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**Subject:** UWLM funding opportunity - Early Years Refugee Program Grant  
**Importance:** High

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO YOUR NETWORKS**

We are accepting applications for the Early Years Refugee Program Grant, 2016-18. This opportunity is being offered as a broad call to the Lower Mainland/Sea to Sky Corridor and Sunshine Coast regions. While we encourage you to apply, we also ask that you forward this information to your networks and/or other stakeholder groups.

**Background:**

Since October 2008 United Way of the Lower Mainland (UWLM) has invested in the Early Years Refugee Program being delivered in 6 locations; Surrey, Langley, Tri-Cities, Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond. The Early Years Refugee Program began as a three year pilot initiative between the Province of BC, UWLM and local stakeholders representing both public and non-profit organizations. These programs emerged in response to an identified need to learn about how best to support refugee families with young children. Each of the six programs was designed and implemented through a community based approach that built on existing strengths, opportunities, assets and needs. Evaluation results of the past eight years indicate that this approach to ensuring refugee children 0-6 are happy, healthy and resilient is working..

The goal of the Early Years Refugee Programs is to provide intensive early childhood and family focused settlement and developmental support to young refugee children (0-6) and their caregivers to enable a gradual transition to relevant settlement and community services and resources ensuring successful integration into their communities.

Please refer to the attached grant criteria for detailed information.

**The application process:**

**Step 1: Pre-application process:**

- To determine if your agency qualifies for the grant, please review the [grant criteria](#) and complete the brief [pre-application survey](#) by end of day Friday, February 5. Both are available on [United Way's website](#).

**Step 2: Application process:**

- Successful organizations will receive an email within 36 hours with instructions to log in to the online application. If you do not receive an email within the stated timeframe, please contact Cindy Cassidy at [Cindyc@uwlm.ca](mailto:Cindyc@uwlm.ca).
- Grant applications must be submitted by 5pm, March 2, 2016. Late submissions will not be considered.

**Support:**

- For technical support with the form, please contact Cindy Cassidy at [Cindyc@uwlm.ca](mailto:Cindyc@uwlm.ca).
- For questions regarding grant content, please contact Kim Winchell at [Kimw@uwlm.ca](mailto:Kimw@uwlm.ca).

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