

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**How will this funding support documenting and sharing your school connectedness story?** Please list the ways that the funding will be used to support telling your story. See [How to Apply](#) on the cover page for an example of this section.

We encourage participants to share their story in a variety of ways. Tell us how you'll tell yours.

<u>Activity</u> <i>List what the funding will be used for below. identify the relevant costs in the columns to the right</i>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>		
	<u>Reflect</u> <i>on your practice</i>	<u>Document</u> <i>your learning</i>	<u>Share</u> <i>your story</i>
<b><u>Total</u></b>			

**Signatures:**

\_\_\_\_\_   
Project Contact

\_\_\_\_\_   
School Principal, Lead Teacher or Superintendent

Once you have completed the application, print it, get the necessary approval signatures, scan and send to [schoolconnectedness@dashbc.ca](mailto:schoolconnectedness@dashbc.ca). **Application deadline: 5pm, May 16, 2014.**