

B.C.- Alberta Social Economy Research Alliance (BALTA)

Project Proposal – Project D1-2006

A. Project Title

SERC Literature Reviews

B. Brief description of project and project objectives, outputs and proposed outcomes

One of the first steps in any research process is to undertake a thorough review of the existing literature in a particular area in order to understand the field of knowledge that is being drawn from and built upon. In addition to mapping the social economy in an organizational sense, it is also important from an academic point of view to “map” the existing literature in order to situate the contributions of BALTA within the broader social economy field.

Several discussions at the BALTA Forum in October 2006 pointed to the immediate need for initial literature reviews, particularly related to each of the SERC topic areas.

Based on the above, the Centre for Sustainable Community Development (CSCD) at Simon Fraser University proposes the initiation of 3 parallel literature reviews in each of the 3 SERC topic areas:

1. Social Enterprise in Human Services and Affordable Housing
2. Natural Resources, Local Development and Social Enterprise
3. Analysis, Evaluation and Infrastructure Development

These literature reviews will not only provide the members of each SERC with a basis for planning and research, but will ultimately combine to form the literature review for the overall BALTA project.

C. Lead researcher, organization name and contact information (when known)

Mark Roseland, CSCD/SFU

D. Names of other researchers and organizations involved (when known)

Peter Hall, CSCD/SFU
Sean Markey, CSCD/SFU

E. Will the project involve hiring one or more student researchers? Will they need to be recruited or have they already been identified?

Three student researcher(s) would be recruited and hired for the project. Given the relatively urgent need for this information, it is requested that the funds to carry out this research be approved now in order to take advantage of upcoming student

recruitment opportunities for January 2007. The students carrying out the literature reviews will not necessarily be from SFU.

F. Brief description of project roles and responsibilities for project participants (lead researcher, other researchers, student researchers, partner organizations).

CSCD will provide 3 SFU faculty (Mark Roseland, Sean Markey and Peter Hall) to supervise the literature reviews in each of the SERC areas. The supervisors will ensure the quality as well as the consistency of the outputs to enable comparisons of information between SERCs. A common template will be developed to guide the students through the literature review process.

The project would begin in January 2007. It is expected that these three literature reviews would be completed by the end of the January academic term (April 2007).

Given the relatively urgent need for this information, it is requested that the funds to carry out this research be approved now in order to take advantage of upcoming student recruitment opportunities for **January 2007**. (At the SSHRC annual MA level stipend of \$12,000, funding for a 4-month period for one student = \$4,000, X 3 students = \$12,000 total). Within this timeframe it

G. Indicative Budget

Category	Requested of BALTA	Other Contributions
Student salaries & benefits	\$12,000 (3 X \$4,000)	
Researcher Release Time		In-kind time of student supervisors
Research Support Costs		
Knowledge Dissemination		
Travel		
TOTALS	\$12,000	