

2020 DTES Capital Grant Allocation

Council Presentation March 31, 2020



Downtown Eastside (DTES) Plan (2014):

Long Term Vision

“the neighbourhood will be made up of mixed-income communities with a range of affordable housing options (including social housing) for all residents, local serving commerce, social services and cultural activities where all feel welcome, valued and at home”

Key Objective

Support community initiatives that will benefit people that face systemic barriers.



COVID-19 Impact Projects



- **WISH Society**, a safe haven for women sex-workers to drop in and access programs and services.
- **Van. Aboriginal Friendship Centre** supports community needs through programs and services following an indigenous model of family and culture.
- **Binner's Cart Sharing Project** fosters economic opportunities and reduces crime and stigmas informal recycling collectors.
- **Mission Possible Peer Support** program provides employment and skills development to local residents.

2020 Grant Projects

Recommendations

Organization	Objectives	Grant
WISH Society	Interior repairs to office area damaged by flooding	\$30,000
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre (VAFC)	Repair to the interior basement wall damaged by flooding	\$33,000
Yue Shan Society	Completion of a business plan for their heritage building in Chinatown	\$20,000
Tides Canada	Support the Binner's Project to delivery of a fleet of carts and two docking stations.	\$25,000
Strathcona Business Improvement Area Society	Explore the feasibility of using the Buddhist Temple kitchen as a community-serving kitchen.	\$39,000
Mission Possible Neighbours	Provide peer to peer support to people adjacent to the current temporary DTES Market site.	\$40,000
Vanc. Chinatown Bus. Improvement Area	To be part of the BIZMAP interactive marketing website.	\$9,000
Vancouver Community Network	To develop a strategic vision and plan for the DTES Market	\$7,500
Total		\$203,500

Recommendation

That Council APPROVE the grant allocation of \$203,500 to Downtown Eastside (DTES) non-profit organizations to strategically advance the social, economic and environmental objectives of the recently approved DTES Plan and to support mitigating Covid-19 impacts to the community.



Questions/Discussion

