

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: Managing Director of Social Development  
SUBJECT: Social Grants: Year End 2012

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- A. THAT Council approve 5 Hastings Legacy Fund grants for 2013 totaling \$117,100; source of funding is the Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve.
- B. THAT Council approve 5 Social Policy Capital grants totalling \$52,455 and 4 New Licensed School Aged Child Care Grants totalling \$34,098; source of funds to be the 2012 Capital Budget.
- C. THAT Council approve 5 Civic Childcare Program Innovation, Stabilization and Development Grants totalling \$30,000; source of funds to be the unallocated portion of the 2012 Child Care Grants Budget.
- D. THAT Council approve 2012 funding in the amount of \$235,059 to the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society for the delivery of recreational programs and operation of the Collingwood Gymnasium for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012; source of funds to be the 2012 Operating Budget.

Approval of grant recommendations (A - D) requires eight affirmative votes.

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

This report recommends grants and funding that align with the policy objectives of the Social Grants Program. These objectives will continue to inform the ongoing development of a corporate granting strategy and include:

- Meeting basic needs;
- Building capacity;
- Enhancing belonging;
- Supporting inclusive neighbourhoods.

This report recommends 19 grants to registered nonprofit organizations in Vancouver for a total of \$233,653 and consolidates six Social Granting streams under one report.

This report also recommends \$235,059 in on-going funding for Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) for the delivery of recreational programs and operation of the Collingwood Gymnasium.

#### Summary Table: All grants and funding recommended in report

Grant Stream	Social Grants Policy Objectives Addressed	Council Priorities Addressed	Number of Grants	Total Funding
1) Hastings Legacy Fund (HLF)	Enhancing belonging & inclusive neighbourhoods	Healthy City Strategy Social Inclusion & Safety	5	\$117,100
2) Small Social Policy Capital Grants	Building capacity	Healthy City Strategy Social Inclusion & Safety	5	\$52,455
3) Childcare - Innovation, Stabilization & Development	Building capacity	Childcare & Early Learning	5	\$30,000
4) New Licensed School Aged Child Care Gant	Building capacity	Childcare & Early Learning	4	\$34,098
5) Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gym	Enhancing belonging & inclusive neighbourhoods	Healthy City Strategy Social Inclusion & Safety	1	\$235,059
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>19</b>	<b>\$468,712</b>

#### *COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS*

**Hastings Legacy Fund Grants:** On October 4, 2005, as part of the rezoning conditions for Hastings Park, Council accepted a number of public benefits from Hastings Entertainment Inc. including Hastings Legacy Fund grants. In 2009 City staff consulted with residents and businesses and identified priorities including public safety, public realm improvements and celebrations.

**Child Care Grants:** Council approved the Civic Child Care Strategy in 1990 with goals that include supporting the viability, accessibility and quality of existing child care services. In 2011, the Joint Council on Childcare targeted an increase of 500 new childcare spaces over the following three years.

**Collingwood Neighbourhood House gym:** On December 15, 1994 Council agreed to provide Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society funding for gymnasium/recreational programs and approved an operating agreement. A modification to the Lease to formalize funding and operating commitments was confirmed on November 26, 2003.

#### *CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS*

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

**REPORT****Background/Context**

Recommended funding helps to address Council priorities:

- **Healthy City Strategy** including enhancing public safety, belonging and inclusion and opportunities for recreation.
- **Childcare and Early Learning** through the creation of childcare spaces that supports the target of 500 additional spaces by 2014.
- **Greenest City 2020** including neighbourhood beautification, events and small grants to enhance community involvement in green initiatives.

Funding also aligns with the Social Grants objectives of meeting basic needs, building capacity, enhancing belonging and supporting inclusive neighbourhoods.

**Strategic Analysis****1) Hastings Legacy Fund**

Of the 6 applicants, 5 applications totaling \$117,100 are being recommended for funding for projects starting in 2013 because they best align with neighbourhood priorities, and correspond with Council priorities, including supporting safe and inclusive communities, civic engagement, and *Greenest City 2020*. One project is NOT RECOMMENDED.

The total available funds in the HLF reserve for 2013 is \$117,100. (for a more detailed description of each project see APPENDIX A)

**Summary Table: Hastings Legacy Fund**

Applicant	Project	2013 Grant Requested	2013 Recommended Grant
Hastings Community Association	Small Grants Program	\$30,000	\$25,000
Hastings Community Association	Community Events	\$40,000	\$40,000
Hastings North BIA	Public Safety Initiative	\$20,000	\$18,000
Hastings North Area Planning Association	Year Long Litter Clean-Up	\$11,000	\$9,100
Kiwassa Neighbourhood House	Northeast Youth Action Committee	\$25,000	\$25,000
Hastings East Community Programs Society	Hastings Hub More Sports See APPENDIX A re. grant NOT RECOMMENDED	\$10,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$126,000</b>	<b>\$117,100</b>

## 2) Small Social Policy Capital Grants

Small Capital Grants improve the safety, accessibility and operational needs of non-profit social service and child care organizations. This report recommends 5 small projects related to health and safety upgrades and improved physical accessibility. 7 applications were received and 5 are recommended for funding. 2 applications are NOT RECOMMENDED. The submissions are summarized below (for a more detailed description of each project see APPENDIX B)

**Summary Table - Small Social Policy Capital Grants**

Applicant	Project	2012 Grant Requested	2012 Recommended Grant
Spinal Cord Injury BC	Renovations to increased accessibility	\$6,367	\$6,367
Chrysalis Drug and Alcohol Abuse Recovery Society	New construction to improve overall health & safety.	\$12,880	\$12,880
Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC	Renovation to an existing kitchen.	\$12,500	\$12,500
First United Church	Renovation of women's washrooms and showers to improve wheelchair accessibility.	\$16,322	\$16,322
Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association	Renovation of an existing administrative area	\$5,078	\$4,386
Lu'ma Native Housing Society	Purchase of office computers.	\$8,580	\$0
McGregor Child Care Society	Enhancements to playground.	\$5,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$66,727</b>	<b>\$52,455</b>

3) **Childcare Grants - Research, Innovation & Policy Development / Program Stabilization / Program Development Grant** (For a more detailed description of each project see APPENDIX C)

### Summary Table: Childcare Grants

Applicant	Project	2012 Grant Requested	2012 Grant Recommended
Vancouver Society of Children's Centres	Research & policy development	\$30,000	\$10,000
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society	Creation of new curriculum	\$5,000	\$5,000
Happy Corner Parent Participant Preschool Association	Develop financial management plan & short/long term planning strategies	\$5,000	\$5,000
Vancouver Start Smart Preschool Association - McBride Elementary School Annex	Creation of a preschool Fine Arts curriculum	\$5,000	\$5,000
Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall - Heritage Renovation Daycare Project	Creation of new curriculum	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

#### 4) Additional Licensed School Aged Child Care Spaces:

In 2011, Council set a target of 500 new childcare spaces by 2014. To help address a shortfall in before and after school care spaces staff are developing a guideline and funding agreement with the Vancouver Board of Education to create opportunities for spaces in school sites. Staff will report back to Council when the funding agreement and guidelines are completed.

As an interim measure staff recommend funding to non-profits operating childcares in school settings. Recommendations for grants in this category will create 59 licensed school aged spaces within Vancouver Board of Education facilities.

#### Summary Table: Additional Childcare Spaces Created in Vancouver

Council Target: 500 new spaces by 2014	# New Childcare Spaces Built (as of January 2012)	# Committed Childcare Spaces (under development or secured by rezoning, as of January 1, 2012)	Total # Built and Committed Childcare Spaces (including 59 spaces affected by proposed funding)
500 spaces	91 spaces	378 spaces	469 spaces

**Summary Table: Additional Licensed School Aged Child Care Grants**  
(For a more detailed description of each project see APPENDIX D)

Applicant	School Age Spaces Created	2012 Grant Request	2012 Grant Recommended
Collingwood Neighbourhood House x 3 schools	49	\$32,929	\$24,098
Britannia Community Services Society	10	\$112,864*	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$145,793</b>	<b>\$34,098</b>

\*Large grant request reflects total project costs for Britannia including non-capital costs

### 5) Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gym:

The Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society (CNH) continues to provide a broad range of programs to meet the needs of a diverse community including residents of different age groups and cultures to improve recreation opportunities, cultural development and participation in the community. In 2010/2011, approximately 23,390 local residents and 14,000 youth participated in CNH's 71 recreational programs - about an 8% increase in participants over 2009/2010. (These statistics include multiple visits from program participants.)

City staff have concluded that CNH continued to provide quality services throughout 2010/2011 and that their business plan for 2011/2012 is consistent with the City's goals and recommend no change from the 2011 approved funding (\$235,059).

#### *Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)*

##### *Financial*

#### 1) Hastings Legacy Fund

As of October 22, 2012, there is an unallocated balance of \$117,100 in the Social Responsibility Hastings Reserve. Annual contributions from Hasting Entertainment Inc. of \$100,000 (2007 base) with an annual CPI adjustment are expected until the Operational Agreement between the City and Hastings Entertainment Inc. expires. The 5 recommendations in this report total \$117,100, leaving \$0 unspent. The total contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund to date is \$516,100.

#### 2) Small Capital Grants

The total 2012 budget for Capital Grants for Social Service and Child Care facilities is \$85,000. This report recommends allocations of \$52,455 leaving \$32,545 unspent. It is recommended that these remaining funds be made available to respond to future Capital needs in the nonprofit sector in Vancouver.

#### 3) Child Care Grants

The 2012 budget for Civic Childcare Grants is \$1,160,200. The 5 recommended grants for Research, Innovation and Program Development, will consume the remaining balance in the 2012 Civic Childcare Grants budget, leaving \$0 unspent.

#### 4) New or Expanded Licensed School Aged Child Care Grants

The approved Vancouver Board of Education (VBE) Community Partnerships Budget is \$377,500 of which staff are seeking approval of \$34,098. The 4 recommended grants for New Licensed School Aged Child Care will leave a balance of \$343,042 for future use when the guidelines and funding agreement are secured between the VBE and the City of Vancouver.

#### 5) Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium

The review of the existing lease with Collingwood Neighbourhood House (currently overholding) will be part of a Corporate Project aimed at improving oversight of City-owned property leased to non-profit agencies. One potential outcome of the lease review for Collingwood Neighbourhood House is to provide a multi-year arrangement to fund the Gymnasium activities. In the meantime, the existing lease arrangement requires that funding be approved by Council on an annual basis.

City Staff recommend continued financial support from the City for the delivery of recreation programs and the operation of the Gymnasium at CNH through the proposed City funding of \$235,059 for 2012, source of funds to be the 2012 Operating Budget.

#### *CONCLUSION*

All grants and funding recommended in this report align with the policy objectives of the Social Grants Program and will help the City address Council priorities that are included in the Healthy City Strategy: public safety, belonging and inclusion, and opportunities for recreation, in addition to Council's commitment to early learning and care by promoting the growth, stability and accessibility of quality child care. Specifically, grants to child care operators will help achieve the target of 500 spaces by 2014. Once an operating agreement with Vancouver Board of Education (VBE) is in place, capital funding to increase child care spaces in schools will be provided to the VBE directly.

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## APPENDIX A - Recommendations for Hastings Legacy Fund Grants

Applicant	Project	Community Priority	2012 Grant	2013 Grant Requested	2013 Grant Recomm'd
Hastings Community Association <i>Hastings North Community Partners group)</i>	<b>Small Grants Program</b> Initiative involves residents in selecting proposals from neighbourhood groups & providing up to \$1,500 to support community improvement projects. Grant recommended at 2012 level due to limited because funding is limited.	public realm improvements  celebrations and festivals  support for community needs  greenest city	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$25,000
Hastings Community Association <i>(Hastings North Community Partners group)</i>	<b>Community Events</b> Funds pay for a coordinator to organize, promote, & coordinate a year-long series of community festivals & celebrations.	celebrations and festivals  support for community needs	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Hastings North BIA	<b>Public Safety Initiative</b> Hastings North BIA & Hastings North Community Policing Centre have patrollers in commercial district 3 days/wk to improve safety. REDUCTION RECOMMENDED: Program is eligible but reduction applied because funding is limited and other applications rated higher on evaluation.	public safety	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000
Hastings North Area Planning Association	<b>Year Long Litter Clean-Up</b> The Hastings North Area Planning Assoc. will organize litter clean-ups in Hastings neighbourhood 2x/mth in partnership with the City's Solid Waste Management program. Local volunteers will contribute and focus on youth participation. REDUCTION RECOMMENDED: Program is eligible but reduction applied because funding is limited and other applications rated higher on evaluation.	public realm improvements  public safety  greenest city	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$9,100



Applicant	Project	Community Priority	2012 Grant	2013 Grant Requested	2013 Grant Recomm'd
Kiawassa Neighbourhood House	Northeast Youth Action Committee Continuation of a Youth Action Committee (YAC) that engages local at-risk, new immigrant & Aboriginal youth in community development and capacity building activities & planning & implementing projects.	support for community needs	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Hastings East Community Programs Society	Hastings Hub More Sports NOT RECOMMENDED: Program ineligible for HLF because recreation based.		\$0	\$10,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$126,000</b>	<b>\$117,100</b>

**APPENDIX B - Recommendations for Small Social Policy Capital Grants**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>2012 Grant Requested</b>	<b>2012 Grant Recommended</b>
<b>Spinal Cord Injury BC</b>	Renovations to accommodate increased accessibility with installation of 'bumper access buttons' & automatic faucets in bathrooms, new signage & repairs.	\$6,367	\$6,367
<b>Chrysalis Drug and Alcohol Abuse Recovery Society</b>	New construction for a fence, back stairs and deck to improve overall health & safety, incl. exterior & interior painting.	\$12,880	\$12,880
<b>Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC</b>	Renovation to an existing kitchen to facilitate new appliances, a new sink and fixtures, flooring and minor electrical and plumbing works.	\$12,500	\$12,500
<b>First United Church</b>	Renovation of existing women's washrooms and showers to improve personal safety and ensure wheelchair accessibility.	\$16,322	\$16,322
<b>Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association</b>	Renovation of an existing administrative area to accommodate expanded office space and new flooring for an existing kitchen. REDUCED FUNDING RECOMMENDED due to a 15% maximum for administration expenses.	\$5,078	\$4,386
<b>Lu'ma Native Housing Society</b>	Purchase of office computers. FUNDING NOT RECOMMENDED: application ineligible because computers not clearly linked to larger renovation.	\$8,580	\$0
<b>McGregor Child Care Society</b>	Enhancements to playground. FUNDING NOT RECOMMENDED: Staff were advised during the review process that the Vancouver Community College will cover all project costs.	\$5,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$66,727</b>	<b>\$52,455</b>

### APPENDIX C - Recommendations for Child Care Innovation, Stabilization and Program Development Grants

Applicant	Project	Childcare Priority	2012 Grant Request	2012 Grant Recomm'd
Vancouver Society of Children's Centres	Supports new child care research & policy development to implement a practical application of the Early Learning Framework of BC within VSOCC's centres and throughout the city. Reduced grant recommendation due limited available funding.	Grant will assist in the evaluation & documentation of a research project, develop tracking tools & methods for evaluating future impacts of the Quality Enhancement Initiative & the development of a City wide approach to be shared with other child care organizations.	\$30,000	\$10,000 Innovation Grant
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society	Supports creation of a new curriculum to provide childminding, preschool-based opportunities & to stabilize enrollment for children & families who do not typically access early learning programs in the Marpole Oakridge neighbourhood. Curriculum will focus on Play and Learn: physical, cognitive, social & emotional development.	Grant to cover costs of developing active play and learn focussed curriculum and resource materials to enhance and stabilization and the development of a City wide approach to be shared with other child care organizations.	\$5,000	\$5,000 Innovation Grant
Happy Corner Parent Participant Preschool Association	To assist in working with an external consultant to develop financial management plan and reassess short & long term planning strategies to maintain on-going quality child care services for the existing 20 preschool spaces.	The centre has been experiencing annual deficits for several years and requires assistance to review its management practices and operations strategies in a coordinated manner: review of fee levels, fundraising approaches, grants and parent support.	\$5,000	\$5,000 Stabilization Grant
Vancouver Start Smart Preschool Association	To support the creation of a new preschool Fine Arts curriculum at McBride Elementary Annex providing 53 new preschool spaces. Program builds on the Early Learning Framework & best practice of the Reggio Emilio approach	Grant to cover costs of starting up a new program including staff development and training; policy and procedural manuals and licensing and inspections.	\$5,000	\$5,000 Program Development
Vancouver Japanese Language School and	To support the creation of a new curriculum for the Heritage Renovation Daycare Project that	To cover costs of starting up a new program including staff development and training; policy and	\$5,000	\$5,000 Program Development

<b>Japanese Hall</b>	provides 25 group childcare & 40 preschool spaces. The curriculum will focus on greening, celebrate heritage, and the development of an interpretative centre approach.	procedural manuals and licensing and inspections.		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

**APPENDIX D - New or Expanded Licensed School Aged Child Care Grants**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Priority</b>	<b>2012 Grant Request</b>	<b>2012 Grant Recommended</b>
<b>Collingwood Neighbourhood House</b>	To create 4 expanded spaces at Grenfell Elementary School for a total of 34 group school aged spaces	\$10,456	\$10,000
<b>Collingwood Neighbourhood House</b>	To create 30 new group school aged spaces at Renfrew Elementary School for a total of 30	\$20,757	\$12,382
<b>Collingwood Neighbourhood House</b>	To create 15 new spaces at Collingwood Annex - Elementary School for a total of 15 group school aged spaces	\$1,716	\$1,716
<b>Britannia Community Services Society</b>	To create 10 expanded MacDonald Elementary School for a total of 40 group school aged spaces	\$112,864*	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$145,793</b>	<b>\$34,098</b>

\*Large grant request reflects total project costs for Britannia including non-capital costs