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News Release

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Workshop will help non-profits start or improve a business

Is your non-profit planning to open a business? Do you operate a social enterprise that could benefit from a tune-up? If so, consider attending the Enterprising Non Profits (ENP) Workshop Monday, March 30.

The workshop will explain social enterprise, provide information about how to develop a business within a non-profit, and cover financial sustainability for non-profits, including how to apply to Enterprising Non Profits (ENP) for grants. Attending the information session, to be held at the College of New Caledonia, is required in order to apply to ENP for funding. The next funding deadline is May 21.

ENP grants, which can be up to \$10,000, fund planning and technical assistance for social enterprises - for example, to help plan or expand a business, or write or update a business plan or feasibility study. ENP has \$350,000 to give away to BC non-profits in 2009.

The ENP session will be delivered by David LePage, Program Manager. Attendees will receive a continental breakfast, coffee/tea, lunch, workshop materials, and the book *Canadian Social Enterprise*, worth \$25. The session is sponsored by the Quesnel Community Foundation, a charity created to meet the community's needs by growing and managing permanent investments. The interest from these investments is given out as grants to community groups each year. We have granted over \$100,000 to the community since 2001.

To register and for more information about ENP, contact Peter Roundhill, Social Enterprise Program Specialist, at 604-871-5421, or visit www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca.

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The Foundation is a charity created
for the lifelong benefit of our community.