



## REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on City Finance and Services  
FROM: General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services  
SUBJECT: 2021 Homelessness Action Week and Supportive Housing Grants

### **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 15 organizations (\$66,052 in aggregate as outlined in Table 1). The grants will create awareness and engage residents in solutions to homelessness and support individuals experiencing homelessness or living in supportive housing, Source of funds to be 2021 Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget (\$36,052), and the 2021 Capital budget for the Supportive Housing Grant Program (\$30,000).
- B. THAT all grants be subject to each approved recipient organization signing and returning a grant approval letter to the City agreeing in writing to its terms.
- C. 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 the Director of Legal Services.
- D. THAT, the General Manager Arts, Culture and Community Services, be authorized to execute all grant approval letters on behalf of the City of Vancouver.
- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of Recommendation A unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

Approval of Recommendations 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**

2021 Homelessness Action Week (HAW) is the 16th annual campaign across Metro Vancouver aimed at raising awareness about and building local capacity for solutions to homelessness. This report seeks Council approval for 15 Homelessness Services grants totalling \$66,052 as part of the ongoing Homelessness Action Week grants program. The source of funds for the HAW grants is the 2021 Arts, Culture and Community Services (ACCS) Street Homelessness Operating Budget and the 2021 Capital budget for the Supportive Housing Grant Program.

## **COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

**Housing Vancouver Strategy 2018-2027 and Housing Vancouver 3 Year Action Plan 2018-2021:** 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.

**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. 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 and understanding of the causes and solutions to homelessness, challenging stigma around homelessness, and providing direct support to those who are experiencing homelessness. Targeting our limited resources to proactive social objectives promotes healthy and inclusive neighbourhoods and positively impacts the quality of life for all Vancouver residents.

## **REPORT**

### ***Background/Context***

#### **About Homelessness Action Week**

Since its inception in 2009, 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 took place throughout the region, with regional coordination occurring through the Council of Metro Vancouver Community Homeless Table 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 continues to provide a unique opportunity regionally and locally to engage residents, the media and the private and non-profit sectors on the causes of and solutions to homelessness.

## 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. Local non-profit community groups are important partners in helping to achieve the desired outcomes of HAW. The City's Homelessness Action Week Grant program, established in 2009 with the inception of HAW, 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 experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, 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.

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 08283)
- In 2010, the City provided \$10,500 to five community groups (RTS 08788)
- In 2011, the City provided \$25,000 to nine community groups (RTS 09325)
- In 2012, the City provided \$30,000 to eleven community groups (RTS 9581)
- In 2013, the City provided \$35,000 to eighteen community groups (RTS 10135)
- In 2014, the City provided \$40,000 to sixteen community groups (RTS 10619)
- In 2015, the City provided \$43,000 to eighteen community groups (RTS 10980)
- In 2016, the City provided \$36,650 to thirteen community groups (RTS 11433)
- In 2017, the City provided \$43,000 to seventeen community groups (RTS 11939)
- In 2018, the City provided \$46,000 to sixteen community groups for regular HAW Grants (RTS 12506)
- In 2018, the City provided \$27,000 in Temporary Modular HAW grants to nine community groups (RTS 12506, RTS 12777)
- In 2019, the City provided \$64,000 to 14 organizations (RTS 13139)
- In 2020, the City provided \$66,000 to 15 organizations (RTS 13625)

Allocated 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.

## Homelessness Action Week 2021

2021 Homelessness Action Week (HAW) will take place across Metro Vancouver, from October 11 to 18, 2021.

HAW 2021 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.

## COVID and the 2021 HAW Call for Proposals

The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impact on services and spaces available to people who are experiencing homelessness. Community centres, drop-ins and public libraries, which are frequently used by individuals experiencing homelessness, reduced their hours or closed and are now operating with reduced capacity due to ongoing public health guidelines. Shelter capacity was reduced as a result of physical distancing requirements. SROs and other non-market housing providers instituted no guest policies to mitigate the spread of the disease leaving those who may be couch surfing with no other options.

COVID also impacted the homelessness services sector's capacity to respond to those in need as a result of reduced staffing, increased demand and pivoting to ensure spaces were safe for everyone. Staff recommend flexibility in granting for 2021, recognizing that typical projects and events hosted during HAW may not occur again in 2021 due to limited services at various organizations, as well as limitations on gatherings. Grant applicants will be required to comply with all applicable public health requirements and guidelines relating to COVID-19 and to make the safety of its employees, volunteers, and members of the public a top priority.

While we have seen incredible resilience within Vancouver's social service sector, we recognize the difficulty of planning during a pandemic. In a recent Vantage survey, 92% of Vancouver non-profit organizations social service organizations reported that COVID-19 caused major interruptions to their projects, programs and services. Staff recognized the resiliency of the non-profit organizations and their ability to continue their services to those who most need in Vancouver.

## ***Strategic Analysis***

### Recommended 2021 HAW Grants

This year, there is \$66,052 to allocate between two grant streams. The HAW grants are comprised of two streams:

*HAW and Supportive Housing Grants: Stream A: Small Project Grants (Maximum funding is up to \$3,000 per project).*

Stream A HAW Grants are intended to support Vancouver-based non-profit societies to work on:

- Projects that are designed to directly benefit people who are experiencing homelessness, recently experienced homelessness, at risk of homelessness or living in supportive housing within neighbourhood in Vancouver (Direct Services Projects).
- Projects that focus on destigmatizing homelessness including building greater community understanding of the drivers and solutions to homelessness (Destigmatization Projects).

HAW and Supportive Housing Grants: Stream B: Large Project Grants (Maximum funding is \$10,000 per project).

Projects that apply for Stream B will meet all of the criteria above in Stream A and:

- Projects will demonstrate a significant, direct impact on those experiencing homelessness, recently experienced homelessness, at risk of homelessness or living in supportive housing within a neighbourhood in Vancouver.

### HAW Grant Application and Adjudication Process

A formal call for proposals to host events or organize projects supporting the HAW and Supportive Housing goals as part of Homelessness Action Week and awareness throughout the year was issued on March 18, 2021. Grant application forms were available online.

Grant applications were reviewed by a committee comprised of three staff from Homelessness Services and Affordable Housing Programs Department and Social Policy and Projects Department and one community member.

### Results of the Call for Proposals

The call for proposals resulted in 27 applications from 27 unique agencies, totaling \$205,185. As noted above, total funds available for 2021 HAW grants is \$66,052. Staff recommend allocating all available funds through this Call for Proposals as described in Table 1 below:

Table 1:

<b>Totals for HAW and Supportive Housing Grants 2021</b>	<b>Total Amount Requested</b>	<b>Total Number of Applicants</b>	<b>Funding Available</b>	<b>Funding Recommended</b>	<b>Unfunded</b>
Total Requested for Grant Stream A (Maximum \$3000)	\$20,863	7 organizations <sup>1</sup>		\$12,750	\$8113
Total Requested for Grant Stream B (Maximum \$10,000)	\$187,323	20 organizations <sup>2</sup>		\$53,302	\$134,021
	<b>\$208,186</b>		<b>\$66,052</b>	<b>\$66,052</b>	<b>\$142,134</b>

Projects being recommended for funding provide unique opportunities for capacity and skills development, awareness raising and direct access to resources and services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The importance of projects aimed at destigmatization are central to HAW. As the role of personal stories of overcoming struggles with mental health, substance use and/or

<sup>1</sup> Number of Stream A applications has decreased, likely, in part, due to the uncertainty of ability to host in-person events.

<sup>2</sup> Number of Stream B applications increased from six applicants in the initial year (2019) to twenty applications this year 2021.

homelessness help humanize the situations of people with lived experience of homelessness, some of the grants being recommended in this report support giving voice to individuals who are experiencing homelessness through dialogue, workshops, and research. Other grants provide the opportunity for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness to participate in their local community and connect with neighbours and/or a range of service providers. Others grants provide the opportunity for residents who are housed to build empathy, compassion and understanding in order to counter stigmatizing and discriminatory beliefs about individuals experiencing homelessness. Others grants 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 Appendices A, B, C, and D summarize the applications received and the recommended funding level of each.

### Other HAW Events

#### *Homeless Connect Events*

Homeless Connect events are hosted fair-style events where attendees have access to a variety of services under one roof and serve to connect people who are experiencing homelessness and those at risk to 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 a rendition (to meet COVID requirements) of a 2021 Connect events in fall/winter 2021.

### **Financial**

This report recommends Council approve \$66,052 in grants to fifteen (fifteen) non-profit organizations, source of funds Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget (\$36,052) and the 2021 Capital budget for the Supportive Housing Grant Program (\$30,000).

### **Communications**

A calendar of events and activities will be created and posted on the City's website [www.vancouver.ca/homelessnessactionweek](http://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 for those experiencing it, the loss of their individual potential, and increased community stress and tension. 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.

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<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM A (up to \$3000) RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>2020 Grant</b>	<b>2021 Request</b>	<b>2021 Recom</b>
<b>Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia</b>	<p>This grant is for <b>Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House (MPNH): Destigmatizing Displacement: Breaking Down the Myths of Homelessness through Connection and Dialogue</b></p> <p>Focusing on destigmatization and creating awareness, the project seeks to bring together community members to share their stories of colonization, displacement, forced migration locally and transnationally in order to 1) break down myths and stereotypes associated with poverty, mental health, and homelessness and 2) raise awareness about the systemic drivers of homelessness and 3) facilitate intergenerational and intercultural relationship building.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Catholic Street Missionaries Society</b>	<p><b>Cold and Wet Weather Outreach during the Pandemic:</b></p> <p>When winter comes between October and April, we shall go out to the street to give out things that will keep those who sleep on the street warm. We plan to give out include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- winter response items (including clothes, mitts, blankets, resources, pamphlets)</li> <li>- Our primary population is those who sleep on the street</li> </ul>	\$2,000	\$3,000	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Lotus Light Charity Society</b>	<p><b>LLCS Winter Charity Drive Care for the Homeless</b></p> <p>300 Care packages will be distributed to city emergency shelters, and non profit groups in our local community. 300 Care packages will be distributed by partner organizations Vancouver Police Department Homeless Outreach team and BC Ambulance Service paramedics to homeless who need help. 400 Care packages and sandwiches made by charity kitchen will be distributed to groups who work in the homelessness sector in DTES.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	<b>\$3,000</b>



<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM A (up to \$3000) RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
Agency	Project Description	2020 Grant	2021 Request	2021 Recom
<b>McLaren Housing Society of British Columbia</b>	<b>Symposium on the Housing Continuum</b> McLaren Housing Society will host a one-day event focused on the housing continuum in Vancouver. Speakers along the trajectory of homelessness to independent living will present on their experiences. Speakers will include people with lived experience of homelessness new to supportive housing, individuals who have transitioned to social housing from supportive housing, and individuals who were able to secure portable subsidies.	N/A	\$3,000	<b>\$2,700</b>
<b>Movies Move Us Association</b>	<b>V6A for the DTES</b> Given the circumstances brought forth by COVID, a free virtual film screening is the best way to bring together communities in the name of a social cause. The educational, inspiring and empowering nature of film can unite audiences in spite of their differences (physical, cultural, and given the virtual element also geographical) to deliver an emotional experience that taps into human belonging and provides meaningful, educational, inspiring content for free. We have seen great success through our past events. We therefore plan to focus on the lower mainland to raise awareness and support the cause through a virtual screening of V6A during HAW.	N/A	\$3,000	<b>\$2,050</b>
	<b>Total Requested for Stream A (\$3000)</b>		\$20,863	
	<b>Total Recommending for Stream A</b>			<b>\$12,750</b>

<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM B (up to \$10, 000) RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
Agency	Project Description	2020 Grant	2021 Request	2021 Recom
<b>A Better Life Foundation</b>	<p><b>Sharpen Up Virtual Cooking Classes</b> Sharpen Up is a project aimed at teaching people living in the DTES cooking skills and nutritional information so that regardless of budget or available resources, they can make educated choices around food. Aim is that this training will also serve as an introduction to developing in demand kitchen skills which may translate to further training and employment opportunities. This project will serve 360 Vancouver residents; the impact will be increased confidence in their skills and ability to learn, a greater connection to their community, and a sense of autonomy and empowerment in being able to make choices around food that are informed and personal to them.</p>	N/A	\$10,000	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia</b>	<p><b>This grant is for South Vancouver Neighbourhood House. South Vancouver Community Hub For Homelessness:</b> The purpose of the South Vancouver Community Hub for Homelessness is to strengthen the South Vancouver Community Hub committee members &amp; residents of South Vancouver, by: 1) Increasing community partnerships within the South Vancouver Hub, 2) offering training for the HUB members and the community at large, 3) developing a network of volunteers, to help with navigating housing resources for participants in different community agencies, 4) training volunteers as housing navigators to help with administering housing/income/food resources, and 5) continuing work on collaborative resource development work with organizations that can create housing solutions in South Vancouver.</p>	\$6,858	\$10,000	<b>\$5,936</b>

<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS            STREAM B (up to \$10, 000)            RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
Agency	Project Description	2020 Grant	2021 Request	2021 Recom
<b>B.W.S.S.: Battered Women's Support Services Association</b>	<b>Homelessness Prevention, Intervention and Advocacy Workshops:</b> The proposed project includes a 12 session workshop series aimed at providing information, advocacy, and support for self-identified women in need of ongoing, safe, and secure housing who are currently experiencing homelessness, have experienced homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness. 10 workshops will be provided for women in need of housing & cover topics around how to obtain and maintain housing in the lower mainland, specifically within Vancouver. Two workshops will be hosted for frontline workers & housing service providers to collaborate, connect, and create communities of care to address housing instability, homelessness and to share intervention, prevention practices & services.	N/A	\$10,000	\$3,600

<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM B (up to \$10, 000) RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
Agency	Project Description	2020 Grant	2021 Request	2021 Recom
<b>Employ to Empower Foundation</b>	<p><b>Engaging Community Voices to Challenge Stigma of the DTES</b> The project's purpose is to spark conversations, community dialogue and engagement between people experiencing or who have experienced homelessness and other stigmatized conditions in the DTES, and with the local (DTES neighbourhood) and broader population of Vancouverites who may have limited experiences and awareness of these issues. The overall aim is to challenge the stigma of the DTES by creating opportunities for greater understanding, awareness, and self-reflection of people's own attitudes and behaviours towards the community and its members. The project will introduce an anti-stigma education / awareness-building podcast series, with the goal of countering inaccurate stereotypes and negative public attitudes regarding the DTES. In addition, two (2) direct contact events (if required by public health orders, these will pivot to virtual events) will foster both community dialogue and community engagement.</p>	N/A	\$6,001	<b>\$6,001</b>
<b>Gallery Gachet Society</b>	<p><b>14th Annual Oppenheimer Park Show</b> Our annual Oppenheimer Park show features artists who have a connection to Oppenheimer Park, its surrounding neighbourhood, and the Downtown Eastside. The first Oppenheimer Park show was held in 2008 in anticipation of changes, challenges, and loss in a pre-Olympic city. Since then, artists in the show have addressed international politics, placement and displacement, history, nature, and time, among many other themes. Gachet's mandate is to centre artists who have lived experience with mental illness, trauma, and substance use, and the Oppenheimer Park show provides us an opportunity to work with artists who may face barriers in navigating traditional juried open call procedures with galleries.</p>	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$3,000

<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS            STREAM B (up to \$10, 000)            RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>2020 Grant</b>	<b>2021 Request</b>	<b>2021 Recom</b>
<b>Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association</b>	<b>Hot Soup Kitchen:</b> The Hot Soup Kitchen project will provide participants with a nutritious hot soup and sandwich daily if needed during the winter months Oct 2021 - Mar 2022 at Mount Pleasant Community Centre. While we envision it providing support primarily to individuals experiencing homelessness or living in supportive housing, we recognize that it will support other vulnerable and marginalized populations struggling with similar food security issues. It is our intent to staff the kitchen with a range of community volunteers to further foster social connectedness.	N/A	\$7,500	<b>\$7,000</b>
<b>Powell Street Festival Society</b>	<b>Coming Home to Powell Street: Building Trust and Community Through Care:</b> The purpose of the project is to support the low-income members of the DTES community with care packages and low-barrier employment opportunities and to raise awareness about and help destigmatize homelessness. The Annual Powell Street Festival is a widely attended event where we can reach a large portion of the Japanese Canadian community and the general public. Care packages will be assembled by community members, prior to the 2021 event and handed out at Oppenheimer Park over a two day period	\$0	\$10,000	<b>\$5,625</b>

<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM B (up to \$10, 000) RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
Agency	Project Description	2020 Grant	2021 Request	2021 Recom
<b>Street Corner Media Foundation</b>	<b>Speakers Bureau Facilitation Training</b> Megaphone’s Speakers Bureau is proposing a training program for 3 peer facilitators in conjunction with the development of a new stigma audit workshop offering. All facilitators are from vulnerable populations with intersecting identities and lived experience of poverty and homelessness, and all currently live in supportive housing.	N/A	\$9,262	\$3,000
<b>Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users</b>	<b>A Place to Call Home: Housing Justice &amp; the Overdose Crisis in Vancouver:</b> The core purpose of A Place to Call Home (APCH) is to empower VANDU members and people who use drugs (PWUDs) through peer-led education and dialogue on the intersection of the housing and overdose crises in Vancouver. Through the framework of a direct services project, APCH will take the form of regular weekly meetings with VANDU members culminating in a series of Town Hall events organized around the principles of housing justice and ending the overdose crisis. The events will be recorded and simultaneously livestreamed for remote participation.	N/A	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$4,680</b>
<b>Vancouver Aboriginal Transformative Justice Services Society</b>	<b>VAT JSS 3rd Annual Open House:</b> Throughout the week, we will post daily information sessions, contests and virtual meetings. On the day of our BBQ/Lunch we will start our day with an opening prayer provided by a Elder, then, throughout the day: Information sharing of VATJSS Housing Positions and services; “Solutions Station” with a questionnaire for feedback; Volunteer Recruitment; Free lunch of BBQ, chilli and banncock, snacks, coffee and tea and water; Winter survival kits with warm winter items; Traditional Medicines and Food ; prizes	N/A	\$10,000	<b>\$3,500</b>

<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS            STREAM B (up to \$10, 000)            RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
Agency	Project Description	2020 Grant	2021 Request	2021 Recom
<b>Working Gear Clothing Society</b>	<b>Sustainability of Working Gear’s Community Barbershop Program:</b> Working Gear is committed to eradicating poverty and socio-economic inequalities. The community we serve is traditionally excluded from equity. Over 40% of our clientele identify as indigenous, we also see an overrepresentation of our clients experiencing racialized poverty. The barbershop program is open to everyone in the DTES community. It is a place for some of the most vulnerable clientele who face many barriers in accessing simple services such as haircare. Our community members are discriminated against by mainstream society who believe them to be unhygienic. Personal hygiene is a right and having the ability to present the way one wishes is basic dignity	\$3,000	\$4,560	<b>\$960</b>
	<b>Total Requested for Stream B (\$10,000)</b>		\$187, 323	
	<b>Total Recommended for Stream B</b>			<b>\$53, 302</b>

<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS STREAM A (up to \$3000) NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING :</b>				
Agency	Project Description	2020 Grant	2021 Request	2021 Recom
<b>Anhart Community Housing Society:</b>	<b>Working Effectively with Indigenous Peoples</b> Instead of non-Indigenous peoples trying to offer what we think is needed, these courses, and guidance by Indigenous leaders and Wisdom Elders, will help us listen, and inform us about how to approach. Consult, work, and provide the vulnerable, impacted Indigenous Single mothers, disabled peoples, at risk young adults by first learning and then partnering with Indigenous peoples.	N/A	\$2,863	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Mission Possible</b>	<b>Building Connection: Empowering a Livelihood</b> Through our Employment Readiness Program and two social enterprises, Mission Possible transforms lives by helping people experience a renewed sense of dignity and purpose through meaningful work. The pandemic has created great challenges in our outreach efforts within the community. We have also seen a very sharp decrease in individuals dropping into our office to find out more about our program, as foot traffic has been reduced, and COVID-19 safety protocols make drop-ins less appealing. MP wishes to ensure opportunity in our Vancouver neighbourhood to directly benefit people who have recently experienced homelessness, are at risk of homelessness or living in supportive housing - through targeted outdoor advertising. Two ads would run at the same time in 2 different locations within the DTES, before end of 2021, with the intention that running these ads alleviates some of the pandemic related challenges for our outreach efforts.	N/A	\$3,000	<b>\$0</b>



<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS            STREAM B ( up to \$10,000)            NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING :</b>				
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Event Description</b>	<b>2020 Grant</b>	<b>2021 Request</b>	<b>2021 Recom</b>
<b>Chrysalis Society:</b>	<b>Honorariums for Marginalized Women in Recovery</b> Chrysalis would like to offer honorariums to the women in our care, the activities that the clients would be volunteering for include: office administration (copying, organized, sorting, cleaning, filing and other tasks), 2nd stage women helping out at our 1st stage recovery home by escorting women on walks and accompanying them on outings, gardening and landscaping, painting and household repair and cleaning, helping with grocery shopping and meal planning and helping to organize our 3 garages. Our clients are recovering from addiction, multiple mental health and physical conditions, trauma and racism and learning household tasks and office skills will help build esteem and confidence. Many of the skills learned are life skills that can be transferred into future independent living. Receiving honorariums will help the women feel less stigma and shame associated with addiction and homelessness. We average over 100 women a year in our four programs.	N/A	\$10,000	<b>\$0</b>

<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS            STREAM B ( up to \$10,000)            NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING :</b>				
Agency	Event Description	2020 Grant	2021 Request	2021 Recom
<b>Downtown Eastside Womens Centre Association</b>	<b>Expanding Safe Space for Women in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside:</b> Creating and maintaining low-barrier safe space for all women is our priority, particularly for the women who survive with complex trauma, mental health, and/or addiction issues. Through the coronavirus pandemic, DEWC has been forced to reduce its space capacity to establish physical distancing protocols. Our 24-hour Emergency Shelter location (412 E Cordova St.) reduced beds to 50 and temporarily suspended drop-in services, which saw more than 150 women using the space daily. Our Drop-in Centre, which would host up to 450 women per day is now permitted to host no more than 50 people at a time – including staff and volunteers required for its operation	\$5,442	\$10,000	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Limage Media Group</b>	<b>Give + Share Humanitarian Software:</b> For this project, currently in ALPHA testing, the Give + Share food and shelter modules unify and manage the flow of data and updates free to low-cost meals, shelter and other community resources all in one location.	N/A	\$10,000	<b>0</b>

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Agency	Event Description	2020 Grant	2021 Request	2021 Recom
<b>Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society</b>	<b>HAW Urban Aboriginal Continuum of Housing:</b> The HAW 2021 Urban indigenous continuum on housing event will be held during HAW 2021. The urban aboriginal navigation team will plan and prepare the event with partner organizations; all planning will be determined and influenced by Public Health precautions for COVID19	N/A	\$10,000	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Lower Mainland Purpose Society</b>	<b>Friendly Landlord Forum:</b> <i>Withdrawn for ineligibility criteria (New Westminster-Based)</i>	N/A	Application withdrawn	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Pedal Foundation</b>	<b>Downtown Eastside Transportation Equity Project / Pedals for the People Atira Bicycle Project:</b> This project will work with the DTES Hub, operated by the Atira Development Society, to provide bicycles as transportation for 25 of their clients to ensure that those who need it most can get where they need to go. These bikes will come with lights, locks, and helmets to ensure that they are equipped to be used safely. We will also be provide free maintenance instruction and bike servicing from June 2021 – June 2022 out of Oppenheimer Park which will allow them to keep their bikes operable and be empowered to maintain their bikes themselves.	N/A	\$10,000	<b>\$0</b>

<b>HAW AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS            STREAM B ( up to \$10,000)            NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING :</b>				
Agency	Event Description	2020 Grant	2021 Request	2021 Recom
<b>Unique Get Together Society</b>	<b>Childcare Assistance for Those nearing homelessness :</b> This project aims to provide free childcare services to individuals who are nearing homelessness. We will also aid the parents in job applications and resume services, as needed. Through this project, our team of early childhood care educators will go to the child, and take care of them in their home. Furthermore, they will engage with the children and teach them various arts and crafts, including Indigenous arts and more.	N/A	\$10,000	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Seniors Services Society of BC</b>	<b>HouseKEEPING for Seniors</b> Seniors Services Society of BC, under the newly piloted provincial Seniors Housing & Information Navigation Ease (SHINE) Program, is implementing services to seniors (60+) in a Metro Vancouver multi-unit rental building: Brightside Homes in Vancouver, BC. The program will ensure that low-income senior renters will have easy and streamlined access to support services that meet their housing, mental wellness and financial needs and enable them to age in the right place. One such underfunded support is Light housekeeping.	N/A	\$10,000	<b>\$0</b>
<b>WholeWay House</b>	<b>I Get To / I am _____ DTES Community:</b> The I Get To/I Am Project is aimed to minimize stigma and judgement against people experiencing homelessness and/or mental health and/or addiction issues by sharing the human elements that we have in common as well as spreading gratitude in a time of great difficulty, especially through COVID-19.	N/A	\$10,000	<b>\$0</b>