



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: Managing Director of Social Development  
SUBJECT: 2011 Rent Subsidies to Social Organizations

### *RECOMMENDATION*

THAT Council approve 4 Rent Subsidy Grants totalling \$95,575 as listed in Appendix A. Source of funding is the 2011 Rent Subsidy Grants Budget.

### *GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS*

The General Manager of Community Services RECOMMENDS approval of the foregoing.

### *COUNCIL POLICY*

On June 8, 1993, City Council decided that rent subsidies to social service or cultural organizations, occupying City-owned property held in the Property Endowment Fund, will be funded from the Community Services or Cultural Grants budget, and that these budgets will be adjusted to accommodate any new or renewed subsidies approved by Council.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

### *PURPOSE*

This report recommends the allocation of \$95,575 in Rent Subsidy Grants to four social organizations.

### ***BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION***

Council has a policy of considering rent subsidy grants to groups which qualify for a Community Services Grant and rent City-owned property held in the Property Endowment Fund. The City charges market rental for these properties and groups may request a subsidy to offset this market rent. Social Policy's recommendations for such grants are based on the criteria and priorities used to assess Community Services grant allocations.

Four organizations are being recommended for rent subsidy grants to assist in the provision of programs or office space:

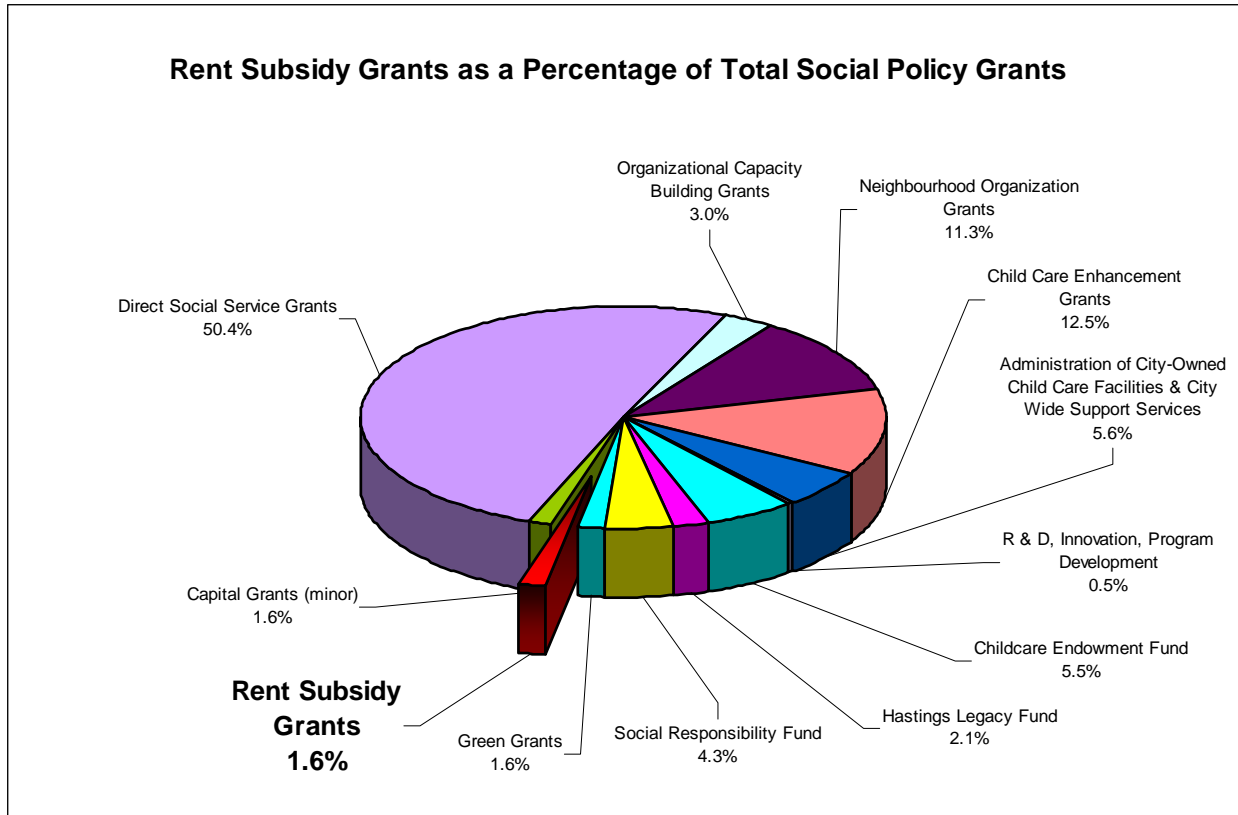
- Family Services of Greater Vancouver - Street Youth Programs
- Pacific Community Resources Society - Broadway Youth Resource Centre
- BC Coalition of People with Disabilities - Office space
- Dugout Drop-in Centre Society - Drop-in and Food Security Program

The recommendations are for the same amount that they received in 2010 (See Appendix A).

Two of the four organizations, Family Services - Street Youth (Directions) and Pacific Community Resources (PCR) - Broadway Youth Resource Centre will be temporarily relocated during the fall of 2011 to allow for redevelopment of social and supportive housing. These are two of the 14 City-owned sites to be developed as social and supportive housing. For these two grants it is recommended that rent be covered on a month to month basis until the end of 2011 to the maximum amounts of \$15,500 and \$21,075 respectively or until the premises are redeveloped, whichever shall occur first.

Pacific Community Resources also receives an additional rent subsidy of \$4,552 per month as approved by Council on November 2, 2010. This grant was approved to a maximum of \$68,280 and will remain in effect until the end of 2011 or until the premises are redeveloped, whichever shall occur first.

The rent subsidy program is part of the comprehensive grants program review being conducted by staff from Social Policy. A full report to Council including assessment of the rent subsidy program will be forthcoming in July 2011.



**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report requests that \$95,575 be approved for 2011 rent subsidy grants to be paid from the 2011 Rent Subsidy Grants Budget. Approval of these grants will leave a balance of \$0 in the 2011 Rent Subsidy Grants Budget.

**SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The rent subsidies provide financial support to non-profit organizations that work with each other, various levels of government and residents to address social problems and bring about positive social change. The rent subsidy grants have been an important resource for community groups allowing them to provide needed services in Vancouver, and contribute to the building of strong communities and the delivery of quality services to Vancouver residents.

**CONCLUSION**

The Managing Director of Social Development recommends that Council approve the recommended rent subsidy grants.

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## Rent Subsidy Grants Recommended

Agency	2011 RECOMMENDED	2011 REQUEST	2010 GRANT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Services - Street Youth - Rent</li> <li>• 1134 Burrard Street</li> </ul>	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$15,500
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pacific Community Resource Society - Broadway - Youth Resources Centre - Rent</li> <li>• 691 East Broadway</li> </ul>	\$21,075	\$21,075	\$21,075
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Coalition of People with Disabilities - Rent</li> <li>• #204 - 456 West Broadway</li> </ul>	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dugout Drop-in Centre Society - Rent</li> <li>• 59 Powell Street</li> </ul>	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
<b>TOTAL = 4</b>	<b>\$95,575</b>	<b>\$95,575</b>	<b>\$95,575</b>