

Team Bios



MaryAnn Anderson

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Founder/Principal

MaryAnn is a consultant & administrator who has worked in the BC arts and cultural community since 1989. A graduate of the University of Toronto's Arts Administration Program, MaryAnn has worked with a variety of arts and cultural organizations over the course of her career; in addition, she was responsible for the delivery of a municipal granting program for over a decade.

MaryAnn is the founder of Little Dog Creative Consulting (2005), assisting hundreds of clients to build their fundraising capacity and grant knowledge.

With 20+ years experience as an arts consultant and professional grant writer, she has written thousands of grants and developed a deep understanding of a wide range of funding programs, providing strategic advice, building grant knowledge and fundraising capacity for over 300 clients (artists and arts organizations). In the course of this work, she has forged successful relationships with funding agencies across the country.



Steve Stakiw

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Research & Communications Lead

Steve has worked in research and communications roles in multiple sectors (arts & culture, finance and natural resources) for more than 30 years. His roles have ranged from research and data collection in the production of online commercial databases, product management, and sales and communications/ marketing. Steve is focused on SmartGrant's grant data research and also leads our community outreach, marketing and social media.



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Found Creative Design

We work with Amy Johnston of Found Creative, a full service graphic design agency. Over the past two decades, she's worked with big and small businesses, public and private, consumer and B2B, across Canada, the US, and the UK. Design services include branding, web design, events, packaging, and graphic design.

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Serious Otters Web Developers

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