 **Canadian Worker Cooperative Federation**

 **Fédération Canadienne des Coopératives de Travail**

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#### Information / Application for

#### CWCF’s Co-op Index Grant Program

The Canadian Worker Co-op Federation (“CWCF”) offers a limited number of grants, through our accumulated reserves, to worker co-operatives to enable them to carry out the Worker Co-op Index. The grants cover consulting services provided by members of the CoopZone Co-operative Developers’ Network.

The Co-op Index is a tool to enable worker co-ops to evaluation their functioning in operations and governance, as compared to an ideal worker co-op and the co-operative principles. (See http://www.coop.oindex.eu for more information.)

Attached you will find the Support Application.

Please review this information and the application carefully as it will assist you in determining whether or not your group may be eligible to apply for assistance, and whether or not you find the basic terms and conditions acceptable. You should also review the list of Co-op Developers available on the web site of CoopZone[[1]](#footnote-1) by following this link. ([www.coopzone.coop/en/developers](http://www.coopzone.coop/en/developers)) You can find out which of these developers have been trained to conduct the Co-op Index by contacting Peter Hough, peter.cwcf@xcountry.tv. Should you choose to submit an application, reviewing this material will also ensure that you are aware of all the information required by CWCF. Since timing is usually crucial to a successful start-up, providing all required information the first time will help the CWCF evaluate your request in timely fashion.

Please identify the Co-op Developer who will assist you, then complete the Technical Assistance Support Application and submit it to CWCF. If your group is approved for support, we will provide a $1,500 grant for you to hire a Co-op Developer to carry out the Co-op Index.

Note that if your co-op is chosen for assistance and is not already a CWCF member, CWCF will also ask your co-op to commit to CWCF membership for at least two years. The cost of membership is only $50 per co-op for the first year. In following years, dues are a very small percentage (0.15%) of payroll.[[2]](#footnote-2)

There is no set deadline, as applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

CWCF can work with worker co-ops, multi-stakeholder co-ops (as long as there is a class of membership for workers), and worker-shareholder co-ops. CWCF will refer other types of co-ops to other organizations.

If you have any questions regarding this information or the application form, please feel free to contact Hazel Corcoran, Executive Director, at the coordinates on page one.

Canadian Worker Co-op Federation

#### Application for Co-op Index Support

Name of Co-operative:

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Name of Contact person for the Co-op: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please explain briefly why your Co-op wishes to use the Worker Co-op Index:

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Name of Co-op Developers’ Network developer who has been asked to carry out the work:

(If you are uncertain who has this training, please ask Peter Hough, peter.cwcf@xcountry.tv.)

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Type of co-op:

 Worker Co-op \_\_\_\_\_\_

 Multi-stakeholder Co-op with worker member class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Worker-shareholder Co-op \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature (contact person for the proponents): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approved: Executive Director, CWCF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. CoopZone is a web site and a Network of Co-operative Developers, providing information on developing co-operatives of all types. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. NOTE: Worker co-op member dues in CWCF are the equivalent of under $1 / week for each $33,000 in wages, and this formula has never changed since CWCF was started over 20 years ago. The thinking is that as the worker co-op movement grows, our dues base grows – and this has held true. CWCF receives no ongoing government support, so in order to offer this and other [member benefits](http://canadianworker.coop/join/member-benefits/), member dues are important. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)