



Political Action Fund support for HSA members

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Political Action Fund support for members to work on issue-based campaigns and attend political action training

With a provincial election coming up, there are several grassroots, issue-based campaigns that members may want to work on, as well as opportunities to attend training to work on these campaigns or to work on candidate/party election campaigns.

Members may apply for up to 30 days of union-paid leave to work on issue-based campaigns approved by HSA. Campaigns approved to date are:

- 1) The BC Health Coalition's campaign to make support for public health care a vote-determining issue; and
- 2) The BC Federation of Labour's "Together for BC - Better can happen here" [campaign](#).

Have a different issue-based campaign you'd like to work on? Contact Carol Riviere at the HSA office to find out if it meets HSA's criteria for support.

Members may also apply for union-paid leave and expenses to attend approved political action training. This includes training to work on candidate/party election campaigns which is:

1. non-partisan; or
2. offered by labour organizations with which HSA is affiliated; or
3. offered by political parties that support all of HSA's 5 criteria:
 - a positive role for the public sector;
 - the principles of the *Canada Health Act*
 - free collective bargaining for public sector employees;
 - progressive occupational health and safety legislation [and](#)
 - progressive human rights.

Applications

Members applying for support to work on an issue-based campaign or to attend political action training should complete the "Political Action Fund Application: Grassroots political action or training, & election campaign training" [form](#). A form-fillable [version](#) is also available. Send completed applications by e-mail, fax or regular mail to Carol Riviere at the HSA office.

Members are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, **but no later than Wednesday January 18, 2017** for the initial round of funding. Applications received after this date will be considered, if funding is still available.

Members should discuss booking time off with their supervisors, but **should not finalize this until their application to HSA has been approved.**

For further information, please contact Carol Riviere at the HSA office.

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