

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND OPPORTUNITY (RDO) FUND

Preamble

The BCCSA has a Research, Development and Opportunity Fund (RDO). This special operating fund allows the organization to be responsive to emerging construction industry issues not allocated in their annual budget.

Money allocated to the fund comes from surplus revenue from BCCSA safety training and products sales. The fund maximum is set at \$1,350,000. At the end of each fiscal year any monies collected over and above the \$1,350,000 account cap is applied as revenue to the following year's WorkSafeBC funding.

There is no application funding limit however the balance of the account is dependant on current approved projects and the surplus of revenue at year end.

This fund is managed by the Executive Director and the Board of Directors. It supports new partnerships, research projects and activities relevant to the construction industry with a focus on occupational health and safety.

Procedure

All requests for project funding will be required to complete the Research, Development and Opportunity Application. Once the application is complete it will be submitted to the Executive Director who will make the decision whether to submit the application for further approval. Once a project is approved by the Executive Director it will go to the Board of Directors. If the Executive Committee approves the application, the submission will be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting for a final decision.

Request → **ED Review** → **EC Review** → **Board Approval** → **Approved Project**

If the submission is not approved at any phase of the review process, the applicant will be advised within 15 business days of the decision.

If the submission is approved by the Board of Directors, the applicant will be advised within 15 business days of the board meeting and the BCCSA will set up an initial planning session.

The Board of Directors have the right to apply special conditions on project approvals on a case by case situation such as funding release approvals, additional party involvement, etc. It will be the decision of the applicant to accept these conditions or remove their application.

Deadline for RDO Application Submission is the first business day in July of each year. Applications received after this date will be considered for funding in the following year.

Eligibility

With the exception of special approval, all applicants must reside in the Province of BC. Only construction related projects will be considered.

Applications must be submitted to:

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Executive Director
BC Construction Safety Alliance
400, 625 Agnes Street
New Westminster, BC V3M 5Y4

Or via email to: mmckenna@bccsa.ca