



## REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services  
SUBJECT: 2022 Homelessness Action Week (HAW) Grants

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- A. THAT Council approve the Homelessness Action Week (HAW) grants totalling \$43,000 from the 2022 Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget in the amounts and to the organizations described in Appendix A of this Report.
- B. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deems any organization that is not a charity registered with the Canada Revenue Agency and is listed in Appendix A to be an organization contributing to the health and welfare of the City.
- C. THAT Council authorize and delegate authority to the General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services, or their designate, to negotiate and execute agreements to disburse the grants described in Recommendation A on the terms and conditions described in this Report and on the terms and conditions that the General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services deem necessary or advisable.
- D. 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.

Recommendation A requires 2/3 affirmative votes of all Council members per Section 206 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

The HAW grants are aimed at providing funding for organizations raising awareness about and building local capacity for solutions to homelessness. This report seeks Council approval for 15

Homelessness Services grants totalling \$43,000 as part of the ongoing Homelessness Action Week (HAW) grants program. The source of funds for the HAW grants is the 2022 Arts, Culture and Community Services (ACCS) Street Homelessness Operating Budget.

### **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.

**Equity Framework:** On July 10, 2021, Council approved the Equity Framework to address systemic racism and to reduce barriers for those who have historically experienced the most exclusion, violence and harm in Vancouver.

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

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

### **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.

Notwithstanding the shift of the Federal Government funding 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) Grants

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. While originally focused on supporting events that took place during HAW, the HAW grants now support events and projects that provide support for individuals experiencing homelessness throughout the year.

The overarching goals of HAW Grants are to:

1. Support Vancouver residents who are experiencing homelessness;
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;
4. Engage the voices of those with lived experience; and
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.

For three years, between 2019 and 2021, both the HAW Grants and Supportive Housing Grants were distributed through one call for proposals and applications were adjudicated by one panel. During this time period, the maximum amount of funding that an applicant could apply for increased to \$10,000. In effort to provide funding to as many organizations as possible, most successful applicants received partial funding, and in 2021 only one applicant received \$10,000.

This year, the Supportive Housing Grant program will undertake a separate grant process in the fall of 2022. The separation of grant calls results in \$43,000 in funding being available specifically for HAW grants.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Allocated</b>	<b># of Organizations</b>	<b>RTS</b>
2009	Homeless Action Plan	\$9,300	4	RTS 08283
2010	Homeless Action Plan	\$10,500	5	RTS 08788
2011	Street Homelessness Project	\$25,000	9	RTS 09325
2012	Street Homeless Budget	\$30,000	11	RTS 09581
2013	Street Homeless Budget	\$35,000	18	RTS 10135
2014	Street Homelessness	\$40,000	16	RTS 10619
2015	Street Homelessness	\$43,000	18	RTS 10980
2016	Street Homelessness	\$33,650	13	RTS 11433
2017	Street Homelessness	\$43,000	17	RTS 11939
2018	Homelessness Services	\$46,000	16	RTS 12506
2018	<i>Supportive Housing Capital</i>	<i>\$12,000</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>RTS 12506</i>
2018	<i>Supportive Housing Capital</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>RTS 12777</i>

Year	Funding Source	Funding Allocated	# of Organizations	RTS
2019	Homelessness Services, Supportive Housing Capital	\$64,000	14	RTS 13139
2020	Homelessness Services, Supportive Housing Capital	\$66,000	15	RTS 13625
2021	Homelessness Services, Supportive Housing Capital	\$66,052	16	RTS 14279

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.

### ***Strategic Analysis***

#### 2022 Homelessness Action Week Grants

This year, there is \$43,000 to allocate to organizations that are supporting individuals experiencing homelessness in Vancouver. Grant applicants are able to apply for a grant of up to \$3,000 to support a project or event, with an emphasis during adjudication to provide the full allocation of eligible funding to successful applicants.

The COVID-19 pandemic has burdened the already stretched non-profit sector and disproportionately impacted populations marginalized by systemic inequities who need these services the most. Acknowledging the hardship on the non-profit sector and individuals who are experiencing homelessness, and to better align with Council's priorities (City of Reconciliation, Equity Framework) to further decolonize our granting processes, the ACCS grant teams worked together to develop more streamlined application processes.

This included implementation of an online Grants Management System (GMS), as well as a simplified and more streamlined application process for all ACCS grants. The goal of these changes are to reduce barriers to accessing funding for the non-profit sector, particularly organizations serving equity-denied and disproportionately impacted communities that have been historically underserved by grants programs.

#### *Application and Review Process*

A HAW Grants information and application guide were prepared and posted online on the Homeless Action Week Grants webpage (<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/homelessness-action-week-grants.aspx>). Email notifications with information about the HAW grants, timelines, and application process were sent to over 150 organizations in Vancouver. Staff held two information sessions for interested organizations and staff arranged additional meetings to answer questions and assist applicants.

#### *Adjudication*

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

### *Results of the Call for Proposals*

The call for proposals resulted in 24 applications, totaling \$70,695. As noted above, total funds available for 2022 HAW grants is \$43,000. Staff recommend allocating all available funds through this call for proposals.

*Table 1: Totals for HAW Grants 2022*

<b>Total Amount Requested</b>	<b>Funding Recommended</b>	<b>Total Number of Applicants</b>	<b>Number of Recommended Applications</b>
\$70,695	\$43,000	24	15

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 15 grants being recommended in this report showcase the diversity of projects and events that organizations are implementing to directly support individuals experiencing homelessness in Vancouver. All 15 recommended applications supported the primary goal of HAW grants, which is to support Vancouver residents who are experiencing homelessness. Examples of activities that HAW funding will support include:

- Peer led and facilitated project expanding Indigenous street-based outreach
- Youth led initiative to support individuals experiencing homelessness during extreme heat events during the summer
- Dialogue and capacity building sessions coordinated through neighbourhood houses to break down stigma, and reduce barriers for individuals experiencing homelessness to access services in their neighbourhood
- Supporting increased digital access for individuals experiencing homelessness

As typical in granting calls, the amount of funding requested exceeded the budget. During the adjudication process, applications that were being recommended were reviewed to ensure the funding allocation would result in a successful event or project. Staff recommend the full funding for eleven applications, and partial funding for an additional four applications. In instances where staff are recommending partial funding, funds were prioritized to provide direct delivery of the project or event and not to cover administration expenses.

Please see the Tables in Appendix A which summarize the applications received and the recommended funding level for each.

Staff will work with unsuccessful applicants to provide feedback on their application, and where applicable, identify opportunities to support their project in different ways (for example attending and promoting events).

### 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),
- Gathering Place Community Centre (Gathering Place Connect),
- Evelyne Saller Community Centre (Evelyne Saller Community Connect).

This year, the Evelyne Saller Community Centre and the Gathering Place Community Centre will be host a 2022 Connect events in fall/winter 2022.

### ***Financial***

This report recommends Council approve \$43,000 in grants to 15 non-profit organizations, source of funds Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget.

### ***Communications***

A calendar of events and activities will be created and posted on the City's website.

### ***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. 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*.

The HAW grant program provides the opportunity to engage residents in raising awareness about homelessness issues, challenging stigma around homelessness, 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.

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<b>HAW GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>2021 Grant</b>	<b>2022 Request</b>	<b>2022 Recom</b>
<b>B.W.S.S.: Battered Women's Support Services Association</b>	<p><b>Homelessness Prevention, Intervention, Advocacy and Support Workshops</b></p> <p>The proposed project includes a twelve 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. Ten of the workshops will be provided for women who are in need of housing and the two remaining workshops will be hosted for frontline workers and housing service providers.</p> <p>The overall purpose of this project is to provide information regarding available local housing resources, and subsidies, and to connect women to other community-based organizations that offer various housing supports.</p> <p>This project will also include supporting women in completing and submitting housing applications, advocating with current housing providers if needed, providing gift certificates for healthy meals to all those attending the workshops as well as strategizing payments for moving expenses and the first month rent.</p>	\$3,600	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Connect Vancouver Foundation</b>	<p><b>Connect Vancouver - Summer Initiative</b></p> <p>The project would provide four months of pre-paid cell phone bills and smartphones to each client, as well as the option of digital literacy training. Smartphones used for the program would be sourced from our donation program. Grant funding would be primarily utilized towards phone bills, and phone accessories such as charging cables, which are our primary cost when preparing donated smartphones for use in our programs.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$3,000

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<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>2021 Grant</b>	<b>2022 Request</b>	<b>2022 Recom</b>
<b>DUDES Club Society</b>	<p><b>Vancouver DUDES Squad</b></p> <p>This project proposes to create a new DUDES Street Squad (DSS) in the Strathcona and Grandview-Woodland neighbourhoods in Vancouver based out of our new office on Clark Street to meet the greatly increased needs of the communities following the homelessness, COVID-19, and overdose epidemics. This project would support a group of four peers, one peer facilitator, and one elder or knowledge keeper to conduct weekly street-based outreach services to individuals experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, or substance use.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Employ to Empower Foundation</b>	<p><b>The Human-First Project</b></p> <p>The “Human-First Project,” will address the stigma and discrimination of people who are experiencing (or have experienced) poverty and homelessness in the DTES community by facilitating education / awareness, dialogue, interaction and connection between these groups through a series of podcasts, documentaries, educational workshops, and events.</p> <p>The project’s purpose is to celebrate the individuality of members of the DTES community, spark community dialogue, and facilitate opportunities for meaningful contact (e.g. engagement opportunities) between people experiencing or who have experienced homelessness and other stigmatized conditions in the DTES, and broader population of Vancouverites who may have limited experiences and awareness of these issues.</p>	\$6,001	\$2,950	\$2,950



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<b>Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House</b>	<p><b>Hastings-Sunrise Heat Wave: Youth Project</b></p> <p>The Hastings-Sunrise Heat Wave: Youth Project aims to provide vulnerable people in our community with information about the risks of heat waves as well as distribute items essential to staying safe and cool during extreme heat.</p> <p>We will be partnering with the Hastings Branch of the Vancouver Public Library which will be acting as a cooling centre during the summer months. We will be using VPL Hastings as the safe location for our group to distribute items.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$2,550
<b>Gallery Gachet Society</b>	<p><b>15th Annual Oppenheimer Park Community Art Show</b></p> <p>The annual Oppenheimer Park Community Art 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 center 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 face barriers in navigating traditional juried open call procedures with galleries.</p>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

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<b>Hives for Humanity Society</b>	<p><b>Empowering Community Care: sensory care kits + connecting through story</b></p> <p>This project will 1) assemble and redistribute resources that offer forms of sensory respite that are not dependent on where you find shelter, empowering community care of self and of others, through gifted "Sensory Respite Kits" which we have been developing in our practice alongside community in the DTES; 2) connect neighbours with disparate experiences of housing, through story and creativity, to dismantle stigma and build connection. In both cases, through direct involvement of those with lived and living experience, we will directly "help Vancouver residents who are homeless."</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Lotus Light Charity Society</b>	<p><b>LLCS Winter Charity Drive Care for the Homeless</b></p> <p>The project is to distribute winter care package with non-perishable foods, socks, ponchos, gloves and scarves to city temporary shelter homeless residents, and to street homeless who need help by Lotus Light's community partner organizations Vancouver Police Department Homeless Outreach program, BC Ambulance Service paramedics, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction outreach team, and by Lotus Light's Extreme Weather Response Team during Extreme Cold Weather Alerts. The primary population groups includes people experiencing homelessness, people who were recently experiencing homelessness, and people at risk of homelessness in the DTES community. The program deliver a positive message to the vulnerable groups in our community that the society cares for their welfare.</p>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

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<b>Marpole Neighbourhood House</b>	<p><b>Marpole's Safe Haven</b></p> <p>The purpose of this grant, is to provide opportunities for the community to come together in dialogue through sessions provided by trained community professionals and neighbours with lived experience. The overall goal is to create a safe haven for the community to come together and in collaboration, begin to remove the fear and stigma associated with homelessness. In a spirit belonging and safety, these facilitated dialogues/workshops will provide opportunities to learn and discuss Marpole's homelessness issues and together find solutions to hold space for our most vulnerable community members. Creating a safe haven for both individuals who are experiencing homelessness and for the community at large to have open dialogue and spaces for learning will increase understanding of and create a way forward for this complex issue.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$2,500
<b>Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association</b>	<p><b>Hot Soup Kitchen</b></p> <p>This year's project is going to work with local service providers such as churches, Salvation Army, Neighbourhood houses, community members, VPL to create a Food Security Mapping of community meals in the neighbourhood. We were successful in doing a 7 days a week hot soup program during the winter months for last year's grant. As this year's grant is less than what is needed to sustain a 7 day a week program, we want to partner with other organizations and compliment each others community meals to ensure that our homeless have meals available each day.</p> <p>The project/event is going to identify gaps in food security services and choose a location and help them develop a soup program, using our model and so they can offer the same program on a day and at time needed.</p>	\$7,000	\$3,000	\$3,000

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<b>Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House</b>	<p><b>Community Dialogue on Homelessness Awareness &amp; Support</b></p> <p>The project consists of two dialogue sessions focusing on breaking down stigma and stereotypes surrounding unhoused individuals. The dialogue sessions will lead into a call for donation in-kind. The donations will be delivered to a shelter after a walk in solidarity with homelessness. The project is open to all members of the community, but we are hoping to get youth and young adults more involved. The main purpose of the project will be to raise awareness and share stories about homelessness, displacement, and breaking down stereotypes associated with poverty, mental health and homelessness.</p>	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,700
<b>South Vancouver Neighbourhood House</b>	<p><b>Understanding Homelessness</b></p> <p>The 'Understanding Homelessness' project has 2-parts: Resources Guide Booklet: and "Understanding Homelessness" Open-House Community/Resources Fare held at Killarney Community Centre with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous Elder will open the gathering with drumming, songs, blessings, and land acknowledgement.</li> <li>• HAW Facilitator will help the community members understand what 'visible and invisible homelessness' means and how the community can support those experiencing it.</li> <li>• SVNH will share a presentation of the statistics, stories, and experiences of those in the streets of South Van. (The presentation is in the process of being completed by the Resources Navigator)</li> <li>• Participants will be encouraged and invited to share their stories and will have an opportunity to get to know the resources that are available as they visit the Resources Tables set up by Hub partners during this gathering.</li> </ul>	\$5,936	\$2,745	\$2,300

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<b>Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society</b>	<p><b>VAFCS's Medicine Wheel Wellness Day</b></p> <p>VAFCS's proposed project is a community wellness day that will be held in the VAFCS gym where clients from our 201 Central shelter and 1607 E Hastings shelter, along with any ongoing clients of the friendship centre can eat a warm meal, receive personal hygiene care (haircuts and foot care), be offered opportunities in VAFCS's skills and employment programs (as well as outside skills and employment programs.) The wellness day will also boast a mini-tax clinic, a booth to help people with resume's, housing supports, cultural supports and medicines as well as a drumming circle and a time set aside for peers with lived experience to share their story or artwork (poetry, spoken word). VAFCS would also like to host organizations like Working Gear, ACCESS and Indigenous Innovations to name a few.</p>	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Vancouver Odd Fellows Lodge No.90 Independent Order of Odd Fellows</b>	<p><b>Warming Centre Outreach</b></p> <p>We have operated in partnership with the City of Vancouver a Warming Centre in our Odd Fellows hall for the past two winters. The City only has basic funding that pays for staffing and security. We offer our hall for free to the City. We have seen over the past two years how much more support the homeless need and we would like to expand our services to reach out to the homeless in our neighbourhood and provide them with support services.</p> <p>In addition to providing the homeless with shelter during the winter we would like to look at providing evening meals, coupons for breakfast, bus passes, clean socks, care packages, blankets, sleeping bags - both at our centre when it is open but also canvassing the neighbourhood on other nights over the year.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$3,000

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<b>Working Gear Clothing Society</b>	<p><b>Free Men's Clothing Pop-Up Event</b></p> <p>Many of the more established clothing programs in the DTES tend to focus on women's clothing and while this great, the population of the DTES has a higher percentage of individuals identifying as men. The lack of men's clothing coupled with the demand for men's clothing has created a shortage of men's clothing in the DTES.</p> <p>This has resulted in a need for men's clothing pop-ups to service the DTES community. Working Gear has had two so far in 2022. The pop-up event is a free clothing store where most of the clothing and footwear is men. All genders are welcome to attend and take items. We are currently using space at a local charity partner, but this location is small and not accessible for those in wheelchairs. We would like to secure and rent space in a more open at inclusive space funding would ensure this is possible.</p> <p>We would like to host monthly free clothing pop-ups for the rest of 2022 to bridge the need of footwear and suitable men's clothing for marginalized individuals in the community. This shares much needed quality items like men's clothing and footwear to those experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Paid peer labour for the pop-up clothing event will also create meaningful experiences both for peers and for the attendees of the events but also take the pressure off Working Gear's finite volunteer capacity which will ensure our main programs maintain sustainability.</p>	\$960	\$3,000	\$3,000
	<b>Total Requested</b>		<b>\$44,695</b>	
	<b>Total Recommending</b>			<b>\$43,000</b>

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<b>A Better Life Foundation</b>	<p><b>Sharpen Up</b></p> <p>Sharpen Up is a project aimed at providing people living in the DTES with foundational and applicable cooking skills and nutritional information so that regardless of budget or available resources, they can make educated choices around food. Our hope is that for some, this training will also serve as an introduction to developing in demand kitchen skills which may translate to further training and employment opportunities.</p> <p>The impact will be increased confidence in their skills and ability to learn, a greater connection 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>	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$0
<b>Atira Women's Resource Society</b>	<p><b>Housing Starter Kits for Women</b></p> <p>Moving indoors or into safe, affordable housing is an ideal outcome for women who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness. However, the process of making her new place her home can be a daunting task, both financially and emotionally. Once she's living in an empty room or apartment the stress of homelessness is replaced by the stress of securing the basic supplies needed to sleep, cook or bathe. Women moving out of shelters or transitional housing often have very few possessions. As a result, the transition into their own housing is a stumbling block many women must overcome.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$0

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<b>Catholic Street Missionaries Society</b>	<p><b>Walk with Homeless</b></p> <p>The purpose of this project is to "walk with" the homeless throughout the year, provide them with the supplies they need, especially during extreme weather, as well as accompany them on their journey of life, in the hope that one day they will be motivated to change their lives.</p> <p>There are a lot of organizations providing food and clothing. But the homeless need more than the basics. They need emotional support and people that can influence them in a positive way. By befriending them and "walking" with them, we give them emotional support that is very important for them to move forward. Our project will help prevent them go into desperation and hopelessness; and if they are already in despair, to help lead them out slowly but surely.</p> <p>This project will enable us to do more outreaches throughout the year, and thus, build stronger relationships with them. In addition, over the years, we have made more and more street friends, some of them now count on us to provide them with essentials. eg. A homeless man is now expecting us to get him blankets every winter. A homeless senior woman is expecting us to take her to McDonald's every week.</p>	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$0



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<b>Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Society</b>	<p><b>Housing Engagement Outreach</b></p> <p>This project will be an outreach effort built on our existing Mobile Smoothie nutritional outreach model. Mobile Smoothie is an initiative the Neighbourhood House has been running since 2009 monthly on the Tuesday prior to the day community members get access to their social assistance payments where we bring ingredients and a blender to different partner organisations with open drop-in space in the DTES. In providing smoothies on-site, we contribute to a space in which people are able to socialise and mingle around the activity of smoothie making while also providing the opportunity to enjoy a nutritionally dense snack. With this Homelessness Action Week project, we will build on Mobile Smoothie by collaborating with a partner organisation that provide housing related services and programs who can join us in facilitating Mobile Smoothie. Additionally, we will also provide a hot meal alongside the smoothies, with the cooking planned and led by staff and community peers. In this way, the addition of a hot meal to our existing outreach initiative can utilise an event that is familiar, expected, and thoroughly enjoyed by the greater community to bring together DTES organisations and community members. The presence of our partner organisation outreach representatives can then help connect community members experiencing homelessness to relevant and/or previously unknown services and programs.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$0

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<b>Helping Spirit Lodge Society</b>	<p><b>Feasting the Buffalo</b></p> <p>Helping Spirit Lodge Society would like to open up our pow wow drum, invite community members (Dignitaries) clients and tenants who reside in our facilities to experience a warm welcome to HSL's first pow wow drum.</p> <p>Proposed Project: Feasting the Buffalo, (Feasting our Relatives; Community Members) HSL would like to raise awareness on Homelessness and the causes, engage with our relatives on solutions to alleviate homelessness.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$0
<b>Humanitarian Society of the Lower Mainland</b>	<p><b>Feed the Need Vancouver</b></p> <p>The proposed project will be an Open Kitchen that will provide warm and fresh meals to the vulnerable population who reside in the east side of Downtown Vancouver. Individuals within the community will receive meals, who may not have the resources to otherwise attain such basic meals on a day-to-day basis.</p> <p>This project will try to address at least one of the many basic needs that these individuals require for survival by ensuring that most individuals in the Downtown Eastside are provided with a meal as well as care packages including clothing, medical supplies, and snacks. Furthermore, the intended positive impact that our project has on this community is to maintain the sense of belonging and cohesion of everyone in society while reinforcing the idea to the impacted population of the Downtown Eastside that they are definitely not forgotten.</p>	N/A	\$2,000	\$0

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<b>PACE Society</b>	<p><b>Peer Support and Outreach</b></p> <p>PACE Society's Peer Support and Outreach Program will support sex workers in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. The program's main objective is to increase the safety of sex workers by providing peer supports and connections, referrals to partner services and resources, and providing accompaniment and support to health appointments as needed.</p> <p>The program targets current and former sex workers in Vancouver with a particular focus on the DTES and reaching the most marginalized and isolated sex workers and sex workers that face the most harms, including those that work in outdoor locations, use drugs, and experience compounding oppressive violence such as racism or transphobia. The outreach component of the program will focus on connecting with current or former sex workers who are experiencing precarious housing or houselessness.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$0
<b>The Good Guys Charitable Foundation</b>	<p><b>School Club Program</b></p> <p>Our proposed project is to have a large-scale Homeless Action Week themed event in which we bring together all our high school clubs and their members to assemble and distribute care packages. The project will have multiple pieces:</p> <p>(1) the core part of the project is a one-day event to assemble 1000 quality care packages and directly distribute them to the DTES. Each care package costs us around \$6 which allows us to provide shampoo, body soap, lip balm, socks, mittens, and snacks.</p> <p>2) The second major component of the one-day event is the distribution</p> <p>(3) As we estimate to have around 15 school clubs in the 2022-2023 school year, two weeks prior to the one-day event we will launch clothing drive campaigns at each school.</p> <p>(4) Sharing our efforts on social media will be the final aspect of the project.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$0

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<b>The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society</b>	<p><b>Action Place</b></p> <p>The proposed project aims to further initiatives from the previous grant with Coast Mental Health to increase resident's awareness and engagement in social activities and services available at LMNHS and other Neighbourhood Houses. The main activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-breaking down stereotypes and reducing stigma associated with homelessness, poverty, and mental health</li> <li>-increase community engagement and leadership opportunities for youth to serve vulnerable populations</li> <li>-to raise awareness for residents of community-based opportunities by providing information and resources</li> <li>-building community capacity and partnerships for local solutions to homelessness</li> <li>-host social and art activities for residents of Burnham Place</li> </ul> <p>The project will support tenants living at Burnham Place and increase education for participant project about homelessness, poverty, mental health, and knowledge of the housing continuum in Vancouver.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$0
	<b>Total Requested</b>		<b>\$26,000</b>	
	<b>Total Recommending</b>			<b>\$0</b>