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The Westcoast Motorcycle RIDE to LIVE - Vancouver Island

Grants for Prostate Cancer Research

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Call for Proposals

The **Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live - Vancouver Island** is a group who volunteer their time, effort and money to help make a difference for men with prostate cancer right here in our own community. Through the funds raised from the **Ride to Live**, we want to make a tangible difference in our community by helping to make your research possible. We know how difficult it is to get the initial “proof of principle” funding, that initial step that allows your idea to be validated in a small initial research program so that you can go on to apply for major grant funding. So tell us how we can help, and why your research will make a difference to the cause of prostate cancer.

Guidelines for Applications:

1. The net funds from the **Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live – Vancouver Island** is administered by **The Prostate Centre** in consultation and reviewed by the research advisory board, comprising community volunteers, survivors, physicians and researchers.
2. A minimum of 65% of the net proceeds from the **Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live – Vancouver Island** will be allocated for research purposes.
3. All research projects must include use of the **Ride to Live** logo and branding phrases and must be approved by the **Ride to Live** Executive Committee.
4. Progress reports must be submitted after 6 months of the start of the project and upon completion of the approved research initiative.
5. Sufficient funds must be available from the **Ride to Live** to cover the cost of the proposed research project.
6. The **Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live – Vancouver Island** does not provide multi-year funding.

Instructions for Applications:

1. Outline of the proposed research project, in 4 pages or less.
 - a. A face sheet indicating: a) project title b) names, positions, addresses, institutional affiliations and contact information c) total amount of funds being requested
 - b. Lay abstract (maximum 250 words)
 - c. A Research Proposal containing a brief description of background and significance, a clearly stated research question, a concise description of the aims and design of the work, definition of periodic milestones by which your progress can be seen, relevance and implications and a summary of expected measurable results or outcomes from the proposed project. **It is vital in the overall proposal to clearly define how this project will make a significant difference to prostate cancer.**
2. Your budget and justification. All concurrent sources of support for any aspect of the project (both confirmed and pending funding sources) must be included. If the project is to be supported by multiple funding sources, elements of the project to be funded by **The Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live – Vancouver Island** must be explicitly described.
3. The committee will use the following criteria when reviewing applications:
 - a. Is this a new concept that can be achieved as a proof of principle leading to further work?
 - b. Is there a clear research question?
 - c. Is there a feasible plan to turn pilot data into a subsequent grant or practice change?
 - d. Is the budget appropriate and justified?

In writing your proposal, keep in mind that the review committee is interdisciplinary, and your proposal will receive greater support if it is understandable by individuals outside your topic area.

Most grants of \$5,000 to \$50,000 will be for one year, and renewed only if milestones are validated.

Deadline for receipt of applications for The **Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live – Vancouver Island** Research Awards Program is 11:59 pm PST August 31, 2010. Applications time stamped after this date will not be considered. All components of the application must be formatted using 12 point Times New Roman font and submitted as a PDF file to Mr. Murray Winlaw, Research Advisory Board via email (tpc@theprostatecentre.org). Hard copy applications, incomplete applications, or applications that do not otherwise comply with the application guidelines will not be considered.

All publications of your work should acknowledge The **Westcoast Motorcycle Ride to Live – Vancouver Island**.

Thank you for your interest, we look forward to working with you to improve the outcome in prostate cancer.