



ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services
SUBJECT: 2019 Homelessness Action Week and Supportive Housing Grants, and Grant to Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council approve the Homelessness Action Week (HAW) grants in the individual amounts, as outlined in Appendix A and Appendix B of this report, to 14 organizations (\$64,000) in aggregate, outlined in Table 1 to create awareness about and engage citizens on solutions to homelessness and to support Vancouver residents who are homeless or living in supportive housing, both through a variety of events during Homelessness Action Week (October 13-19, 2019) and throughout the year; source of funds to be 2019 Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget, and the 2019 Capital budget for the Supportive Housing Grant Program.
- B. THAT, Council approve a \$30,000 per year grant for two years (second year subject to a Provincial funding contribution) to Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council) to contribute towards the council's development, collection and analysis of Indigenous housing and homelessness data indicators; source of funds to be the Arts, Culture and Community Services 2019 Capital budget for Planning and Research for Affordable Housing.
- C. THAT pursuant to Section 206 (1) (j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deem the organizations listed in Appendices A and B that City staff recommend receiving Homeless Action Week (HAW) grants to be contributing to the health and welfare of the City, in addressing the needs of citizens experiencing homelessness.
- D. THAT all grants be subject to each approved recipient organization signing and returning a grant letter agreeing in writing to its terms.

- E. THAT grant approval letters be on the terms generally outlined in the report and otherwise satisfactory to the General Manager Arts, Culture and Community services and City Solicitor.
- F. THAT, the General Manager Arts, Culture and Community Services be authorized to execute all grant approval on behalf of the City of Vancouver
- G. THAT no legal rights and obligations are created by the approval of Recommendations A and B above unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

Approval of Recommendation A and B constitute grants and therefore require an affirmative vote of at least 2/3 of all of Council members pursuant to Section 206(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

REPORT SUMMARY

The 2019 Homelessness Action Week (HAW) is the 14th annual campaign across Metro Vancouver aimed at raising awareness about and building local capacity for solutions to homelessness. This report seeks Council approval for 14 Homelessness Services grants totalling \$64,000 as part of the ongoing Homelessness Action Week grants program and the grant to MVAEC totalling \$30,000 per year for two years (second year subject to a Provincial funding contribution to MVAEC). The source of funds for the HAW grants is the 2019 Arts, Culture and Community Services (ACCS) Street Homelessness Operating Budget and the 2019 Capital budget for the Supportive Housing Grant Program, and the MVAEC grant is from the ACCS 2019 Capital budget for Planning and Research for Affordable Housing.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Housing Vancouver Strategy 2018-2027 and Housing Vancouver 3 Year Action Plan 2018-2020: The Housing Vancouver Strategy (2018-2027), as well as the Housing Vancouver Three Year Action Plan (2018-2021), outline goals to demonstrate continued leadership and advocacy on addressing the causes and solutions to homelessness. The City of Vancouver is committed to working with partners to deliver immediate supports to homeless individuals while transitional and permanent social housing is made available to foster pathways out of homelessness.

Framework for City of Reconciliation: In 2014, Council approved the Framework for City of Reconciliation which recognizes that reconciliation goes beyond just one community and must enhance opportunities and understanding of all communities. Reconciliation is not limited to one community. Instead it reaches into aspects of all of our histories and current environments and because of that a City of Reconciliation will look to ways that it can cultivate connections with First Nations, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal groups for whom meaningful engagement and understanding can create a healthier, supportive city. Moving forward as a City of Reconciliation, the City of Vancouver will look for ways to enhance opportunities, and understanding in our communities.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

Homelessness Action Week provides the opportunity to engage residents in raising awareness about homelessness issues, including building greater community understanding of the drivers and solutions to homelessness, challenging stigma around homelessness, and providing direct support to those who are homeless. Targeting our limited resources to proactive social objectives promotes healthy and inclusive neighbourhoods and positively impacts the quality of life for all Vancouver citizens.

This report also recommends funding to the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council to contribute to the development, collection, and analysis of Indigenous housing and homelessness data. Indigenous people continue to be overrepresented in homeless counts and work is underway in the region to develop a shared measurement to a support collective impact approach through an initiative called Home Front. Supporting the development of culturally relevant to better understand the causes and solutions to homelessness supports this collective impact approach.

REPORT

Background/Context

Homelessness is one of the most significant issues facing Vancouver today. The City, together with its partners, has made significant efforts to take action to address homelessness, including increasing the supply of social and supportive housing, temporary modular housing, and ensuring access to emergency low-barrier services such as temporary shelters, warming centres, and homeless outreach to connect people to income, housing, and supports. Council policy is to maintain services for the homeless and at-risk individuals, while working on a Poverty Reduction Strategy, with the awareness that a major underlying cause of homelessness is poverty. Stigma and discrimination directed towards people who experience homelessness, such as assumptions that poverty, which keeps people from securing a home, is their fault, compound the challenge of addressing the issue through systematic efforts.

Homelessness Action Week (HAW)

The 2019 Homelessness Action Week (HAW) will take place across Metro Vancouver from October 13 to 19, 2019, and is the 14th annual regional campaign aimed at raising awareness about and building local capacity for solutions to homelessness. Until 2013, Homelessness Action Week was coordinated and funded across the region through the Metro Vancouver Homelessness Secretariat (MVHS) under the Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS). Changes to HPS funding criteria in 2014 resulted in all HPS funding being targeted for Housing First initiatives and away from initiatives such as HAW. Despite the loss of MVHS coordination and support, Homelessness Action Week will once again take place throughout the region, with regional coordination occurring through the Council of Metro Vancouver Community Homeless Tables and local funding and coordination in several municipalities. Last year, there were Homelessness Action Week events in Burnaby, New Westminster, North Shore, Richmond, Surrey, Tri-Cities and Vancouver. Notwithstanding the shift of the Federal Government as a funding partner onto other priorities, Homelessness Action Week will

continue to provide a unique opportunity regionally and locally to engage citizens, the media and the private and non-profit sectors on the causes of and solutions to homelessness.

Local non-profit community groups are important partners in helping to achieve the desired outcomes of HAW. HAW grants enable the City to develop new relationships with non-profit partners and nurture existing ones. The HAW grant program continues to generate events, activities and interest year after year:

- In 2009, the City provided \$9,300 to four community groups (RTS No.08283)
- In 2010, the City provided \$10,500 to five community groups (RTS No.08788)
- In 2011, the City provided \$25,000 to nine community groups (RTS No.09325)
- In 2012, the City provided \$30,000 to eleven community groups (RTS No.09581)
- In 2013, the City provided \$35,000 to eighteen community groups (RTS No.10135)
- In 2014, the City provided \$40,000 to sixteen community groups (RTS No.10619)
- In 2015, the City provided \$43,000 to eighteen community groups (RTS No.10980)
- In 2016, the City provided \$36,650 to thirteen community groups (RTS No.11433)
- In 2017, the City provided \$43,000 to seventeen community groups (RTS No.11939)
- In 2018, the City provided \$46,000 was provided to sixteen community groups for regular HAW Grants (RTS No. 12506)
- In 2018, the City provided \$27,000 in Temporary Modular HAW grants to nine community groups (RTS 12506, RTS No. 12777)

Grant funds have contributed to uniting Vancouverites in a common goal to raise awareness about and create solutions to the issues of homelessness and to support organizations providing direct services to homeless individuals.

In 2018, for the first time, projects that directly benefitted tenants of new Temporary Modular Housing (TMH) in local Vancouver neighbourhoods were also eligible for a grant, with the specific goals of providing opportunities to welcome TMH tenants to their new neighbourhood, and of promoting and supporting tenants' integration into and participation in the community surrounding their TMH building. An additional \$12,000 (4 projects) of HAW grant funding was made available in June 2018, and \$15,000 (5 projects) in December 2018 for this purpose for a total of \$27,000 in HAW TMH grants in 2018.

HAW 2019 in Vancouver builds on the success of partnerships between the City, the Province and other private and not-for-profit partners to reduce homelessness through a diversity of responses across Vancouver.

Indigenous Homelessness

A lack of safe, secure and affordable housing are issues facing many Vancouverites, but are compounded by inequality, racism, and stigma facing urban Indigenous people. The 2018 City of Vancouver Homeless Count found that indigenous individuals are significantly over-represented in the homeless population. Forty percent (40%) of respondents identified as Indigenous compared to 2.2% of the total population (2016 Census). Furthermore, Indigenous people were overrepresented on the street, with 51% of the Indigenous respondents unsheltered compared to 40% of the non-Indigenous respondents.

Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC) led the creation of a 10-year regional strategy to set out and plan for current and future housing needs. The strategy identifies short and long-term goals, targets and sites for Indigenous housing and wellness in the region over

the next 10-years in partnership with Indigenous housing and wellness providers, and supported by the City of Vancouver. As a City of Reconciliation, the City of Vancouver is committed to working with Indigenous leaders including the (MVAEC), its members and other organizations to support the implementation of the plan and to develop indicators to support this important work. The development of indicators and data sources also supports Home Front, an initiative that supports a collective impact approach to addressing homelessness.

Home Front – Collective Impact through Shared Measurement

Home Front was created in 2015 through by a coalition of senior government stakeholders including BC Housing, the Regional Health Authorities, the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction, Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Ministry of Children and Families, the RCMP, the City of Vancouver and the City of Surrey, as well as Indigenous agencies (Lu'ma and MVAEC) and non-profit partners in the region.

Home Front is founded on a simple but powerful principle that collective impact is achieved through shared measurement. To this end, a key focus of Home Front has been the identification of indicators that can be used as shared measurement to inform decision making. Indicators and data sources are being developed with key institutional partners, but Indigenous lead/defined indicators and data sources are also needed. The grant recommended in this report will contribute funding to support MVAEC to develop these indicators, data sources to support our collective efforts to address Indigenous homelessness.

Strategic Analysis

Homelessness Action Week (HAW) and Supportive Housing Grants

The City of Vancouver has played an integral leadership role in initiating and supporting Homelessness Action Week since its inception. The City's Homelessness Action Week Grant program, established in 2009, supports a variety of community-led positive and engaging initiatives and events that take place in Vancouver during HAW and throughout the year.

The overarching goals of HAW Grants are to:

1. Support Vancouver residents who are homeless or living in supportive housing.
2. Use creative approaches to increase community awareness of homelessness and the drivers of homelessness.
3. Build greater understanding with citizens on solutions to homelessness including supportive housing & health supports.
4. Engage the voices of those with lived experience.
5. Decrease the stigma associated with homelessness and the exclusion experienced by Vancouverites who are experiencing homelessness.

These five goals are aligned with the *Housing Vancouver Strategy* of continued leadership and advocacy on addressing the causes of and solutions to homelessness. The strategy prioritizes actions that speak to research and innovation, improvements in health and safety,

and partnering opportunities for prevention and elimination of homelessness and creating pathways to housing stability.

2019 HAW Grants

This year, HAW grants are comprised of two streams:

HAW and Supportive Housing Grants: Stream A

Stream A HAW Grants are intended to support Vancouver-based non-profit societies that want to host an event or do a project in Vancouver that keeps within the spirit of HAW and/or supports residents living in supportive housing. Typically, funding for these grants is up to a maximum of \$3,000 per grant per organization.

HAW and Supportive Housing Grants: Stream B

Stream B HAW grants are intended to support Vancouver-based non-profit societies creating projects that focus on destigmatizing homelessness including building greater community understanding of the drivers and solutions to homelessness. Funding for these grants is up to a maximum of \$20,000.

HAW Grant Application and Adjudication Process

A formal call for proposals to host events or organize projects supporting the HAW and Supportive Housing goals during Homelessness Action Week in October 2019 and/or throughout the year was issued on March 26, 2019.

Grant application forms were available online. The maximum grant amount which an applicant in Stream A could receive is \$3,000. The maximum grant amount which an applicant in Stream B could receive is \$20,000. Grant applications were reviewed by a committee comprised of two Arts, Culture and Community Services staff and one community member, and assessed according to the following criteria:

- Stream A projects had to be designed to directly benefit people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness within local neighbourhoods.
- Stream B projects had to be designed to offer unique and creative solutions that can build greater community understanding of the experience of homelessness, as well as the drivers and solutions to homelessness.
- Organizations had to:
 - Be a registered non-profit society based in Vancouver, in good standing;
 - Have a proven track record for delivering projects, services and/or hosting events; and
 - Demonstrate a strong level of partnership with a range of key local stakeholders. This might include, but not be limited to, neighbourhood groups, BIAs, schools, faith groups, operators and tenants of supportive housing, operators and tenants of social housing, and other local non-profits societies.
- Priority was given to projects that are not part of ongoing operations or programming.
- Priority was given to projects that leveraged funding from other sources.

Each applicant is eligible to receive one grant. Applicants who had received HAW grants in the past were eligible to apply.

The call for proposals resulted in 22 applications, from 21 unique agencies, totaling \$148,222 in requests (See Table 1). Fifteen (15) organizations applied for Stream A funding for a total request of \$48,425, and 6 organizations applied for Stream B funding for a total request of \$99,797 (See Table 1).

Table 1.

Totals for HAW and Supportive Housing Grants 2019	Amount Requested	Funding Available	Funding Recommended	Shortfall
Total Requested for Grant Stream A (Maximum \$3000)	\$ 48,425	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$14,425
Total Requested for Grant Stream B (From \$10,000 - \$20,000)	\$ 99,797	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$69,797
	\$148,222	\$64,000	\$64,000	\$84,222

Total funds available for 2019 HAW grants is \$64,000, and staff is recommending \$34,000 be allocated to Stream A (12 projects) and \$30,000 to Stream B applicants (2 projects).

Projects being recommended for funding provide unique opportunities for capacity and skills development, awareness raising and direct access to resources and services for the homeless and those at risk.

Personal stories of overcoming struggles with mental health, substance use and/or homelessness humanize this very tragic issue. Some of the grants being recommended in this report support giving voice to individuals who are homeless through dialogue, workshops, and research. Other grants provide the opportunity for people who are homeless or at risk to participate in their local community and connect with neighbours and/or a range of service providers. Others provide the opportunity for residents who are housed to build empathy, compassion and respect and to challenge stigmatizing and discriminatory beliefs about homelessness in their local neighbourhood and the city. Others seek to discover more about the drivers to homelessness, and what can be done to recommend solutions.

While all applicants met some of the eligibility criteria, those being recommended in this report more strongly supported the goals and criteria set out in the proposal call. Staff will work with unsuccessful applicants to build capacity for future years.

The Tables in Appendix A and Appendix B summarize the applications received and the recommended funding level of each.

Other HAW Events

Homeless Connect Events

Homeless Connect Events connect people who are experiencing homelessness and those at risk to a range of services, including health and dental services, access to income assistance

and the BC Housing registry, haircuts, foot care, food, etc. Over the years, City of Vancouver-sponsored Connect events have taken place at the Carnegie Library (Alley Health Fair), the Gathering Place Community Centre (Gathering Place Connect), and the Evelyne Saller Community Centre (Evelyne Saller Community Connect). This year, the Evelyne Saller Community Centre and the Gathering Place Community Centre will be hosting their 2019 Connect events in the fall of 2019, and the Carnegie Community Centre Association will be hosting their event as part of the annual HomeGround Festival, in February 2020.

This year, staff are recommending funding for Homeless Connect Events for the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Society to coordinate the Alley Health Fair, and Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society, Gordon Neighbourhood House, Parish of St. Pauls Anglican for Connect events in other neighbourhoods across the city of Vancouver (see Appendix A).

Addressing Homelessness and Improving our Understanding of Indigenous Homelessness

The legacy of colonization and continued marginalization of Indigenous people has resulted in over-representation of Indigenous people in homeless counts. The creation of Indigenous lead and defined indicators and data sources is necessary to support a more robust understanding of housing and other needs among Indigenous people.

MVAEC is a member-driven agency focused on developing and implementing housing, health and wellness projects and initiatives to meet the needs of Indigenous people. The City has a standing partnership MOU with MVAEC and works with MVAEC as a coordinating organization on a number of urban Indigenous related matters, such as childcare planning and healing and wellness. The funding recommended in this report will help enhance the capacity of MVAEC to do this work in collaboration with Home Front, and will leverage additional contributions from Lu'ma Native Housing Society (\$30,000), Home Front, through VanCity Community Foundation (\$20,000). MVAEC will contribute \$25,000 to this work. This new focus will support MVAEC to bring partners together to gain an improved understanding on Indigenous homelessness and housing issues, and to engage in dialogue about robust solutions to this important issue.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

This report recommends Council approve \$64,000 in grants to fourteen (14) non-profit organizations, source of funds being the Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget and the 2019 Capital budget for the Supportive Housing Grant Program.

The report also recommends a grant of \$30,000/year for two years (second year subject to a provincial funding contribution to MVAEC); source of funds is the ACCS 2019 Capital Budget for Planning and Research for Affordable Housing.

Communications

A calendar of events and activities will be created and posted on the City's website www.vancouver.ca/homelessnessactionweek and the regional HAW website: <http://stophomelessness.ca/haw/> and across social media.

CONCLUSION

Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis in Vancouver and across the country, creating severe human suffering and loss of individual potential. It also poses significant costs to the City of Vancouver, as well as our health, social services and criminal justice systems. In response, the City has ambitious goals to increase the supply of affordable housing, including social and supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness, as outlined in the *Housing Vancouver Strategy*.

Homelessness Action Week provides the opportunity to engage residents in raising awareness about homelessness issues, challenging stigma around homelessness, providing direct support to those who are homeless, and welcoming homeless and formerly homeless residents in local neighbourhoods. Targeting our limited resources to proactive social objectives promotes healthy and inclusive neighbourhoods and positively impacts the quality of life for all Vancouver citizens.

Providing a grant to MVAEC to collect data, create indicators, and promote dialogue on issues around Indigenous homelessness and housing is part of the City's response to the over-representation of Indigenous people experiencing homelessness. It is an important step in supporting our partner to lead on these urgent and important issues and is an approach in alignment with our commitments as a City of Reconciliation.

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HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM A BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2018 Grant	2019 Request	2019 Recom
Atira Women's Resource Society	Housing Starter Kits for Women: Preparation of 20 housing starter kits for women at risk of homelessness moving from shelters or transitional housing into independent housing, a daunting emotional and financial task. The kits will ease the financial burden of moving, create a sense of home and help encourage women to maintain tenancies.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Circle of Eagles Lodge Society	Anderson Lodge Homeless Action Day-Bannock and Stew on the Run: During HAW in October, Anderson Lodge residents and staff will prepare stew and bannock for 600 people, to be served along with 300 care kits over two days to homeless and at risk in the DTES and other parts of Vancouver. Through this project, Lodge residents will have an opportunity to 'give back' to the community. Anderson Lodge is a communal residential facility for homeless, or at risk Aboriginal women, and women on conditional releases from correctional facilities.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Healthy Feet in Collingwood: The CNH Morning Star Breakfast Program serves 50-70 homeless or at-risk individuals each week, with a hot meal, shower, and underwear program. The project will integrate foot care to breakfast program participants bi-weekly on Saturday mornings from Oct 2019-Sept 2020. The foot care program will be a connection point for homeless individuals to the Health Care providers.	N/A	\$3,000	\$3,000
Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Society	Alley Health Fair 2019: A street "homeless connect" festival in Sept 2019 that brings together 40+ service providers in the DTES to promote health and wellness and to educate participants about available local services. Partnerships include Street Nurses, Vancouver Infections Disease Centre, WISH Map Van, Women's health collective, Watari Food Service, VCC Nursing, and AHF Steering Committee. Target population includes people who are homeless or under-housed and living in poverty with limited access to health care providers.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia:	Gordon House Homeless Action Week: One-day event focused on providing direct service to homeless individuals in the West End, including haircuts, naloxone training and kits, meals, clothing, hygiene items. The event	N/A	\$2,600	\$2,600

HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM A BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2018 Grant	2019 Request	2019 Recom
Gordon Neighbourhood House	has two main objectives, providing useful supplies and resources to community members facing homelessness, and secondly to promote awareness and de-stigmatization of homelessness and addiction amongst West End community members.			
Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society (LMNH)	Meet us at the tə cecəw (The Beach)! : Tied in with the grant from previous year, the project targets the continued integration of new TMH tenants with the neighbourhood through community BBQs, bi-weekly garden and community check ins at resident garden and Riley Park community garden . LMNH will work in to conjunction with TMH residents and staff, City Heights' tenants, LMNH and 3 other community agencies to engage residents of social housing and neighbours.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,300
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia: Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House (MPNH)	Housing Justice for All Campaign: Coordinate and host 3 workshops on how to access temporary and permanent housing in partnership with community organizations; host 3 Housing Justice Community Circles; and host a Housing Justice town hall, providing meals and care packages for 140 community members experienced with, or experiencing homelessness. In hosting these workshops and forums, MPNH will connect individuals with services providers, as well as continue work on intergenerational and intercultural dialogue on housing and homelessness to learn about housing justice while breaking down social barriers and discrimination, and building intergenerational and intercultural connections.	\$2,750	\$4,000	\$3,000
The Parish of St. Paul's Vancouver	Connecting the Ends: In partnership with other churches and shelters in the downtown area, St. Paul's Connect event will take place on Monday October 14, at First Baptist Church (Tuesday evening homeless shelter, and Emergency Response Shelter from November-March). The event will bring together many health related services, such as optometry, dental hygiene and hearing care, under one roof to make it easy for the homeless to access them. Food and toiletry/care kits will be provided.	\$2,300	\$2,575	\$2,575
Pedal Foundation (Pedal	Pedals for the People Bike Clinics: Pedals for the People Program would like to host 8 bike repair clinics at various sites, including	N/A	\$3,000	\$3,000

HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM A BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2018 Grant	2019 Request	2019 Recom
Society)	parks, and several supportive housing sites in Vancouver. Cycling offers a healthy mode of transportation, to access employment, personal support networks, or social services. Pedal Foundation (Pedal Society) operates three programs including Pedals for the People which provide free bikes, parts and repairs to people who face financial barriers to accessing modes of transportation.			
Potluck Café (2003) Society	Hearty Meal Drive: During the first and third weeks of November 2019, the DTES Kitchen Tables' Outreach Team will outreach to and distribute soup to homeless individuals waiting in 'line-up' emergency shelters, targeting newcomers to the DTES neighbourhood who may not be familiar with the free and low-income food systems in Vancouver. The project highlights the Outreach team's sidewalk presence and peer approach and their expertise to reach community members who do not currently access DTES resources (e.g. drop in centres, Community kitchen programs, etc.).	\$2,850	\$2,850	\$2,700
Renfrew Collingwood Seniors Society	Building Community- Bridging Generations: Based on the success of previous years, this intergenerational project involves Grade 4 students, 'at risk' high-school students, and seniors welcoming and supporting tenants of the Kingsway Continental Hotel. The project includes providing welcome packages for 5-10 new residents; hearty meals twice a year for 123 residents (246 meals); hats and mitts; holiday gifts; plant and garden supplies. The aims are to help residents feel welcomed, cared for and part of the community, and to help youth and seniors better understand homelessness issues.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM A BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2018 Grant	2019 Request	2019 Recom
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society	HAW Community Connector Event: Through a community Connect event, resembling a trade show of service providers and to be held during HAW, clients will be provided with connections to programs, services and housing information. Three breakout sessions/workshops will be offered on "Wellbriety", "Identifying and Coping with Intergenerational Abuse" and "Nutrition Education". For service providers, additional workshops will be given on "Effects of Residential School" and "Trauma- Informed Practice". Workshops will be delivered in partnership with Nenqayni, a mobile wellness program. There will be a catered lunch, and distribution of hygiene bags to attendees	\$2,775	\$3,000	\$2,825
	Total Requested for Stream A		\$48,425	
	Total Recommending for Stream A			\$34,000

HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM A NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING :				
Agency	Project Description	2018 Grant	2019 Request	2019 Recom
411 Seniors Centre Society (1977)	Providing information on housing options to seniors and building capacity of 411's "Info and Referral volunteers" that deal with seniors who are either experiencing homelessness or precariously housed. First component of proposed grant is a series of 4 workshops for the Information and Referral volunteers at 411, and second component is 2 lunch and learns for seniors facing homelessness.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Network for Inner City Community Services Society (NICCSS)	Vancouver Rent Bank Outreach: The Vancouver Rent Bank proposes to run a short and impactful campaign that would increase the Rent Bank's public profile. This campaign would centre on Homelessness Action Week, and would include an open house to the NICCSS office and understanding loans and debt provided by Vancity	N/A	\$3,000	\$0
The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association	Tenancy Preparedness for Homeless or At-Risk Women in the DTES: Based on the success and positive impact of previous HAW-grant supported workshops, three RentSmart workshops for groups of up to 12 women who are homeless or at risk will be offered. Training will include landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities, landlord/tenant relationships and communication, budgeting, maintenance and crisis management. The goal is empowered tenants who benefit from the stable housing and all its related impacts.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia: Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	Whole-Hearted Westside: This project has 4 parts: (1) A collaboration of westside organizations who serve or interact with the homeless population to create a united front to support and educate the public on this community need. A map/resource guide for the homeless community will be created. (2) Seniors knit-a-thon for the homeless (3) Community dialogues on homelessness and preparation of bagged lunches for the homeless, and (4) Community Drive to collect socks, blankets, coats and shoes for individuals on the street. The overall goal is to encourage dialogue on homelessness and the role of community in providing support.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0

HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING STREAM B GRANTS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:				
Agency	Project Description	2018 Grant	2019 Request	2019 Recom
The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association	Needs Assessment: Obtaining and Maintaining Housing for Hard-to - House Women in the DTES: Project would focus on homelessness to determine the needs of women experiencing homeless or those at risk in terms of resources to support them in efforts to find and retain housing. There is considerable anecdotal information regarding the needs and situations of women experiencing homelessness, including knowledge that women live in precarious and "hidden homeless" situations. This project would formalize this information in form of a needs assessment by interviews with women of the community, producing a report on homelessness of women in the DTES, a segment of the population that has been identified as underreported in homeless counts.	\$3,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia: South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	South Vancouver Education to Change Project: Based on the success of the 2018 HAW grant and the creation of the SVNH "Fraser Street Homeless Action Group" that was formed as a result of the grant, this project aims to develop a "South Vancouver Homeless Action Working Group" with service providers and local residents from 5 different neighbourhoods. As part of the grant a number of public awareness events will be organized. 1) A training session for local business owners on how to communicate with and support individuals that are experiencing homelessness in the local community. The intent of the training session is to increase understanding of the factors that contribute to homelessness, with an emphasis on building understanding, compassion and empathy, and reduce assumptions and discrimination. The working group will create a print and digital resource booklet for free and low cost support services in the areas that directly benefit those experiencing	\$2,325	\$10,000	\$10,000

HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING STREAM B GRANTS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:				
Agency	Project Description	2018 Grant	2019 Request	2019 Recom
	homelessness in the neighbourhoods, and these resources will be circulated to businesses, and agencies in the area for distribution. Additionally, five "South Vancouver Education to Change" public awareness forums in five South Vancouver neighbourhoods, including one targeted for youths aged between 13-18, will be hosted, engaging those with lived experienced to speak at the forums, and the educational forums will target local individuals and families in their community.			
	Total Requested for Stream B		\$99,797	
	Total Recommended for Stream B			\$30,000

STREAM B HAW and Supportive Housing GRANTS NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING :				
Agency	Event Description	2018 Grant	2019 Request	2019 Recommended
PHS Community Services Society	Homelessness, Humanity and Help in your Community: PHS will conduct 3 open house presentations humanizing those who face challenges with homelessness, mental illness and/or substance use, including speakers with lived experience and their personal journey on how supportive housing impacted their physical and mental health. Attendees will be provided with emergency homelessness response kit, including information on where to seek shelter or apply for housing.	\$3,000	\$17,000	\$0
Providence Health Care Society- British Columbia Centre on Substance Use	Housing and Overdose Summit: Harnessing Community-Driven solutions to overlapping Crises: One-day housing and overdose-focused symposium, bringing together people with lived experience, community stakeholders, and leading North American researchers to discuss drivers of, and develop responses to, the overlapping housing and overdose crises impacting Vancouver DTES community.	N/A	\$18,470	\$0
West End Seniors Network Society	Older Adult Roommate Registry: Based on past community consultations, the project would be to hire a roommate registry coordinator, as part of the new Housing Navigation service, to help connect older adults as roommates. The purpose is to assist older adults to connect with a roommate for the support, emotion and practical support a roommate can bring, as well as the financial security that comes from splitting the cost of rent with someone else.	\$3,000	\$19,027	\$0

STREAM B HAW and Supportive Housing GRANTS NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING :				
Agency	Event Description	2018 Grant	2019 Request	2019 Recommended
Street Corner Media Foundation (Megaphone)	<p>Hope in Shadows Photography Exhibition and Community Discussion: Megaphone, in partnership with Heart of the City Festival and 312 Main, will host a photography exhibition and opening event during the 2019 Downtown Eastside Heart of the City Festival. At this exhibition, the team will exhibit large scale prints from the Hope in Shadows, support people marginalized by poverty, homelessness, stigma and exclusion.</p>	N/A	\$15,300	\$0