

BC/Yukon Region - Finding Funding for Your Union Events

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Have you ever said to yourself....I would like to host a union event but I am not sure how to do that or where I can get money to fund it? It can be a bit confusing and overwhelming but hopefully the following information on various groups with available funding can guide you along to the start of a successful event!

The "Source"	The fund	Requirements	Contact	Examples of types of Events
Regional Executive	Regional Budget	BC/Yukon Region passes a budget on a yearly basis by the Regional Council. This budget generally has an amount that is allotted for member engagement but it is often flexible in what that entails. A proposal should include what is intended (event or purchase of materials to promote engagement), who the intended audience is and how much.	Proposals should be sent to the Treasurer of the Regional Executive: http://www.pipsc.ca/portal/page/portal/web/site/regions/bcyukon/exec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Scale Lunch and Learns • Contribute towards multi contract and/or multi union events (e.g. Rallies on the 19th of each month) • Purchase of materials for mobilization <p>This budget does not support meetings that would normally be covered by a Branch such as Executive Meetings and AGMs</p>
Regional Training Committee	Regional Training Committee Budget Member Services Committee (These budgets are set at the AGM each year)	<p>Regional training requests, including lunch and learn sessions must be recommended by your Regional Training Committee prior to being sent to Member Services Committee or the Board of Directors.</p> <p>There is a Lunch and Learn Guide located on the PIPSC webpage which outlines what these funds are for.</p> <p>You need to fill out a form and send it to the Regional Training Committee for consideration. They usually request a follow-up summary on attendance. The amount requested should also be on a decent guesstimate but they will reimburse based on the amount spent if reasonable.</p>	Regional contacts for the Training committees is found in the following link. This is who you would send your request form to. http://www.pipsc.ca/portal/page/portal/web/site/slcrtc	<p>These Activities are designed to circulate information to the members on a specific topic over a one hour period. Topics can be as varied as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation for new members (PIPSC : An Introduction to Your Union) • Information on Pensions • Explanation of the PIPSC Web Site • Explanation of the provisions of the Work Force Adjustment Policy • Familiarization with collective agreement articles • Bullying • The necessity of stewards in the workplace (steward recruitment drive) <p>However, the following are examples of events which would be deemed inappropriate as lunch and learn activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a meeting or AGM of a constituent body • any topic of a political nature such as to discuss candidates in a PIPSC election • update on collective bargaining
Branch	Branch Budget	<p>Branches may or may not have funds to support events being proposed by stewards and/or members so this information will need to be considered specific to your Branch. Branches generally use their budget to fund events where there are multiple contract groups (e.g. SP, CS, NR..) and events to bring multiple unions together</p> <p>Generally Branches do not fund events focused on bargaining but if it makes sense to have a presentation to multiple contract groups with the opportunity to discuss other things, most Branches will be flexible</p> <p>Send an email with the request outlining topic, your intended audience and how many you think might attend</p> <p>Often you are requested to pay up front and the Branch will reimburse but other methods are available. The amount requested should be reasonable based on a decent guesstimate.</p>	<p>Each Branch has an executive and proposals should be sent to the President or Treasurer for consideration.</p> <p>Your Branch Executive contact information can be found here: http://www.pipsc.ca/portal/page/portal/web/site/regions/bcyukon/branches</p>	<p>Lunch and learns where multiple contract groups are present Multi contract group and/or multi union events at work sites (e.g. International Women's Day tea, Christmas Coffee Break hosted by unions, events for members during National Public Service Week)</p> <p>Social events to bring together members within a Branch</p>

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Group	Group Budget (often \$\$ set aside for member engagement)	<p>Different Bargaining Groups have budgeted for member engagement and for lunch and learns for topics generally related to bargaining and member mobilization. Generally these funds are meant for members of only that contract group.</p> <p>Groups can also sponsor their members to attend multi-group functions.</p>	<p>You can contact your Group President directly with your proposal. Your group might also have a regional contact and you can contact them for assistance as well. Contacts can be found under the Executive Tab for you specific Bargaining Group http://www.pipsc.ca/portal/page/portal/web site/groups</p>	National Mobilization Efforts
Sub Group	Sub Group Budget	<p>Sub Groups vary in size but some have a budget to help support local events that are focused on members from their contract sub group.</p> <p>You will be reimbursed after submitting receipts. Often sub groups will like to see a sign in sheet and will reimburse for those members who have signed in. This is not the case all of the time though so please discuss that with the sub group president.</p> <p>Sub groups can also sponsor their members to attend multi-group functions.</p>	<p>Not all geographical areas have sub groups so you will have to look at the Sub – Group Tab under your Group page.</p> <p>Sub Groups also have executives. Recommended to send an email to the President or Treasurer</p> <p>http://www.pipsc.ca/portal/page/portal/web site/groups</p>	<p>Lunch and Learns on Bargaining Up-dates Events to mobilize/engage members specific to the sub group</p> <p>Sometimes it makes sense to bring together several smaller bargaining groups of members for an event and have the sub groups pool their funds to make the effort and time worthwhile</p>
Better Together Mobilization	Better Together Budget	<p>A Better Together event is a PIPSC sanctioned activity to increase active engagement of members, in support of creating a culture of mobilization and cross-organizational solidarity.</p> <p>These events are intended to increase visibility by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting and defending the value of public services • promoting issue based campaigns, for example: Privatization/Contracting Out • promoting key bargaining messages, as approved by the Institute, • promoting key messages related to the value and relevance of the Institute to members in their working lives <p>This requires you to fill out a form, providing some information on your event which can be found here: http://www.pipsc.ca/portal/page/portal/website/aboutinstitute/together/042815</p> <p>You will be asked to submit an expense claim (can also be found on the link above) with a brief summary of the event and the # of attendees which would then be sent to bettertogether@pipsc.ca</p>	<p>Request for Funding can be sent directly to bettertogether@pipsc.ca</p>	<p>To minimize costs, these sessions are usually held in the workplace, over the lunch hour and, in some instances, right after work as long as there are no costs involved for travel or salary replacement for participants.</p> <p>Cost sharing with Constituent Bodies and other bargaining agents/non-government organizations will be priority consideration.</p> <p>The following are typical allowable costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light lunch/snacks and/or refreshments (e.g. sandwiches or pizza, non alcoholic beverages). • Room rental • Audio Visual Equipment rental