

REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Chief Safety Officer

SUBJECT: Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants: Summer Heat Preparedness

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council authorize five (5) Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants totaling \$40,000 to the agencies listed in Column 1 of Appendix A in the amounts recommended for each agency in column 3 of Appendix A. Source funding is the Vancouver Emergency Management Agency budget.
- B. THAT Council authorize two (2) Social Policy Small Capital Grants totalling \$15,465.75 to the Agencies listed in Column 1 of Appendix B in the amounts recommended for each Agency in Column 3 of Appendix B. Source of funding is the 2022 Social Policy Capital Grants budget.
- C. THAT Council authorize a Single Resident Occupancy (SRO) Grant totaling \$100,000 to the Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative Society listed Appendix C. Source of funding is the Climate Emergency Action Dedicated Funding (CEADF).
- D. THAT Council approve one (1) grant of \$10,000 to Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users Society (VANDU) for Eastside Illicit Drinkers Group for Education (EIDGE) Amenity Mapping Project. Source of funds is the 2022 ACCS Operating Budget (Decriminalization of Poverty).
- E. THAT Council delegate its authority to the City's Chief Safety Officer (or their designate) to negotiate and execute legal agreements disbursing the grants described in Recommendation A and containing the terms and conditions described in this Report and any other terms and conditions that the City's Chief Safety Officer and its Director of Legal Services deems necessary.

- F. THAT Council delegate its authority to the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their designate) to negotiate and execute legal agreements disbursing the grants described in Recommendations B through D and containing the terms and conditions described in this Report and any other terms and conditions that the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services and its Director of Legal Services deems necessary.
- G. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, the organizations listed in Appendix A, Appendix B, and Appendix C that are not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency are deemed by Council to be an organization contributing to the welfare of the City.
- H. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of Recommendations A through D unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

Approval of Recommendation A through E constitute a grant and requires an affirmative vote of at least-two-thirds of all of Council pursuant to Section 206(1) of the Vancouver Charter.

REPORT SUMMARY

In the summer of 2021, Vancouver experienced a record-breaking Heat Dome and multiple days of extreme heat, leading to heat-illness and death of approximately 100 people in Vancouver and 595 across the province. During crises like extreme heat, community members rely on the places, programs, and people they know and trust to provide them with emergency support. The Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants support Vancouver-based organizations in building off of community assets and networks to prepare for extreme heat.

This report recommends the approval of five Resilient Neighbourhoods Grant applications totalling \$40,000. Applications received include community-led initiatives to create, improve, and green outdoor cooling spaces, offer peer-based extreme-heat supports, and develop heat response plans. In addition, this report recommends the approval of two Social Policy Small Capital Grants totalling \$15,465.75 to add mechanical cooling to critical drop-in spaces in the Downtown Eastside, an SRO Grant of \$100,000 to support an extreme response plan to mobilize 100 tenants to provide education, support and in-reach services to 2,300 at-risk tenants in 43 private SROs, and a Decriminalization of Poverty Grant of \$10,000 to support illicit drinkers.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Innovation Fund: Resilient Neighbourhoods Program Pilot: In July 2017, Vancouver City Council approved an Innovation Fund to co-create and launch the Resilient Neighbourhoods Program.

Resilient Vancouver Strategy: In April 2019, Council approved the Resilient Vancouver Strategy which outlines holistic steps to identify and address shocks and stresses faced by Vancouver, and cultivate Thriving and Prepared Neighbourhoods, Proactive and Collaborative City Government, and Safe and Adaptive Buildings and Infrastructure.

Healthy City Strategy: In October 2014, Council approved goals, targets and indicators of the Healthy City Strategy 2014-2025 Phase I. On July 8, 2015 Council approved the first four-year action plan for the Healthy City Strategy.

Housing Vancouver Strategy: In 2017, Council approved the Strategy including endorsing the SRO Revitalization Action Plan as part of Housing Vancouver, which includes taking actions to improve the livability of SRO rooms and buildings for existing residents while working to accelerate replacement of SRO rooms with new, selfcontained shelter rate social housing units inside and outside the Downtown Eastside (DTES).

Framework for City of Reconciliation: In July 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.

Spaces to Thrive: Social Infrastructure Strategy: In January 2022, Council approved the Spaces to Thrive: Social Infrastructure Strategy which takes a human rights-based and neighbourhood resilience approach to supporting the people, places, and programs that promote wellbeing.

Social Policy Small and Medium-Large Capital (SPC) Grants: The City has offered a small Capital Grants program to Vancouver-based social and cultural organizations in non-City-owned properties since 1975. In December 2013 Council approved a policy change that allows SPC grants to include organizations in facilities owned, leased or rented by the City.

Climate Emergency: Extreme Heat and Air Quality Mitigation Motion: In July 2021, Council received a memo from the Vancouver City Planning Commission containing recommendations for planning for extreme heat. Staff responded to this motion with a memo in March 2022 detailing short, medium, and long-term actions underway related to extreme heat and poor air quality. These grants contribute to the furthering of those actions.

Climate Change Adaptation Strategy: In November 2018, Council approved updates to the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, which outlines risk reduction actions to address the impacts of Climate Change.

Approval of grant recommendations requires eight affirmative votes.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing. Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants, the supporting Social Policy Small Capital Grants, the SRO Grant, and the Decriminalizing Poverty Grant are an acknowledgement of the disproportionate impacts of extreme heat and other emergencies on certain communities, recognition of the key role community-based organizations play in building resilience day-to-day, and providing critical emergency supports during crises (Resilient Vancouver Strategy). These grants are an important mechanism by which the City promotes equity and accessibility in extreme heat response, and provides resources to communities disproportionately impacted by extreme heat and other emergencies through partnerships with Vancouver's non-profit sector.

REPORT

Background/Context

In 2021 nearly 100 people in Vancouver died from exposure to extreme heat, and countless more experienced heat-related illnesses. The extreme heat event also illustrated pre-existing inequities in the city. Impacts of extreme heat are not experienced equally throughout Vancouver. Seniors, people with chronic physical and mental health conditions, and people who are socially isolated and living in poverty are just some of the populations whom experienced the most severe impacts. Poor quality housing, overall social and material deprivation, and poor urban tree canopy are risk factors for increased mortality during extreme heat. <u>Certain neighbourhoods</u> in Vancouver were impacted more severely than others. A disproportionate number of emergency room visits originated in the DTES during the 2021 Heat Dome, according to VCH data of emergency room department visits. At the same time, these heat events also proved the importance of community-led preparedness, social networks and connectedness, access to safe, healthy, and resilient spaces. During crises, people seek information and help from the people, places, and programs they know and trust – often non-profits and other community-based organizations.

Building on COVID-19, extreme weather and public health crises response initiatives, many organizations played pivotal roles last summer in setting up cool rooms, offering transportation to Cooling Centres, providing outdoor shade and water access, conducting heat wellness checks to socially isolated people, seniors, people with chronic health conditions, people with disabilities, and people who use illicit drugs and alcohol, and implemented a variety of other life-saving measures to support equity-denied communities. Building on these lessons, the Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants are intended to support Vancouver-based non-profit organizations to lead preparedness projects within their own communities. These initiatives range from establishing cooling features in and around their spaces, establishing peer-based supports, and developing heat preparedness plans to support community during crises like heat waves.

These Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants acknowledge that preparedness must be informed and led by lived experience, and local communities know best about what they need. During crises, community members and organizations are quick to identify innovative, accessible, and grassroots interventions. Community members and organizations are also full of irreplaceable knowledge, skills, assets, networks, and capacities that are critical to the health, wellbeing, and resilience of neighbourhoods. Grants are an important tool to resource and enable community-led initiatives that save lives, adapt places, and leverage and strengthen social connections that foster a sense of belonging and wellbeing for all.

Grants and other supports to the non-profit service sector are key resilience-building tools that enable work toward City policy goals including the Resilient Vancouver Strategy, related policies and priorities, including Healthy City Strategy, Housing Vancouver, Spaces to Thrive: Social Infrastructure Strategy, Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, and City of Reconciliation, equity, anti-racism, cultural redress and accessibility efforts.

On March 17, 2020 the Government of BC declared a state of emergency to support the province wide response to the novel COVID-19 pandemic. At that time all events and

public gatherings were cancelled, and the City of Vancouver paused the intake of applications and distribution of Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants.

Strategic Analysis

Summary of Review Panel Recommendations

The following is a summary of projects for which Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants and Social Policy Small Capital Grants, SRO Grants are being recommended; the recommended grant amounts are shown in Table 1.

All grant applications were reviewed by a panel comprised of representatives from the City of Vancouver.

This report recommends grants for which applications were received in April 2022, under the approved 2016 guidelines (Appendix A, B, C and D).

Table 1: SUMMARY OF GRANTS AND PRIORITY AREAS

Rec.	Grant Type	Resilient Vancouver Strategy and other City priorities	Direct Impact	Total Funding
A	Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants (5 total)	 Resilient Vancouver Strategy: Thriving and Prepared Neighbourhoods Healthy City Strategy: Healthy Human Services Being and Feeling Safe and Included Cultivating Connections City of Reconciliation 	5 grants that will support a range of extreme heat mitigation and preparedness initiatives that directly support seniors, people with disabilities, people who use drugs, and Indigenous and racialized communities. Initiatives include adding shading and access to water in the DTES, cooling indoor spaces, and establishing peer support networks.	\$40,000
В	Social Policy Small Capital Grants)	 Healthy City Strategy: Healthy Human Services Being and Feeling Safe and Included Cultivating Connections Women's Equity Strategy 	2 grants to community organizations to support community capacity during extreme heat by installing mechanical cooling in safe and appropriate facilities to protect community health and wellbeing.	\$15,466
c	SRO Grant	 Resilient Vancouver Strategy: Thriving and Prepared Neighbourhoods Housing Vancouver Healthy City Strategy: 	1 grant to the SRO Collaborative to enable material preparation, education and implementation of critical outreach and support services over the summer and during any heat	\$100,000

Rec.	Grant Type	Resilient Vancouver Strategy and other City priorities	Direct Impact	Total Funding
		 Healthy Human Services Being and Feeling Safe and Included Cultivating Connections 	events to approx. 2300 at risk residents in 46 privately-owned SRO Hotels.	
D	Eastside Illicit Drinkers for Education (EIDGE) Amenity Mapping Project	 Resilient Vancouver Strategy: Thriving and Prepared Neighbourhoods Healthy City Strategy: Healthy Human Services Being and Feeling Safe and Included Cultivating Connections 	1 grant to conduct low barrier amenity mapping to identify safe spaces for drinkers, reduce criminalization and enhance community resilience specific to heat response.	\$10,000
TOTAL				

The grants recommended in this report are informed by the Resilient Vancouver Strategy and related Council strategies and priorities, as illustrated in Table 1.

1) Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants (Recommendation A)

Staff are seeking Council's approval for five Resilient Neighbourhoods Grant applications totalling \$40,000 (Appendix A). Applications received include local non-profit and grassroots organizations serving equity-denied communities who are particularly vulnerable to extreme heat. The organizations recommended for these grants reflect populations and neighbourhoods disproportionately impacted by the Heat Dome in 2021. The current balance of the Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants budget is \$40,000.

These small but important grants support non-profits and grassroots organizations in neighbourhoods that experienced disproportionate impacts during the Heat Dome in 2021. Recommended proposals serve a range of functions, including adding outdoor green spaces, shading, access to water and cooling in the Downtown Eastside, developing peer-based support networks and distributing cooling kits, and establishing cool indoor spaces for organizations serving equity-denied communities.

The five grants recommended in this report will enhance community-led extreme heat response, community connections and resilience, and have significant impacts on the health and wellbeing of residents in neighbourhoods that require additional supports and resources.

A full list of projects can be found in Appendix A. Applications that are not being recommended can be found in Appendix A-1.

2) Social Policy Small Capital Grants (Recommendation B)

Staff are seeking Council's approval for two Social Policy Small Capital Grant applications totalling \$15,465.75 (Appendix B). The Social Policy Small Capital Grants recommended in this report support projects to enhance safety and services for vulnerable populations in the DTES. The organizations recommended for capital grants reflects both the diverse nature of the city's social services sector and the important role this grant program plays in ensuring services are provided in in physical environments that are safe, welcoming and appropriate to the services being delivered.

These grants are supporting two additional projects that were submitted through the Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants application process and that relate to small capital spending. Recommended proposals specifically address gaps in cooling infrastructure in the Downtown Eastside and enable key services to remain open throughout potential extreme heat events.

The two grants recommended in this report will increase access to cooling for equitydenied communities in the Downtown Eastside and improve health, wellbeing, and connections of residents.

A full list of projects can be found in Appendix B. Applications were received through the Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants, but are best suited to being supported through the Social Policy Small Capital Grant stream so no non-recommended grants are listed for this section.

3) SRO Grant (Recommendation C)

Staff are seeking Council's approval for an SRO Grant totalling \$100,000 (Appendix C), to enable the SRO Collaborative to build the capacity of tenant leaders, residents of private SRO Hotels, and owners and buildings manager, to provide life-saving support and services over the summer and during any heat events. Indoor temperatures are strongly influenced by building design, construction, size, ventilation, materials, insulation, and more – with higher floors reaching hotter temperatures. SROs are particularly susceptible to high indoor temperatures.

The Grant will enable the SRO-C and their partners to in-reach to 46 privately-owned SRO Hotels that are home to approx. 2300 at-risk, low-income residents. The grant will enable: the purchase of materials, preparation and distribution of cool packs and resources; comprehensive first-aid training of 100 tenant volunteers, including multi-lingual training, and ideally leverage support from other funding partners and/or private owners to create and staff emergency cooling rooms in Private SROs during heat events. Approval of this grant will increase access to cooling for equity-denied communities in the Downtown Eastside, provided critical room checks in private SROs similar to those in government supported low-income housing, and improve health, wellbeing, and connections of residents.

This grant project can be found in Appendix C. Request was received through Affordable Housing Program.

4) Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users Society (VANDU) for Eastside Illicit Drinkers Group for Education (EIDGE) Amenity Mapping Project (Recommendation D)

Staff are seeking Council's approval for one Decriminalization of Poverty Grant to VANDU for the Eastside Illicit Drinkers Group for Education (EIDGE). This grant will support amenity mapping to meet the needs of illicit drinkers in the DTES, specifically those who use non-beverage alcohol, home-brewed alcohol and/or drink in public spaces.

Work will include a short training for members who will then map access to drinking water and conduct a comprehensive study of washroom access and locations were drinkers can consume alcohol safely. EIDGE will conduct research on how the built environment can be improved to support drinkers in the DTES, explore options for reestablishing a drinker-specific outreach program, and ensure heat-related supply distribution to people known in the community as illicit drinkers at risk of harm.

This grant project can be found in Appendix D. Request was received through Social Policy.

Financial

The recommended Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants will be funded from within the existing approved 2022 operating budget. Social Policy's Small Grants are being used to cover a shortfall of this budget. Social Policy Small Grants budget was allocated as part of the 2019-2022 Capital Plan.

FUNDING SUMMARY

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	2022 Budget	Previously Approved	Recommended in this report
A	Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants	2022 Operating Budget (funding previously came from the 2017 Resilient Neighbourhoods Program Innovation Fund)	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
В	Social Policy Small Capital Grants	2022 Social Policy Capital Grants budget	\$15,466	\$0	\$15,466
С	SRO Grant	Climate Emergency Action Dedicated Funding (CEADF)	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
D	ACCS One Time Project	Decriminalization of Poverty Grant	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
	TOTAL			\$0	\$165,466

CONCLUSION

The five Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants, two Social Policy Small Capital Grants, SRO Grant and Decriminalization of Poverty Grant recommended in this report support a broad spectrum of high-impact, community-led actions to prepare for and respond to extreme heat and foster a more resilient and equitable city for communities disproportionately impacted by extreme heat. These investments in physical infrastructure, peer-based support networks, and sector innovation help ensure that people disproportionately impacted by extreme heat will be better supported in summer 2022 and beyond. The Resilient Neighbourhoods Grants, Social Policy Small Capital Grants review panels, SRO Grants team and Decriminalization of Poverty grants team recommend that Council approve grants totalling \$40,000, \$15,466, \$100,000, and \$10,000 respectively, as outlined in the body of this report. The recommendations are the product of a comprehensive and thoughtful review process consistent with the policy and guidelines approved by Council.

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APPENDIX A: RESILIENT NEIGHBOURHOODS GRANTS RECOMMENDED (Recommendation A)

These one-time grants support: developing new or expanding on existing programs and services related to extreme heat; augmentation of indoor and outdoor spaces to facilitate cooling; workshops and training; peer-networks and supports; and, other interventions to protect the health, safety, and wellness of equity-denied communities during extreme heat.

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AGENCY	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Dudes Club Society	\$8,000	Funding will create outdoor access to green space and reduce overall surface temperatures and improve air quality on the V6A block of the DTES. Project will also enable peer-based monitoring, support, and social connection for community members in the DTES.	CONDITION: Funds will be released in two payments, with release of the second conditional on receipt of a final report to the satisfaction of the Manager of Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction.
Hives for Humanity Society	\$8,000	Funding will support coordination, monitoring, and enhancement of outdoor garden spaces with additional shade and water to provide cooling. Project will also share maps of other cool spaces (indoor and outdoor), accessible washrooms, water stations, and more for community members in the DTES.	CONDITION: Funds will be released in two payments, with release of the second conditional on receipt of a final report to the satisfaction of the Manager of Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction.
Distro Disco (with Coalition of Peers Dismantling the Drug War)	\$8,000	Funding will support training volunteers and peers, providing resources (bus fare, first aid, and more) and distributing emergency heat supplies (shade, water, coolers, medical supplies) via mobile delivery.	CONDITION: Funds will be released in two payments, with release of the second conditional on receipt of a final report to the satisfaction of the Manager of Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction.

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AGENCY	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Hope in Shadows Society	\$8,000	Funding will support purchasing and distribution of summer wellness kits, water coolers, a small deep freezer for cool packs, room and space costs for training, and other supplies, and peer-based supports.	CONDITION: Funds will be released in two payments, with release of the second conditional on receipt of a final report to the satisfaction of the Manager of Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction.
Baha'i Foundation Canada/Fondation Baha'ie Canada	\$8,000	Installation of Heat Pump and air conditioning for family programming space serving Urban Indigenous and refugee families in Strathcona, the DTES, Grandview-Woodland and Killarney.	CONDITION: Funds will be released in two payments, with release of the second conditional on receipt of a final report to the satisfaction of the Manager of Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction.
TOTAL = 5	\$40,000		

APPENDIX A-1: RESILIENT NEIGHBOURHOODS GRANTS NOT RECOMMENDED

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AGENCY	REQUEST	PROJECT NAME	COMMENTS & CONDITIONS
VanCity Community Foundation	\$8,000	312 Main Heat Event Response Planning Project	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budgets is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancouver Design Nerds Society	\$8,000	Cool Share	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budgets is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Atira Development Society	\$8,000	Atira Distribution Hub	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budgets is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Strathcona Community Centre Association (1972)	\$8,000	Cooling Our Community	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budgets is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Hastings Community Association	\$8,000	Shade for New Courtyard Playground	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budgets is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society	\$8,000	Heat Pump/Air Conditioner/Window Dressings	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budgets is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Dunbar Residents Association	\$8,000	Peer Network and Emergency Communication Plan for Vancouver's West Side	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budgets is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society	\$8,000	Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society Cooling Project	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but alternative support for project found.
Chrysalis Drug and Alcohol Abuse Recovery Society	\$7,200	Air Conditioning and Fans for Women in Recovery	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but alternative support for project found.
Raincity Housing and Support Society	\$3,000	The Vivian, Tenant Cooling Room	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but alternative support for project found.

Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	\$8,000	Stay Cool: Community Heatwave Preparedness Project	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but alternative support for project found.
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$8,000	Supporting Adaptation to Climate Change	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but alternative support for project found.
South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$8,000	Safer Together	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but alternative support for project found.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House	\$7,952	Cool Down Collingwood	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but alternative support for project found.
Total = 14	\$106,152		

APPENDIX B: 2022 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Social Policy Small Capital Grants RECOMMENDED (Recommendation B)

Grants provide grant support for social infrastructure improvements that increase the capacity of facilities addressing conditions creating vulnerability for Vancouver residents during extreme heat events.

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AGENCY	2022 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS & CONDITIONS
Atira Women's Resource Society	\$7,465.75	Cooling Women's drop-in Centre Spaces in the DTES.	 Grant will enable purchasing and installation of: Four portable air conditioning units for Sister-Space harm reduction site Four portable air conditioning units for Enterprising Women Making Art drop-in art studio Three portable air conditioning units for Bette's Boutique respite space 	CONDITION: Funding for movable expenses approved at the discretion of the Managing Director, Social Policy & Projects. Standard grant conditions apply.
YVR Heart Tattoo Society	\$8,000	Heart Tattoo Society Heat Illness Mitigation	Grant will purchase: - Indoor misting fans - Misting backpacks to support cooling within the DTES	CONDITION: Funding for movable expenses approved at the discretion of the Managing Director, Social Policy & Projects. Standard grant conditions apply.
TOTAL = 2	\$15,465.75			

APPENDIX C: SRO GRANT (Climate Emergency Action Dedicated Funding: Climate Priority Contingency) RECOMMENDED (Recommendation C)

SRO Grants provide direct support for Non-Profits to build capacity of tenants, owners and buildings managers in Single Room Occupancy Hotels to improve living conditions and habitability for the marginalized, low-income tenants who reside in this outdated, 100 year-old housing form. Grants support education, training, secure affordability, and support services or capital upgrades that can address infrastructure challenges related to extreme heat.

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AGENCY	2022 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS & CONDITIONS
Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative Society	\$100,000	Preparing for Extreme Heat in SROs	 Grant will enable preparation, education and implementation of critical outreach and support services over the summer and during any heat events to: Purchase of materials, preparation and distribution of cool packs and resources. Tenants in 46 privately-owned SRO Hotels that are home to a high proportion of at-risk residents (approx. 2300 residents). Provide comprehensive first-aid training of 100 tenant volunteers, including multilingual training. Creating capacity to support other funding partners and/or private owners to create and staff emergency cooling rooms in Private SROs. 	CONDITION: Funds will be released in two payments, with release of the second conditional on receipt of a report to the satisfaction of the Managing Director, Housing and Homelessness Services.
TOTAL = 1	\$100,000.00			

APPENDIX D: DECRIMINALIZING OF POVERTY GRANT RECOMMENDED (Recommendation D)

Decriminalizing Poverty Grant will provide support for illicit drinkers, including establishing drinker-friendly outdoor cooling amenities and supporting community-led harm reduction work intersecting with extreme heat preparedness and response for a community experiencing barriers to accessing other civic cooling infrastructure.

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AGENCY	2022 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS & CONDITIONS
Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users Society (VANDU)	\$10,000	Eastside Illicit Drinkers for Education (EIDGE) Amenity Mapping Project	 Grant will enable preparation, education and implementation of critical outreach and support services over the summer and during any heat events to: Provide training for members who will then map access to drinking water and conduct a comprehensive study of washroom access and locations were drinkers can consume alcohol safely. Complete research on how the built environment can be improved to support drinkers in the DTES, explore options for re-establishing a drinker-specific outreach program, and ensure heat-related supply distribution to people known in the community as illicit drinkers at risk of harm. 	N/A
TOTAL = 1	\$10,000.00			