



COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services
SUBJECT: 2023 Community Services and Other Social Grants

Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve 64 Core Support Grants totalling \$2,684,154 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to the organizations and for the amounts listed in Appendix A-1.
- B. THAT Council approve 11 Neighbourhood Organization Grants totalling \$1,092,511 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to the organizations and for the amounts listed in Appendix B.
- C. THAT Council approve 6 Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grants totalling \$120,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to the organizations and for the amounts listed in Appendix C.
- D. THAT Council approve 1 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Grant totalling \$80,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to Moccasin Mafia with Watari as the applicant for the delivery of an Indigenous led grass roots team of Indigenous women and Two-Spirit Peoples who provide support to Indigenous Peoples in Vancouver and especially in the DTES. See Appendix D.
- E. THAT Council approve 3 Rent Subsidy Grants totalling \$102,544 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to the organizations and for the amounts listed in Appendix E.
- F. THAT Council authorize 5 Communities Based Research project grants under the Building Safer Communities Social Policy Grants Program totalling \$50,000 to the organizations and for the amounts listed in Appendix F. Source of funds is Federal funding through the Building Safer Communities Funds from Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada.

- G. THAT Council approve 2 Childcare Capacity Building Grants totalling \$263,200 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget - Childcare to the organizations and for the amounts listed in Appendix G.
- H. THAT Council approve 3 Social Responsibility Fund Grants totalling \$60,000 from the Edgewater Social Responsibility Fund to the organizations and for the amounts listed in Appendix H.
- I. THAT Council approve 1 Grant of \$150,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to Streetohome Foundation for 2023. See Appendix I.
- J. THAT Council approve 1 Neighbourhood House Capital Project Grant of up to \$500,000 from the 2023 Neighbourhood House Capital Grants Budget to the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Society to support the renovation and expansion of its current space at 537 E Hastings Street. See Appendix J.
- K. THAT Council approve 7 Greenest City Grants totalling \$277,688 from the 2023 Other Grants - Greenest City Grants Budget (Sustainability Division) to the organizations and for the amounts listed in Appendix K-1.
- L. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deems any organization that is listed in Appendices A to K or named in Recommendations D, I and J that is not a registered charity with the Canada Revenue organization to be an organization contributing to the health or welfare of the City.
- M. THAT Council authorize the General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services to negotiate and execute agreements to disburse the grants described in Recommendations A to K on the terms and conditions set out herein or such other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services.
- N. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of Recommendations A through M unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

Recommendations A through N require 2/3 affirmative votes of all Council members per Section 206(1) of the Vancouver Charter.

Purpose and Executive Summary

The grant streams included in this report received 149 applications totalling \$8,099,832. Of these, 105 grants are being recommended for a total of \$5,380,097. (see Table 1)

Grants provide non-profit groups funding furthering City goals to:

- Enhance safety and security for equity deserving-communities;
- Help ensure equitable access to services and supports;
- Support organizations to address social issues and support social development; and
- Facilitate licensed childcare services that promote children's wellbeing and labour market access for parents.

Table 1: Summary of Grant Recommendations in this Report

GRANT STREAM	REC.	GRANT PROGRAM	NO. of GRANTS	TOTAL \$\$ RECOMMENDED	TOTAL \$\$ REQUESTED	APPENDIX
Community Services	A	Core Support	64	\$2,684,154	\$4,414,708	A-1
	B	Neighbourhood Organization	11	\$1,092,511	\$1,092,511	B
	C	Indigenous Healing & Wellness	6	\$120,000	\$120,000	C
	D	MMIWG	1	\$80,000	\$80,000	D
	E	Rent Subsidy	3	\$102,544	\$102,544	E
Subtotal			85	\$4,079,209	\$5,809,763	
Building Safer Communities Program	F	Communities Based Research Project Grants (Year 1)	5	\$50,000	\$50,000	F
Subtotal			5	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Childcare	G	Childcare Capacity Building Grants	2	\$263,200	\$338,800	G
Subtotal			2	\$263,200	\$338,800	
Social Responsibility Fund	H	Social Responsibility Fund	4	\$60,000	\$95,000	H
Streetohome	I	Streetohome Foundation	1	\$150,000	\$150,000	I
Subtotal			5	\$210,000	\$210,000	
Neighbourhood House Capital	J	Neighbourhood House Capital Project Grant	1	\$500,000	\$500,000	J
Subtotal			1	\$500,000	\$500,000	
Greenest City Grants	K	Greenest City	7	\$ 277,688	\$1,191,269	K-1
Subtotal			7	\$277,688	\$1,191,269	
GRAND TOTAL			105	\$5,380,097	\$8,099,832	

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Grant recommendations in this report are guided by a range of Council authority and previous decisions (see Appendix L for more information):

- Implementation of Recommendations from the National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: - [July 19, 2022](#)
- Accessibility Strategy: - [July 19, 2022](#)
- Making Strides: Vancouver's Childcare Strategy - [June 8, 2022](#)
- Spaces to Thrive: Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy - [December 9, 2021](#)
- Equity Framework - [July 20, 2021](#)
- Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grants: - [July 25, 2017](#)
- Streethome Foundation: - [May 17, 2017](#)
- City of Reconciliation: - [July 8, 2014](#)
- Healthy City Strategy: - [October 29, 2014](#)
- Greenest City Grants: - [adopted in 2012 and revised in 2020](#)
- Community Services Grants: - March 7, 1978

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

The City's social development granting programs are guided by the City's inter-Departmental long-range social development plan *the Health City Strategy*, with a focus on supporting the non-profit (NPO) sector's role in creating healthier people and places. Strategically, grants from the City have sought to fill gaps in services provided by senior levels of government to ensure the needs of residents are met and have aligned with Council direction and priorities as those evolve. For example, recent Council-approved/directed strategies or work such as the City of Reconciliation, the Equity Framework, the Accessibility Strategy, anti-racism work, and the work to address poverty and the mental health crisis precipitated a shift in focus to increase support for proposals that seek to mitigate these issues and/or eliminate barriers for key equity-deserving groups.

Increased demands from the sector and the need to determine how to better support equity-deserving groups led to an in-depth analysis of the social grants program. Arising from this analysis, staff implemented some changes to granting practices:

- Streamlining administrative processes with a new grants management system;
- Multi-year funding;
- Strengthening communication and a focus on relationship building;
- Creating a simplified and consistent reporting template which includes outcomes.

These changes in practices are integral to establishing better conditions for working with the NPO sector, building relationships based on transparency, dialogue, mutual accountability, and learning, as well as supporting their ability to attain the outcomes that the City and community wishes to see achieved. They also enabled efficiencies in granting operations that will enable staff to work on improved reporting to Council.

Current Key Considerations

- The NPO sector has long been impacted by precarious funding and staffing structures, which means that many organizations were not well positioned to come out of the pandemic unscathed and there continues to be fall-out as the sector struggles to stabilize itself.¹
- Pandemic impacts include reduced revenues, higher operating costs to deliver services, inflation, increased demand for service, increased complexity in client needs, decline in volunteers and limited financial reserves.²
- Grant dollars from the City are often leveraged to secure additional funding from other funders and senior levels of government.
- Other current issues facing the sector include increasing real estate prices and redevelopment pressures resulting in growing threats to maintaining, retaining, renovating or finding new facilities.

Application and Review Process for Social Grants

Information on the City's social grants are listed on the City's website. Applications are invited through open calls. Email notifications about the open call are sent to all current grantees and to an extensive list of social serving non-profits in Vancouver including small grass-roots organizations. Information sessions are held to answer grant applicants' questions and to solicit feedback on the application process.

In addition to detailed program information, social grant applications require governance and financial details. Staff review all applications for completeness and to ensure they meet eligibility requirements (Appendix M). A cross-departmental staff team then conduct detailed reviews using grant criteria that have been established in alignment with Council priorities, strategies/policies, and based on best practice for program and organizational management. Social Policy staff also work closely with staff administering other City grant programs to maximize the collective impact of the City's investments.

At the end of the grant cycle grantees are required to complete a report outlining outcomes, outputs, demographic details and stories of change linked to City funding.

Discussion

This report seeks Council approval for a range of investments designed to strengthen the supports available to Vancouver residents and, in particular, those of equity-deserving groups.

Grant Recommendations

1. *Recommendation A: Core Support Grants (CSG) (\$2,684,154) (Appendix A-1)*
CSG fund the direct delivery of social services to individual residents, as well as support non-profits to improve their ability to deliver social services, address social issues, enhance belonging, safety and security, and navigate change.

¹ Unraveling – Nonprofits, COVID-19 and the Fabric of BC Communities, Vantage Point, February 2021
NOTE: preliminary findings of the Vantage Point 2023 State of the Sector Survey indicate that these issues persist for the NPO sector.

² Same as above.

2. *Recommendation B: Neighbourhood Organization (NOG) Grants (\$1,092,511) (Appendix B)*
NOG provides core funding to Vancouver's 11 neighbourhood houses to ensure that they can continue to provide programming and services to a diverse population in their neighbourhood catchment areas across the city.
3. *Recommendation C: Indigenous Healing and Wellness (IH&W) Grants (\$120,000) (Appendix C)*
IH&W grants support healing and culturally appropriate wellness supports such as Elder advice, counselling, traditional healing and the annual Mother's Day Traditional Pow Wow.
4. *Recommendation D: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) (\$80,000) (Appendix D)*
One grant to Watari to fund Moccasin Mafia for the delivery of an Indigenous led grass roots team of Indigenous women and Two-Spirit Peoples who provide food and support to Indigenous Peoples in Vancouver and especially in the DTES.
5. *Recommendation E: Rent Subsidy Grants (\$102,544) (Appendix E)*
Grants to assist non-profit organizations operating in City of Vancouver Property Endowment Fund (PEF) sites to cover lease costs.
6. *Recommendation F: Building Safer Communities Grants (\$50,000) (Appendix F)*
The Building Safer Communities Program is a 4-year project funded by Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada focused on supporting and resourcing community-based prevention and intervention strategies to tackle youth violence. As part of this project, 5 grants are recommended to explore the nature, trends, and prevalence of youth violence in the city, as well as on of effective community based violence prevention strategies.
7. *Recommendation G: Childcare Capacity Building Grants (\$263,200) (Appendix G)*
Core grants to two key childcare organizations. Both the Vancouver Society of Children's Centres and Westcoast Childcare Resource Centre Society do work that aligns with City policy and Provincial shifts to a universal childcare system.
8. *Recommendation H: Social Responsibility Fund (SRF) (\$60,000) (Appendix H)*
SRF grants support short term projects located within neighbourhoods surrounding the Parq Casino, including the DTES/Strathcona, Mount Pleasant, and Downtown, with provisions for projects occurring in other parts of Vancouver.
9. *Recommendation I: Streethome (\$150,000) (Appendix I)*
Established in 2008 through a partnership between the City of Vancouver, the Province and the Vancouver Foundation. Streethome brings a collaborative approach to breaking the cycle of homelessness, bringing together a broad-based coalition of leaders and experts from business, service providers, government, and community sectors and provides opportunities to engage skills and resources of the private sector to address homelessness.
10. *Recommendation J: Neighbourhood House Capital Grant (up to \$500,000) (Appendix J)*
To renovate and expand the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House that provides programming and social and recreational opportunities to residents of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside with a vision to provide a dignified welcoming space that creates and supports an improved quality of life for the community.

11. Recommendation K: Greenest City Grants (GCG) (\$277,688) (Appendix K)

GCG are determined by the Sustainability Department and offer grants for place-based, community-driven initiatives that help to advance sustainability, the City of Vancouver's Climate Emergency Action Plan, and equity in our city.

Financial Implications

Funding for grant recommendations totalling \$5,380,097 and the remaining budgets are summarized in Table 2 below. Staff will return to Council in July and December with recommendations for the remaining social grant funding for 2023.

Table 2: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams and Remaining Balances

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	2023 Budget	Previously approved	Rec'd in this Report	Balance
A-E	Community Services Grants	Social Policy Operating Grants	\$7,434,466	\$2,370,280 ³	\$4,079,209	\$984,977
F	Building Safer Communities Program (Year 1)	Building Safer Communities Funds - Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada	\$50,000		\$50,000	\$0
G	Childcare Capacity Building Grants	Social Policy Operating Grants – Childcare	\$2,251,289	\$60,000 ⁴	\$263,200	\$1,928,089
H	Social Responsibility Fund	Edgewater Social Responsibility Fund	\$320,300		\$60,000	\$260,300
I	Streethome Foundation	Social Policy Operating Grants	\$150,000		\$150,000	\$0
J	Neighbourhood House Capital	Neighbourhood House Capital Grants Budget	\$5,000,000		\$500,000	\$4,500,000
K	Greenest City Grants	Greenest City Grants Budget (Sustainability)	\$277,688		\$277,688	\$0
TOTAL			\$15,483,743	\$2,430,280	\$5,380,097	\$7,673,366

Legal Implications

There are no notable legal implications associated with this report's recommendations.

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³ Multi-year funding (3 yrs) passed by Council in 2021 & 2022 – RTS14549, RTS14656, RTS1437, RTS14838

⁴ Multi-year funding (3 yrs) passed by Council in 2022 - RTS 14837

APPENDIX A-1

2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Core Support Grants (CSG) Recommended (Recommendation A)

Including Existing & New Grantees

Core Support Grants provide funding that addresses inequity and mitigates conditions that create vulnerability for residents of Vancouver. Grants fund the direct delivery of social services to individual residents, and fund organizations that support other non-profits to improve their ability to deliver social services, address social issues, and navigate change.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
411 Seniors Centre Society (1977)	\$70,000	CORE	An inclusive community organization dedicated to the well-being of Vancouver's senior citizens, the majority of whom live on a very low income. Heavily reliant on the skills of volunteers aged 55+, 411 offers community information & referral services and activities that promote active aging and social connection.	COMMENT: Increase of \$10,000 from 2022
Vancouver AIDS Society	\$20,000	The Resource Centre	The Resource Centre provides opportunities for people who rely on outdoor spaces or are experiencing homelessness and are impacted by HIV to connect with needed services in a place where they are safe and included. Clients can access cultural programming, a safe dry space, computers and internet, and community.	COMMENT: New grant this year

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PCR BC Poverty Reduction Coalition	\$20,000	CORE	Coalition of 80 orgs advocating for public policy solutions to end poverty, homelessness and inequality. BCPRC advocates for a targeted and comprehensive poverty reduction strategy that prioritizes equity-seeking groups, and whole government, cross-ministry approach to ending poverty.	
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$10,000	Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Networks	Cultivates capacity and collaboration among 14 Neighbourhood Food Networks across Vancouver, sharing and strengthening best practices in community-based food programming, food justice initiatives, and advocacy to support food security for all.	
Black Women Connect Vancouver Society	\$30,000	CORE	Black Women Connect Vancouver (BWCV) provides platforms and opportunities for Black women to strengthen their networks, improve their mental, physical wellness and learn relevant skills to enable them to achieve their fullest potential. BWCV creates value in the community by fostering an inclusive network of Black women with diverse experiences.	COMMENT: New grant this year.
Sam Sullivan Disability Foundation	\$25,000	Disability Network Program	The DF supports 6 societies and itself to reimagine what is possible for people with physical disabilities, ensuring equitable, safe and fair access to all that able-bodied people access by removing physical, perceived and monetary barriers.	
DUDES Club Society	\$15,000	CORE	DUDES Club Society is establishing a new centre in Vancouver to foster a community for Indigenous wellness, beginning with Strathcona, Hastings-Sunrise and Grandview-Woodland. The centre enables the community of DCS staff, partners, and	

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			participants to create and hold the space necessary to expand our proven model of men's health & wellness.	
The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association	\$208,064	Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Drop-Ins	The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre (DEWC) provides a safe, non-judgmental environment for women and children who live/work in the Downtown Eastside. DEWC provides essential services and trauma informed, culturally safe programming to a community with disproportionately high levels of socioeconomic inequity. DEWC serves hundreds of women on a daily basis.	
East Side Family Place Society	\$58,415	CORE	Eastside Family Place (ESFP) is a multi-faceted non-profit agency that offers a wide range of services, supports, resources, programs which benefit families with young pre-school children in their healthy development in East Vancouver off Commercial Drive.	
Elimin8hate-Vancouver Asian Film Festival Society	\$20,000	CORE	Elimin8Hate (E8) is the advocacy arm of the Vancouver Asian Film Festival. We provide anti-Asian racism learning opportunities, and create safe, inclusive ways for impacted community members and allies to participate in initiatives aimed at supporting systemic change for an equitable society.	COMMENT: New grant this year
Eastside Movement for Business and Economic Renewal Society (EMBERS)	\$15,000	Vancouver Urban Core Community Workers Association	Funding for staff to organize, convene and share information between a broad cross section of DTES service providers, residents, non-profits, businesses, and municipal and provincial governmental departments, to exchange perspectives and solutions that help ensure policy and practice are well informed	

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			by lived experience, towards improved lives for DTES residents.	
Employ to Empower Foundation	\$30,000	CORE	Employ to Empower serves low-income community residents who live with work and social barriers and provides access to entrepreneurial resources as a vehicle to create a sense of community, connection and contribution. Using non-traditional entrepreneurship, programming includes business courses and focuses on a year-long mentorship program.	COMMENT: New grant this year.
EYA Environmental Youth Alliance Society	\$20,000	CORE	Removes barriers to equity for youth ages 14-24 targeted by systemic oppression through the delivery of trauma-informed, land-based job skills training programs designed to support healthy employment, increase social connections, and improve sense of belonging and inclusion.	
Exchange Inner City Community Economic Development Association	\$55,000	CORE	Exchange Inner City is a community economic development organization which is collectively working to create, nurture and sustain the conditions for a vibrant, inclusive and equitable local economy in the Downtown Eastside while also influencing systemic change.	COMMENT: Increase of \$5,000 from 2022 grant.
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	\$62,819	Directions Youth Outreach Program	Directions Youth Services (DYS) Outreach Workers provide vital support to youth experiencing homelessness in Vancouver. They identify high-risk youth and connect them to support, including detox and shelters, government support, and basic health care. This is valuable intervention and crime prevention work for at-risk youth.	

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Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia d.b.a. Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	\$22,192	Youth Skills Development Program	Two cohorts of 12+ BIPOC youth/year complete weekly workshops and 120 hours of volunteer service to develop leadership skills, healthy peer relationships and community connections using an intersectional lens.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia d.b.a. Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	\$25,000	Frames Film Program	The Frames Film Program supports Indigenous youth and their peers to address barriers in their lives, express themselves creatively through film, and become agents of change in their communities.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia - DBA Gordon Neighborhood House	\$20,000	CORE	Providing vital community support services to Vancouver's West End. Resources with the coordination and safe execution of volunteer-led social programs/coffee, resourcing/referrals, Indigenous-led health initiatives, men's talking circles, multilingual psychoeducation, public health workshops, computer labs, legal aid, tax clinics, etc., plus relevant training.	
Hastings Community Association	\$30,452	Hastings Family Enrichment Centre	The Family Enrichment Centre provides a space in the community for parents or guardians, caregivers and grandparents of children 0-5 years of age to interact in a variety of social, recreational, educational, supportive and cultural programs. Community Connection is the main aspect of this space	

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The Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia (ISSofBC)	\$30,000	Vancouver Youth Program	Training peer youths to lead newcomer youth through peer groups to provide social connections and links to settlement resources, information, and other needs. ISSofBC Youth Worker will be available to support the peer groups, and trained peer youth leaders.	
The Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia (ISSofBC)	\$56,000	Settlement Orientation Services	The SOS program helps to facilitate service coordination and the delivery of multilingual pre-settlement and housing support for refugee claimants arriving and settling in Vancouver.	COMMENT: Reduction of \$24,000 from 2022 grant.
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia dba Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	\$31,250	Seniors and Community Programming	Seniors programs that provide community based services for participants to connect in safe places. Opportunities include pro-social programs, empowering leadership development, supporting volunteerism and fostering community development through peer led engagement.	
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$20,000	Seniors and Youth Programs	While the Kiwassa community is diverse and vibrant, many of our neighbours are living at the intersections of multiple forms of oppression. Through outreach, 1:1 and group support, our programs help youth and seniors access services and resources, build skills and connections, and find opportunities for participation in community life.	COMMENT: Reduction of \$7,388 from 2022 grant
La Boussole Centre Communautaire Societe	\$25,000	Social Services at the Community Centre	La Boussole provides social services, including access to education, training and employment assistance to Francophones to help social integration and to enhance access to services for vulnerable francophones in Vancouver.	

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Learning Disabilities Society of Greater Vancouver (LDS)	\$25,376	CORE	LDS has served students with learning differences and their families for 52 years. Research-informed Individualized Student Education programs provide equitable access to customized learning support for students aged 3 to adult. LDS' mission is to empower all children, youth and adults with learning differences to achieve confidence and success.	
Leave Out Violence (LOVE) Society BC	\$34,628	Leadership and Media Arts Program (MAP)	Leadership and MAP programs through the use of multimedia arts seek to impact meaningful change in the lives of multi-barriered youth to break the cycle of violence in the lives of young people and their communities, by building a team of youth leaders who communicate a message of anti-violence.	
MakeWay Charitable Society - Binnners' Project	\$35,000	CORE	Binnners' Project (BP) brings together binnners to achieve increased recognition of binnners' contribution to society; and new economic opportunities.	COMMENT: Increase of \$10,000 from 2022 grant.
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society (MOFP)	\$88,000	CORE	Family Resource Drop In & Parent Support Programs and Marpole Seniors HUB Programs.	
Megaphone – Hope in Shadows Society	\$50,000	CORE	Megaphone changes the story on poverty by promoting social equity, amplifying marginalized voices, and creating meaningful work.	
Migrant Workers Centre BC Society	\$30,000	CORE	Program offers vulnerable migrant workers access to information and referral services and educational workshops to promote safe and equitable community integration and social connection.	COMMENT: Increase of \$6,000 from 2022 grant.

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Mom to Mom Child Poverty Initiative Society	\$25,000	CORE	Mom2Mom improves the lives of children in poverty by supporting their moms through pairing with a relationship volunteer and supporting extra-curricular activities for children. This work helps moms build strong, meaningful relationships that reduce isolation and increase stability.	
M.O.S.A.I.C. Multi-Lingual Orientation Service Association for Immigrant Communities	\$58,061	Accessibility for Newcomers Program	The Accessibility for Newcomers Program connects refugees and immigrants with disabilities to crucial employment programs and other disability support services. Through one-on-one sessions and outreach support, clients receive the language and cultural interpretation to participate in programs that are largely designed for local-born English speakers.	
Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society	\$55,172	Mount Pleasant Family Drop in	The Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society is a key organization in the spectrum of services available to families with young children living in Vancouver. MPFCS offers a safe, welcoming environment for families to learn, play and grow together by facilitating parenting confidence, parenting skills and enhancing healthy child development.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses dba Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	\$45,612	CORE	MPNH will focus on promoting and sustaining a healthy and engaged community through 5 areas: Food as community building, Resilient relationships (within family, BIPOC, LGBTQ2+ groups), Increasing community capacity for change through volunteering, Decolonization & commitments to truth and reconciliation, and lastly bridging the digital divide through literacy education.	

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Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society	\$25,000	CORE	Delivery of social services and the promotion of individual, family, and community wellness for Nisga'a citizens in Vancouver. This includes language and art activities, traditional food preparation, mental health counseling, addictions support, child and family wellness programming, street outreach, physical activity/wellness programs, Elder support, and social and cultural connections.	
Pacific Association of First Nations' Women	\$25,000	CORE	The PAFNW provides programs and services for Indigenous Women in the community including capacity building workshops, support to children in care and an Indigenous language program.	
Pacific Community Resources Society	\$81,000	Broadway Youth Resource Centre	A youth serving program for 13-24 year old's that are experiencing barriers to accessing service. Supports with mental health, housing, food security, education, cultural based work, violence support, leadership, and health.	
PeerNet Association of British Columbia (PNBC)	\$48,472	CORE	PeerNetBC supports the capacity building of multiple networks and partners by providing training, workshops, intergenerational mentorship, consultation, community collaboration, and a variety of community engagement initiatives focusing on lived and shared experience. PeerNetBC uses an anti-oppressive, intersectional, peer-support based, and decolonizing values to guide its work.	
PHS Community Services Society	\$30,000	Community Managed	CMAP is a culturally safe and legal community space which provides harm reduction for people with severe alcohol use disorder.	

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		Alcohol Program (CMAP)		
PovNet Society	\$20,000	CORE	PovNet builds capacity by providing tools that facilitate communication, networking, and access to information around poverty-related issues for frontline workers, marginalized communities and the general public.	
QMUNITY BC's Queer, Trans and Two-Spirit Resource Centre Society	\$100,000	CORE	QMUNITY is BC's queer, trans, and Two-Spirit resource centre. Through support, connection and leadership, it works to improve the lives of 2SLGBTQIA+ people. QMUNITY believes in a person's right to define their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.	
Rainbow Refugee Society	\$10,000	CORE	Rainbow Refugee provides programming, services, direct aid, and system navigation to LGBTQI individuals who have suffered persecution based on sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, sex characteristics and/or HIV status. Supports include drop ins, workshops, relationship and community building, and advocacy.	
RayCam Cooperative Centre	\$15,000	Powerful Parents	The Powerful Parents Program aim is to strengthen community through strengthening parenting skills, parenting resources, and networks. It utilizes a place-based approach to foster social connectedness.	
Red Fox Healthy Living Society	\$60,000	CORE	Red Fox Society delivers free recreation, arts and Indigenous cultural programs to children and trains youth who face barriers, to lead the programs. Work includes life and employment skills training programs	COMMENT: Increase of \$15,000 from 2022 grant

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			and the promotion of healthy active living, capacity building and social responsibility.	
Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	\$10,000	CORE	Sher Vancouver provides peer support groups, outreach, information, and referral to the queer community, many of whom as South Asian. Sher also has a crisis-counselling program, youth leadership award and student practicum mentorship program.	
South Granville Seniors Friendship Centre Society	\$71,034	CORE	South Granville Seniors Centre offers over 40 programs and services that promote health, well-being, and independent lifestyles for seniors in the Fairview/South Granville area.	
South Vancouver Family Place Society	\$79,432	CORE	South Vancouver Family Place provides strengths-based support and capacity building programs for children 0-5 and their families in a safe, accessible, welcoming and inclusive environment	COMMENT: Increase of \$15,000 from 2022 to support operations at a satellite office in South Fraserlands.
Association of Neighbourhood Houses dba South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$20,000	Youth Action Project (YAP)	Under the YAP umbrella, the neighbourhood house offers over 25 youth and preteen programs. YAP focuses on building leadership and civic engagement for youth ages 8-18.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses dba South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$50,472	South Vancouver Seniors Hub	Playing a leadership role in planning and governance, seniors develop their capacity to guide and sustain the Hub using a community development approach that connects seniors and other organizations at the neighbourhood level.	

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TRAC Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre Society	\$56,000	CORE	TRAC provides free legal education, representation, and advocacy on residential tenancy matters. TRAC's mandate is to promote and enhance legal protections for all renters.	
TFL Technology for Living Society	\$20,000	Technology for Independent Living (TIL) & Youth Assistive Technology Project (YAT)	TIL and YAT provide home environmental controls systems allowing people with significant physical disabilities to use items such as: TV controls, smartphones/landlines, lamps, fans, blinds, and door openers. TIL (adults) and YAT (youth) are community-based programs providing solutions to overcoming barriers and supporting living independently, safely and actively in community.	
The Dugout Drop-In Centre Society	\$45,600	CORE	Drop-in centre with over 60,000 points of contact every year with members of the DTES community.	COMMENT: Increase of \$5,000 from 2022 grant.
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	\$21,544	Family Resource Program with an Early Years Program Focus	The Early Years Program focuses on prevention-based programming which includes a stimulating play experience and building community through mutual support and developing school-readiness in children. The target population is families with children aged 0-5.	
The Writers' Exchange Society	\$25,000	CORE	Writers' Exchange free out-of-school literacy programs support the well-being of under-resourced kids and youth by providing a fun and safe space where kids and youth connect with positive adult role models, build social-emotional competencies and participate in fun reading and writing activities.	
Thunderbird Neighbourhood Association	\$40,800	Thunderbird Family Drop In	Programming designed to enhance the overall quality of life and sense of well-being among community	

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
		and Sunrise Drop-in	residents through creating positive social networks and access to support systems.	
Vancouver Association for the Survivors of Torture	\$60,000	CORE	VAST promotes the human rights and mental health of refugees and newcomers with psychological trauma as a result of torture, violence, and persecution. VAST provides trauma-focused community-based psychosocial support to assist survivors through the settlement and integration process, and to support capacity building for the newcomer mental health sector overall.	
The Vancouver Second Mile Society	\$106,526	CORE	Helps improve the quality of life of seniors living in in the Downtown Eastside by building a social support system through the work of our drop-in centres and outreach projects so that seniors find a sense of belonging and enjoy healthy ageing in their own community.	COMMENT: Reduction of \$30,973 from 2022 grant.
Vantage Point Strategies Society	\$50,000	CORE	Vantage Point lifts the capacity of Vancouver not-for-profit organizations through convening, sharing resources, and offering relevant, high-impact workshops, labs, training, and facilitation services to the sector's leaders so they can grow the impact of their organizations. We maintain a focus on governance, leadership, planning, and human resources.	COMMENT: Increase of \$10,000 from 2022 grant to enhance NPO's understanding of legal rights and obligations.
Vantage Point Strategies Society	\$50,000	Capacity Building Bursaries	Funds are available to support non-profits receiving City of Vancouver grants to attend capacity building workshops, labs and training.	

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Women's Health Collective Society	\$30,000	Drop-in and outreach	VWHCS helps all who self-identify as women, non-binary, and gender non conforming and foster health, wellness, security and equity through advocacy, shared knowledge, and low-barrier programs and services.	COMMENT: Increase of \$10,000 from 2022 grant.
Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility	\$10,560	Accessible Communications Services	The provision of drop-in services in American Sign Language for deaf and deafblind individuals for whom ASL is their first language as well as the provision of a workshop for low-income clients with hearing loss to facilitate their submission of income tax forms.	
West End Seniors' Network Society	\$74,520	Housing Navigation, Volunteer Management and I&R	Older Adult Housing Navigation - Assisting older adults in the West End, Coal Harbour and Yaletown with navigating the housing system. Volunteer Management and Information and Referral services supports seniors to access programs and services both at the centre and in the community.	
West Side Family Place Society	\$32,153	CORE	Programs and services that promote child development, early learning and literacy, as well as positive social interactions with their family. West Side Family Place also provides parents and caregivers with family support, parent education, and information about other services in the community.	
Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice	\$50,000	Chinese Seniors Hub 華埠長者友善互助會 (Chinatown Seniors Friendly Mutual Aid Association)	The Chinese Seniors Hub program engages Chinese seniors to develop a model of community leadership addressing inequities and service gaps in the Downtown Eastside and Chinatown. Seniors will develop long-term solutions that address inequities and service gaps in the neighbourhood, and	

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			collaborate with service providers on program design and delivery.	
TOTAL= 64	\$2,684,154			

APPENDIX A-2

2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Core Support Grants (CSG) NOT Recommended (Recommendation A)

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
Arts Umbrella Association	\$0	Covenant House - Arts Umbrella Partnership (CHAUP)	Working with registered counsellors from Covenant House, students from who have experienced (or are currently experiencing) homelessness in will learn the foundations of visual arts over 10 weeks at Arts Umbrella. The project will include a public exhibition, and an opening night reception where community members will celebrate the artists.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Atira Women's Resource Society	\$0	Enterprising Women Making Art (EWMA) & East Van Roasters (EVR)	EWMA is a self-employment initiative for women impacted by violence who face significant barriers to traditional employment	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
			and who seek safe, income-generating opportunities. EVR is a specialty café and social enterprise program encouraging women that are re-entering the workforce through mentorship-based programming and on-the-job training.	is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
BEST: Better Environmentally Sound Transportation Association	\$0	CORE	Since 1991, BEST has built innovative programs to remove barriers for equity-deserving groups to active, low-carbon, and green travel, such as transit, seniors transportation, cycling, walking, and car sharing. Better access to green travel options and transit literacy lets more people connect and take part in their communities.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
CityHive Youth Engagement Society	\$0	CORE	CityHive is a Metro Vancouver-based organization on a mission to transform the way that young people engage in shaping their cities: in city planning,	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
			decision-making and urban issues. As a youth-led and run non-profit, we work with civic institutions and equity-denied groups to make youth engagement more meaningful and inclusive.	other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$0	Capacity Building Training	Our Scale Your Impact Certificate intends to run for a 4th year through the support of this grant. The curriculum provides tools, frameworks and ways of seeing that support participants to get at the root issues of the problems they are working on, while increasing their leadership and facilitation capacities.	<p>NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: for a Social Responsibility Fund Grant see Appendix H</p>
ConnecTra Society	\$0	CORE	ConnecTra Society provides information, resources and opportunities for people living with disabilities.	<p>NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget</p>

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
				is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Dignity Seniors Society	\$0	CORE	Tailored information to support 2SLGBTQ+ seniors. Collaboration with other seniors and 2SLGBTQ+ organizations to maximise the work being done to support 2SLGBTQ+ seniors. Advocacy for systemic change that will improve the lives of 2SLGBTQ+ seniors.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative Society	\$0	SRO Hub Tenant Governance and Program Evaluation	The SRO Collaborative works to improve habitability for tenants in Vancouver's privately-owned SROs. Resource peer workers leading Tenant-Based Initiatives (TBIs) addressing housing conditions, food security, overdose, cultural connection, and emergency preparedness to improve the habitability, health,	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
			and happiness of tenants in their homes.	
Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House	\$0	Let's Speak Up!	Let's Speak Up! is a working group of diverse DTES residents who work on accessible civic engagement and community advocacy guided by issues and interests most pertinent to their lives. The group develops diverse projects and workshops, and builds partnerships with different coalitions and organizations to facilitate grassroots systems change.	<p>NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: for a Social Responsibility Fund Grant see Appendix H</p>
Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation	\$0	Dr. Peter Centre Evening Program for Aging Gay Men	The DPC Evening Program addresses unmet health and social needs among gay men living with HIV over 50 who experience social isolation. Through social support, art and music therapy, and group counselling, the DPC Evening Program improves the quality of	<p>NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.</p>

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
			life of those aging with HIV and enhances social connectedness.	
Food Stash Foundation	\$0	CORE	Rescues surplus healthy, perishable food from farms, wholesalers and grocery stores and redirect it to community members through 30 partner organizations, and to over 100 families through the Rescued Food Box delivery program, and to hundreds of community members through the pay-what-you-can Rescued Food Market.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	\$0	Mashujaa and Harambeecouver	An Arts, Cultural, Sports and Education Organization, and Support and Service Provider Organization	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
Junior Achievement of British Columbia (JABC)	\$0	Bright Futures for Vancouver Indigenous Youth	JA programs support Indigenous youth in making informed career and financial choices that can lead them to have a more optimistic outlook on life and sense of purpose. The goal is to help Indigenous youth develop confidence and gain knowledge around what is required to succeed in an ever-changing world.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Language Partners BC	\$0	CORE	Provides free language exchange programs for those wanting to learn and practice different languages outside of a traditional classroom. Participants practice communicating one on one, and make personal connections in a relaxed group environment. Volunteers who facilitate these groups practice facilitation skills, and add to their professional experiences.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
Latincouver Cultural & Business Society	\$0	Latino Seniors Council of B.C.	The Latino Seniors Council of B.C. promotes systemic changes in the lives of older adults. The Council works for the inclusion and wellbeing of underserved population groups aging in order to advance racial equity.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Multicultural Helping House Society	\$0	Increasing Inclusiveness for Women, Youth and Seniors in Vancouver	Providing accessible and equitable social and community services to all Vancouver residents and newcomers, including Vancouver youth, seniors and women/live-in caregivers, to integrate and thrive in the community and economy.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Muslim Food Bank and Community Services Society	\$0	ASPIRE Community Case Management Program	ASPIRE houses the organization's capacity-building programming including: Community Case Management Program, Housing and Homelessness Support, South Fraser Refugee Response Team, Counselling,	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
			Employment Readiness Program and a number of youth and senior programs.	addressing City priorities.
Odihi	\$0	CORE	Works to create better paths and new opportunities for Black and Brown women and girls through educational workshops, mentorship programs, community platforms, and social impact. Odihi paves a new lane for this unique group of women to make a lasting impact in their communities both locally and globally.	<p>NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: for a Social Responsibility Fund Grant see Appendix H</p>
P.E.D.A.L. (Pedal Energy Development Alternatives) Power Association	\$0	Our Community Bikes Access Programming and Oppenheimer Community Clinics	Our Community Bikes promotes transportation justice through a trauma informed approach by providing opportunities for those who experience intersectional inequities to engage in mutual learning, develop new skills, maintain mobility,	<p>NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in</p>

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
			gather with peers, build positive relationships, and increase their community engagement.	addressing City priorities.
Pets and Friends	\$0	CORE	Pets and Friends provides the healing, comfort and companionship of animals through pet therapy teams visiting people who may benefit socially, emotionally and/or physically. Volunteer teams visit clients of social service organizations, seniors in long-term care facilities, and patients in hospitals.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Plan Institute	\$0	CORE	Plan Institute walks alongside people impacted by disability as they navigate the complexities of future and financial planning. Through one-to-one support, workshops, resources and community-based collaborations, Plan supports people impacted by disability to live safe, secure,	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
			empowered and connected lives.	
Strathcona Community Safety Association	\$0	CORE	Champions safety and wellbeing in Strathcona through volunteer programs and services that offer meaningful opportunities to contribute to the community with a focus on safety and crime prevention. We assess the needs of the neighbourhood, and apply a community focused approach to addressing disorder and safety.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society	\$0	Taiwanese Golden Age Centre (TGAC)	Mainly serving Taiwanese seniors, the TGAC provides low-cost and low-barrier programs that help relieve social isolation and loneliness, promote positive physical and mental health, engage in volunteerism and community participation, and offer information and service referrals that are not	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
			available to them because of the language and cultural barriers.	
Treehouse Advocacy Centre Society Vancouver	\$0	Treehouse Vancouver Child and Youth Advocacy Centre	The Treehouse Vancouver Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (CYAC) serves children who have suffered child abuse with excellence. CYAC unites community partners to create a child-centered response that provides children with the best chance possible to heal from their trauma and get them back to feeling like kids again.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Unique Get Together Society	\$0	CORE	The Unique Get Together Society is dedicated to empowering Indigenous, marginalized and underserved communities, individuals and families. Dedicated to strengthening their overall physical, mental, social-emotional, and spiritual development. To assist families, communities and individuals through	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
			programs such as nutritional health, family support advocacy and subsidies.	
Wave front Centre for Communication Accessibility	\$0	Community Outreach Services	Keeping DeafBlind seniors and older adults active, engaged, and connected to the communities by providing intervener services. Adapting methods of engagement with the DeafBlind community and key community partners is critical to addressing the ongoing collaboration of improving intervener services.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Women Transforming Cities	\$0	CORE	Women Transforming Cities delivers a program of civic literacy and participation workshops and mentorship in Vancouver to support equity-deserving communities who face barriers to civic inclusion to engage with City Hall. Core funding would help	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMENDED	Program Name	Program Description	Conditions & Comments
			us expand our program to reach more people.	
TOTAL = 27				

APPENDIX B

2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Neighbourhood Organization Grants (NOG) Recommended (Recommendation B)

Neighbourhood Organization Grants (NOG) provide core funding to neighbourhood houses to support a wide range of programs, activities and services that support the goals of the Healthy City Strategy.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	\$118,778	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	\$107,757	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Gordon Neighbourhood House	\$82,202	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	\$93,765	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Marpole Neighbourhood House	\$71,616	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	\$88,495	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$120,842	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$121,162	

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Society	\$72,475	
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$121,154	
Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society, The	\$94,265	
TOTAL = 11	\$1,092,511	

APPENDIX C

2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Indigenous Healing and Wellness (IH&W) Grants Recommended (Recommendation C)

Indigenous Healing and Wellness grants fund programs that provide traditional, spiritual and cultural healing and wellness activities to Vancouver's DTES urban Indigenous community.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$20,000	Traditional Mother's Day Pow Wow	Support planning and delivery of the annual three-day Pow Wow celebrating Indigenous women and life givers, families, cultures and community.	
Carnegie Community Centre Association	\$20,000	Cultural Sharing Program - "q'ép with Elders"	A series of workshops aimed to promote and strengthen Indigenous traditional, cultural and healing activities daily at the Carnegie Community Centre.	
Dudes Club Society	\$20,000	The Gift of Connections with our Elders and Culture	Will expand the involvement of Elders and other Traditional Knowledge Keepers in this activity-based wellness program for Indigenous men.	
PHS Community Services Society	\$20,000	Inclusion, Access and Honour: PHS Urban Indigenous Elder Program	Serves street-entrenched urban Indigenous people at risk of overdose to access traditional medicine and ceremony.	
RainCity Housing and Support Society	\$20,000	Indigenous Cultural Services Elders Program	Coordinates and supports Indigenous marginalized persons living in the DTES in connecting with elders, knowledge keepers, cultural teachings and ceremony.	

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$20,000	Traditional Mother's Day Pow Wow	Support planning and delivery of the annual three-day Pow Wow celebrating Indigenous women and life givers, families, cultures and community.	
Vancouver Native Housing Society	\$20,000	Extending Cultural Access for Urban Indigenous	Expands access to cultural practices led by Elders and other traditional knowledge keepers to women at risk, seniors and low-barrier SRO occupants across the city.	
TOTAL = 6	\$120,000			

APPENDIX D

2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Grant Recommended - \$80,000 (Recommendation D)

Supported by Watari, Moccasin Mafia is a grassroots outreach program in Vancouver that reaches people who are highly isolated due to systemic and COVID factors. A team of peers delivers food and provides support to urban Indigenous people experiencing homelessness during the evening when most services are closed. The flexibility of this program allows the team to support the community in a variety of ways including: relationship building; referral to resources; information sharing re: Covid and safety; supporting young people struggling to survive in the DTES to return to their home communities and to exit other violence unsafe situations many times partnering with the VPD and other agencies; and, advocacy. Support for Moccasin Mafia is in alignment with a number of recommendations to end violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ including:

- Red Women Rising (RWR);
- MMIWG2S Calls for Justice (CFG); and,
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP),
- TRC
- Wally Oppal Report “Forsaken”

The MMIWG2S team is applying the CFJ and RWR recommendations to how they support the Indigenous women led grassroots patrol group “Moccasin Maffia”. This support is in alignment with several recommendations that discuss reducing socio-economic marginalization; including Indigenous women and 2S in decision making; funding successful grass roots initiatives etc:

*CFJ 1.3 We call upon all governments, in meeting human and Indigenous rights obligations, to pursue **prioritization and resourcing of the measures required to eliminate the social, economic, cultural, and political marginalization** of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people when developing budgets and determining government activities and priorities.*

*CFJ 1.6 We call upon all governments to **eliminate jurisdictional gaps** and neglect that result in the denial of services, or improperly regulated and delivered services, that **address the social, economic, political, and cultural marginalization of, and violence against, Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people.***

CFJ 1.8 *We call upon all governments to **create specific and long-term funding**, available to Indigenous communities and organizations, to create, deliver, and disseminate prevention programs, education, and awareness campaigns designed for Indigenous communities and families related to violence prevention and combatting lateral violence.*

CFJ 2.7 *We call upon all governments to **adequately fund and support Indigenous-led initiatives** to improve the representation of Indigenous Peoples in media and pop culture.*

CFJ 3.2 *We call upon all governments to **provide adequate, stable, equitable, and ongoing funding** for Indigenous-centred and community-based health and wellness services that are accessible and culturally appropriate, and meet the health and wellness needs of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA people.*

Several of the women who have worked with Moccasin Maffia are the first ones to march on Valentine's day in reaction to ongoing missing and murdered women in Vancouver's DTES and the lack of awareness and justice. They were threatened with jail and people yelled at them and threw trash at them. They walked across BC and Canada to raise awareness of MMIWG2S. Their work inspired the National Inquiry and they built relationships and collected data of MMIWG2S across Canada. Several of these women are on the MMIWG2S Advisory Committee and advise this work. The City supports the March with funds 2022 & 2023.

The way the City supports Moccasin Maffia is also in alignment with UNDRIP

Article 20.1 *Indigenous peoples have the **right to maintain and develop their political, economic and social systems or institutions**, to be secure in the enjoyment of their own means of subsistence and development, and to engage freely in all their traditional and other economic activities.*

Article 21.2 *States shall take effective measures and, where appropriate, special measures to ensure continuing improvement of their economic and social conditions. **Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities.***

Article 22 1. *Particular attention shall be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities in the implementation of this Declaration.*

Article 22.2. *States shall take measures, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, to ensure that indigenous women and children **enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination.***

APPENDIX E

2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Rent Subsidy Grants Recommended (Recommendation E)

Rent Subsidy Grants help offset market rent for non-profits located in City of Vancouver Property Endowment Fund premises.

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	AGENCY LOCATION	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Dugout Drop-In Centre Society	\$9,400	59 Powell Street	Provides an inclusive drop-in safe space and low cost/free meals to DTES residents.
Eastside Movement for Business and Economic Renewal Society DBA EMBERS	\$58,144	Eastside Works 57A and 57B East Hastings Street	An income generation hub in the DTES that offers assistance finding low barrier employment opportunities, access to training and support, and connections to the local workforce.
Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre	\$35,000	2772 East Broadway	Provides information, referrals, training and resources to families, individuals and organizations who are seeking the best child care and early learning.
TOTAL = 3	\$102,544		

APPENDIX F

2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Building Safer Communities Grants (Recommendation F)

The Building Safer Communities Program is a 4 year project, supported through federal funding, focused on supporting and resourcing community-based prevention and intervention strategies to tackle youth violence. As part of a one time project granting fund to support community-based research projects, 5 grants are recommended to explore the nature, trends, and prevalence of youth violence in the city, as well as on of effective community based violence prevention strategies.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The KidSafe Project Society	\$10,000	KidSafe Project BSCF Initiative	Project will identify what factors positively impact at-risk children's growth and development in trauma-informed programs, specifically when schools are closed. How does early intervention with place-based and informal learning environments affect a child's ability to feel connected to their community and thrive?
M.O.S.A.I.C. Multilingual Orientation Service Association for Immigrant Communities	\$10,000	Explicit Youth Dialogues	Work with youth allies to build and provide a safe space for all youth to engage and dive deep into meaningful dialogues related to the underlying factors of youth violence and from their perspective, how do we move to prevention
Red Fox Healthy Living Society	\$10,000	Red Fox Middle Years Mentorship Pilot Project	Deliver training and recreation activities that engage youth 11-13 who are at risk of violence due to various factors, including multi-generational trauma, poverty and institutionalized oppression and conduct research to document the impact of the targeted activities on the youth.
Simon Fraser University –	\$10,000	Taking Stock of Youth-Serving Programs in Vancouver	This project will identify and describe violence prevention initiatives, take stock of youth-serving community programs in Vancouver, and discuss

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Department of Criminology			synchronicity and gaps between evidence-based prevention initiatives and programs being offered in Vancouver.
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society	\$10,000	Indigenous Youth and recreation	Project will study the ways in which the revitalization of indigenous culture and resilience through land based physical activity programs and leadership development can facilitate violence prevention within Vancouver's urban Indigenous, middle-childhood population.
TOTAL = 5	\$50,000		

APPENDIX G

2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Childcare Capacity Building Grants Recommended (Recommendation G)

Childcare Capacity Grants support key organizations that are integral to Vancouver's childcare sector because of their leadership and expertise in space creation, centre management and administration, program quality enhancements through staffing supports and pedagogy, family support services, or policy development. City funding supports unique services that are not funded by Provincial dollars, and which directly benefit the Vancouver-based childcare sector.

This stream will have two intakes in 2023. Due to an anticipated increase in the number of new applicants this year, both VSOCC and Westcoast are receiving smaller grants than they did in 2022.

AGENCY	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	2023 RECOMMEND
Vancouver Society of Children's Centres (VSOCC)	Core support to help with the oversight of 775 childcare spaces in City-owned facilities.	86,800
Westcoast Childcare Resource Centre Society	Core support to enable training and quality improvement programs for Vancouver-based childcares and educators.	176,400
Total		\$263,200

APPENDIX H

2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Social Responsibility Fund Grants Recommended (Recommendation H)

SRF grants support short term projects located within neighbourhoods surrounding the Parq Casino, including the DTES/Strathcona, Mount Pleasant, and Downtown, with provisions for projects occurring in other parts of Vancouver.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$25,000	Capacity Building for Filipino Organizations	Filipino/a/x leaders and community groups will be supported by CNH's Scale Your Impact program to build stronger partnerships and expand and scale their work. The curriculum provides tools, frameworks and ways of seeing that support participants to get at the root issues of the problems they are working on, while increasing their leadership and facilitation capacities.
Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House	\$20,000	Let's Speak Up!	Let's Speak Up! is a working group of diverse DTES residents who work on accessible civic engagement and community advocacy guided by issues and interests most pertinent to their lives. The group develops diverse projects and workshops, and builds partnerships with different coalitions and organizations to facilitate grassroots systems change.
Odihi	\$15,000	CORE	We create better paths and new opportunities for Black and Brown women and girls through educational workshops, mentorship programs, community platforms, and social impact. We're paving a new lane for this unique group of women to make a lasting impact in their communities both locally and globally.
TOTAL	\$60,000		

APPENDIX I

2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Streetohome Grant Recommended - \$150,000 (Recommendation I)

Established in 2008 through a partnership between the City of Vancouver, the Province of British Columbia and the Vancouver Foundation, Streetohome brings a community and collaborative approach to breaking the cycle of homelessness, bringing together a broad-based coalition of leaders and experts from business, service providers, government, and community sectors. In particular, it provides a key opportunity to engage the skills and resources of the private sector in the shared goal of preventing and reducing homelessness in Vancouver.

For the past eleven years, Council has approved an annual operating grant to Streetohome Foundation. Initially \$125,000 /year, in 2016 the annual grant was increased to \$150,000. Other funding sources includes BC Housing, Vancouver Coastal Health, and the private sector.

Streetohome brokers and leverages new funding, innovative ideas, and opportunities for collaboration between public and nonprofit sectors to implement sustainable solutions to homelessness in Vancouver. Through these collaborations, individuals are able to realize a range of goals: housing; health & wellness; legal & advocacy; education & training; employment & volunteering goals; and, community & belonging. The opportunities provided empower those at-risk of, or with lived experience of homelessness, to move along their preferred life path.

Since its inception, Streetohome has raised \$32.4M which, combined with public-sector investments, has supported 36 projects (24 supportive housing and 11 homelessness prevention) contributing to housing stability for 8,985 individuals including unaccompanied youth, families, couples, single adults, and seniors. 100% of Streetohome's capital donations fund supportive housing and homelessness prevention initiatives. (Streetohome 2021 Annual Report)

Streetohome has also partnered with the City Vancouver on the Vancouver Rent Bank (loan capital); Supporting Tenants, Enabling Pathways (moving expenses capital); and Homeward Bound (travel expenses capital).

APPENDIX J**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS****Neighbourhood House Capital Grant Recommended – up to \$500,000 (Recommendation J)**

To renovate and expand the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House, this report seeks approval of a capital grant of up to \$500,000 for the renovation and expansion of the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House (DTESNH) located at 573 E Hastings Street. The DTESNH provides programming and educational, leadership, social and recreational opportunities to residents of Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside with a vision to provide a dignified welcoming space that creates and supports an improved quality of life for the DTES community.

Previous Council Authority

- In 2020 (RTS 13784), Council authorized a Downtown Eastside Plan Implementation Grant of \$50,000 to the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Society to support relocation efforts to a temporary site due to renovation of their current site and ensure continued programming and services to the DTES residents.
- In 2021 (RTS 14727), Council approved Spaces to Thrive: Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy, including actions to enable renewal, renovation, replacement, and expansion of social-serving facilities to meet current and future service needs, focusing on equity priorities.

Historical Context and Renovation

The Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House (DTESNH) was founded in 2005 and evolved into an independent non-profit society in 2009. It is one of eleven Neighbourhood Houses located in the City of Vancouver, which are a vital part of Vancouver’s social infrastructure ecosystem providing local-serving programs within each neighbourhood. The programs of these wide-ranging social service hubs respond directly to the local community need and demand, including drop-in services available in different languages and age-based programs. A wide array of services and programs develop both individual and community capacity; promote social inclusion and foster a sense of belonging. Local residents benefit through active participation and self-determined and supported leadership when they step through the doors of a neighbourhood houses looking for services like childcare, English classes, meals, housing, employment counselling, tutoring and counselling or to volunteer.

The DTESNH has operated from its current leased location at 573 East Hastings since 2010 and today serves approximately 6,000 individuals. The BC Housing-owned building is over 100 years old and contains SRO’s within its upper levels known as “The Carl Rooms”. BC Housing plans to complete major building system upgrades to this building from Summer 2024 to Spring 2025, including seismic, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC system upgrades. When upgrades are complete, the DTESNH will be provided a “shell space” and will begin their own

renovation phase to rebuild walls, flooring, ceiling, kitchen, multipurpose spaces, administrative spaces, and storage. The expected timeline for this phase is Spring and Summer 2025.

The renovation will allow the DTESNH to meet growing demand and community needs for space to accommodate their community programming, which include a range of food security, social and recreational activities. The project will nearly double the DTESNH's access to space from about 1,700 square feet to approximately 3,000 square feet, and include significant upgrades to better serve its community (eg. new kitchen facility for its meal program serving 200 daily). To execute the project, the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House will have to relocate to a temporary space while building upgrades and renovations are taking place. The DTESNH has secured the majority of the project's 1.4M budget through various sources including a Federal infrastructure program.

The recommended capital grant to the DTESNH meets direction #3 set out in the *Spaces to Thrive: Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy* that Council adopted in 2021:

3. Support What Already Exists: Enable renewal, renovation, replacement, and expansion of existing social-serving facilities - The City will work with partners to assess and determine social facility renewal needs that meet current and future service needs, focusing on equity priorities. We will develop policy, incentives and requirements to promote retention, replacement, and expansion of social infrastructure, and support non-profit applicants to renovate and maintain social-serving spaces.

The *Spaces to Thrive* Strategy also identifies Neighbourhood house redevelopment and expansion as one of its seven priorities. The Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House program provides tailored support through its programming and initiatives to low-income residents from a number of Equity-denied communities that experience more challenges accessing social, cultural, and economic opportunities. It is anticipated that the community will experience enhanced services and better outcomes especially those who are also seniors, women, persons with disabilities, people who are racialized, immigrants and/or refugees, people who are experiencing homelessness, and Indigenous Peoples.

As a result, it is anticipated the community will experience better health outcomes for all Indigenous groups: women, 2SLGBTQ+, men, Elders and seniors, and children and youth. Moreover, the relationship building, partnerships, and community-driven development process can help address the impacts of colonization and residential schools in a deeply culturally reflective way, demonstrating that as a City of Reconciliation, Vancouver is committed to recognizing the strengths and assets of Indigenous communities while working to address systemic barriers and socioeconomic inequities.

Financial Considerations

Funding source for the recommended capital grant is the Neighbourhood House Capital Grants budget, approved as part of the Capital Plan (2023-2026). This grant constitutes 10% (\$500,000 of \$5,000,000) of the total amount allocated towards major capital projects for Neighbourhood Houses. Upon Council approval, the City and the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Society will enter into a grant agreement that will outline the terms, conditions, and grant release details. Any increase to the approved amount (\$500,000) will be required to come from reallocation within the Capital plan/budget.

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Greenest City Grants Recommended (Recommendation K)

Greenest City Grants support projects that help advance climate action and equity in Vancouver.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Create Climate Equity Association	\$41,422	Empowering Vancouver's Diverse Communities in Climate Action	Through a proven and impactful approach, Create Climate Equity will further develop and deliver a climate education initiative to support communities within the city who have unique climate and energy needs. CCE proposes to build on the work previously supported by the City by expanding the content and scope of educational materials to address the needs of immigrants who are seniors and immigrants who are renters.
EYA Environmental Youth Alliance Society	\$41,422	Youth Climate Stewards	This project will empower 400 local youth from equity-seeking communities to become climate stewards through 48 ten-week practical training programs focused on creating and restoring climate resilient ecosystems at three sites in East Vancouver. The curriculum will incorporate Indigenous teachings and the project is by and for youth from equity-seeking communities.
False Creek Friends Society	\$39,000	Connecting people, science and action to enhance the sustainability of False Creek's marine environment	This project aims to strengthen connections between people, science, Indigenous Knowledge and action in False Creek, enabling knowledge-based efforts to protect and restore this historically rich and diverse marine habitat. It will support the restoration of functional ecological features of False Creek through community-supported stewardship and increased connections to the water.
Hives for Humanity Society	\$41,422	A Decolonising Toolkit for Community Tended Gardens: how our stories	Through existing community partnerships, in practice of decolonial governance, H4H will gather to host focus sessions - in complement to our seasonal gatherings on the land - to create a

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
		and our care matter in making gardens accessible, resilient and representative	scalable and open-source "Decolonising Toolkit" to share what the land and our practices of care teach us about inclusion, organising, resilience and restoration.
Kickstand Community Bikes Society	\$28,000	Bikes for Families	This project led by Kickstand and the Aboriginal Mother Centre Society (AMCS) aims to address some well-documented barriers to the uptake of cycling by providing bikes and the knowledge, skills, and confidence to ride and repair them to 16 Indigenous families of mothers and children living in transformational housing at the ACMS. It will also build permanent bike storage at the AMCS and provide necessary safety equipment.
The Watari Research Association, operating as Watari Counselling and Support Services	\$41,422	V6A Garden Club	The V6A Gardens Club at the DTES Urban Farm is an Indigenous-led urban agricultural project that brings together sustainability, food sovereignty, and community-led social transformation. This project aims to increase access, consistency, and affordability of produce and meals for community members in the DTES and create community roles including low barrier volunteering and regular employment opportunities.
The Vancouver Foundation of Art, Justice and Liberty	\$45,000	Administration - Greenest City Neighbourhood Small Grants Program	The City's Sustainability Group partners with the Vancouver Foundation to administer the Greenest City Neighbourhood Small Grant program.
TOTAL = 7	\$277,688		

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Greenest City Grants Not Recommended (Recommendation K)

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Better Environmentally Sound Transportation	\$0	Living Streets	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Better Environmentally Sound Transportation	\$0	Time to Walk	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
CityReach Care Society	\$0	Food for Families	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Cultivate Canada Society	\$0	Advancing Food System Sustainability, Climate Resilience, and Social Equity through Expanding and Enriching Compost Systems at Sole Food Street Farms	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Elements Society	\$0	EcoCooks	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Elements Society	\$0	Green Action Project	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
False Creek Watershed Society	\$0	Eco-Protectors: empowering community groups to improve environmental sustainability and watershed awareness	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Food Stash Foundation	\$0	Eco-friendly Rescued Food Box deliveries to persons with disabilities and chronic illnesses	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Growing Chefs	\$0	Classroom Gardens & Cooking Program	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Habitat for Humanity	\$0	Rebuild Hub Denailing Station	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Latincoover Cultural & Business Society	\$0	Verde Vancouver - Latino Climate Action	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	\$0	Universal Cart Initiative	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$0	wE-move	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Stanley Park Ecology Society	\$0	Greater Vancouver Bird Celebration	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Stanley Park Ecology Society	\$0	Stanley Park Augmented Reality Knowledge Kit (SPARKK)	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Threading Change Foundation	\$0	Swapping for a Cause: Circular Fashion and Economy for All	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
V6A Collaborative	\$0	Wild Spaces	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association	\$0	Activating our Teaching Garden	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancouver Fruit Tree Project Society	\$0	Train-The-Trainer Fruit Harvesting and Preservation Workshops	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver)	\$0	Walkable Neighbourhood Field Trips	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROJECT NAME	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Wildcoast Ecological Society	\$0	Jericho Wetland Restoration	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
TOTAL = 21	\$0		

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Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Implementation of Recommendations from the National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: On [July 19, 2022](#), Council approved MMIWG2S Response Report: Response to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice and Red Women Rising Report Recommendations. The report's Financial Implications sections notes that in the 2022 budget Council approved \$300,000 in funding to support this work, half of it onetime and half of it ongoing. Staff are reviewing the needs of the project moving forward to determine future allocation of the \$150,000 ongoing.

Accessibility Strategy: On [July 19, 2022](#) Council adopted the City's first Accessibility Strategy. The Accessibility Strategy reflects the City's commitment to support the full participation of persons with disabilities by establishing and maintaining inclusive services, programs, and infrastructure, and by identifying, removing, and preventing barriers. The strategy reinforces the recognition of the rights, dignity, and independence of people with disabilities within Vancouver and strengthens the ability to foster a culture of equity and inclusion that values and includes all residents, visitors, and employees.

Making Strides: Vancouver's Childcare Strategy and Early Actions: On [June 8, 2022](#) Council approved *Making Strides: Vancouver's Childcare Strategy and Early Actions*, including directions to expand equitable access to quality childcare and build partnerships toward a universal system through support for non-profit partners.

Spaces to Thrive - Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy: On [December 9, 2021](#), Council adopted the Spaces to Thrive, Vancouver's first strategic 10-year policy and partnership framework for City-owned and City-supported social infrastructure.

Equity Framework: On [July 20, 2021](#) Council approved the Equity Framework that lays the foundation for departmental action planning and for culture change within the City of Vancouver by centering on four notions: Indigenous rights, racial justice, intersectionality, and systems approach to change.

Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grants: On [July 25, 2017](#) Council adopted the Aboriginal Health, Healing and Wellness in the DTES Study and approved the creation of the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Grants initiative.

Streetohome Foundation: On [May 17, 2017](#) Council approved in principle the Housing Vancouver Emerging Directions. At the end of 2017, the final Vancouver Housing Strategy and Three-Year Action Plan were adopted by City Council. On July 28, 2011, Council endorsed the Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2012-2021, which includes three strategic directions: 1) Increase the supply of affordable housing; 2) Encourage a housing mix across all neighbourhoods that enhances quality of life; and, 3) Provide strong leadership and support partners to enhance housing stability.

City of Reconciliation: On [July 8, 2014](#) Council adopted the framework which has three foundational components that further strengthen our services and ongoing relationships with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, and the urban Indigenous community: cultural competency, strengthening relations, and, effective decision-making. On January 19, 2016, Council approved the City's review of the Truth and Reconciliation "Calls to Action" report, which identified 27 of the 94 calls where the City has the jurisdiction and ability to implement action. City actions are aligned under 3 themes: Healthy Communities and Wellness; Achieving Indigenous Human Rights and Recognition; and Advancing Awareness, Knowledge, and Capacity.

Healthy City Strategy: On [October 29, 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.

Greenest City Grants: [adopted in 2012 and revised in 2020](#) the Greenest City Grant program offers grants for place-based, community-driven initiatives that help advance sustainability, including the City of Vancouver's Climate Emergency Action Plan, while supporting equity in our city. The grants support projects that foster sustainability leadership and collaboration, create opportunities for innovation, and mobilize community to take collective action on climate throughout Vancouver with a focus on addressing inequity. Council also authorized the City to enter into an agreement with the Vancouver Foundation to govern the administration of the Greenest City Neighbourhood Small Grant program from 2017-2020 and again from 2021-2025.

Community Services (CS) Grants: On March 7, 1978, City Council established the Community Services Grants program. On October 9, 2003, City Council approved revisions to the Community Services Grants program, including the creation of three funding streams: Neighbourhood Organizations, Direct Social Services (renamed Core Support Grants), and Organizational Capacity Building.

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CORE SUPPORT GRANTS INFORMATION GUIDE

This guide provides information about the objectives, criteria and application process for the Core Support Grants program. Core Support Grants are one of many grant streams offered by the City of Vancouver. Information about other social grant programs can be found on the City's web page at:

www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/community-grants

INTRODUCTION – CORE SUPPORT GRANTS PROGRAM

CORE SUPPORT GRANTS (CSG)

To improve accessibility and decrease barriers for non-profits, we have combined the former *Direct Social Services (DSS) Grants* and *Organizational Capacity Building (OCB) Grants* programs into one funding stream called **Core Support Grants (CSG)**. While the application process looks different, eligibility requirements for each of the previous programs remain the same.

At the start of your application for **Core Support Grants**, we will ask you if the focus of your activities is to support direct social services or to support other non-profit organizations to better achieve their goals. If you are applying for a program previously funded under DSS, select 'to support direct social services'. For programs previously funded under OCB, select 'to support other organizations'.

Core Support Grants Priorities

Core Support Grants (CSG) provide funding that addresses inequity and mitigates conditions that create barriers to equity for residents of Vancouver. Grants may fund the direct delivery of social services to individual residents, or fund activities that support other non-profits to improve their ability to deliver social services, address social issues and navigate change. Priority consideration is given to services or programs that meet the following:

- Align with the [Social Policy Grants Statement of Intent](#);
- Reinforce or support the goals of the [Healthy City Strategy](#) with a specific focus on the following goals:
 - 1 – [A Good Start](#)
 - 4 – [Healthy Human Services](#)
 - 5 – [Making Ends Meet and Working Well](#)
 - 6 – [Being and Feeling Safe and Included](#)
 - 7 – [Cultivating Connections](#)
 - 13 – [Collaborative Leadership for a Healthy City for All](#);
- The primary function is to remove barriers and/or provide supports to ensure more equitable access to services and opportunities;
- The primary focus is residents who are experiencing social, physical, and/or economic disadvantages and/or who face discrimination;

- Use one or more of the following approaches (or build the capacity of other non-profits to use following approaches):
 - Service-oriented, and aimed at reducing the barriers to equity; OR
 - Systemic or individual advocacy aimed at securing services and protecting rights; OR
 - Community development, which empowers and involves equity-denied populations in solving social problems, bringing about positive social change, and extending participatory democracy.
- Use, or support other non-profits to use, one or more of the following strategies:
 - Organizing/mobilizing volunteer resources; OR
 - Developing mutual support (e.g. coalition building, collaborative projects) among groups, individuals and group support systems; OR
 - Facilitating improved access to other services; OR
 - Building the capacity of individuals, families or communities to address inequity and mitigate conditions that create barriers to equity; OR
 - Developing or supporting new service delivery models; OR
 - Building or facilitating networks of organizations and individuals.

Given the wide variety of work potentially supported by CSG grants, there is no set goal or benchmark for the actual number of individuals to be served. However, applicants must demonstrate that the number or proportion of people involved is large enough that there is a noteworthy impact on the community.

Eligibility

An organization must:

- Be a registered non-profit society, community service co-op or social enterprise wholly owned by a non-profit and in good standing with the Registrar of Companies; OR, be a registered charity, in good standing with the Canadian Revenue Agency; OR, be a First Nations Band;
 - Please note that if you are not registered as one of the above you may partner with a fiscal sponsor that is a registered non-profit society or registered charity in order to meet this requirement.
- Demonstrate accommodation, welcomeness and openness to people of all ages, abilities, sexual orientation, gender identities (including trans*, gender-variant and two-spirit people), ethnicities, cultural backgrounds, religions, languages, under-represented communities and socio-economic conditions in its policies, practices and programs, except in instances where the exclusion of some group is required for another group to be effectively targeted;
- Have an independent, active governing body composed of volunteers. The by-laws must have provisions that no staff member can be a voting member of the board or executive;
- Be in compliance with the [Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#) and the [British Columbia Human Rights Code](#);
- Have the demonstrated functional capacity and sufficient resources to deliver the programs or work to which the City is being asked to contribute; and
- Deliver the funded program in Vancouver to Vancouver residents or to Vancouver based non-profits.
- **If you have received a Social Policy Core Support Grant already this year we ask that you wait one year before applying for another grant.**

- **If you have applied for a grant previously, were not successful and plan to apply again during this intake period we ask that you contact a Social Planner to discuss how your project may or may not align with funding priorities.**

Ineligible Work and Program Expenses

- Time-limited projects (planned operations of three years or less), or programs and/or organizations in the ideas stage (6 months of operation or less)
- Those which fall wholly or primarily within the mandate of other government departments, e.g. (but not limited to):
 - Direct healthcare programs (such as health self-help groups, health information programs, medical treatment, maintenance or rehabilitation programs);
 - Employment training leading to certification;
 - Initial settlement programs.
- Direct welfare supports, including food banks, meal programs and the provision of clothing;
- Housing;
- One-on-one counselling with licensed psychologists, social workers or registered clinical counsellors;
- Programs which are primarily recreational (formal recreation programs such as clubs/groups or teams), or educational (formal education leading to a credential);
- Travel expenses, attendance at, or fees for, conferences, workshops or other forms of training;
- Delivery of conferences;
- Transportation expenses, except those that allow users or potential users to access services;
- Legal fees;
- Payment of: City property taxes; capital expenses, operating or capital deficits;
- Act in the capacity of a funding body for, or make grants to any other individual, group or organization;
- Programs directed to the preservation of any particular ethnic or cultural heritage, except in instances for Reconciliation initiatives;
- Research.

Exceptions to the above may be approved at the discretion of the Managing Director of Social Policy & Projects.

APPLYING FOR WORK THAT WAS NOT FUNDED LAST YEAR?

Talk to a planner! All new applicants are asked to contact a grants planner to discuss applications prior to submission. Applicants that were not successful in the previous year are also asked to contact a grants planner if you are considering applying again. This short phone call will ensure applicants are eligible and will be an opportunity to walk through the process, provide tips and answer questions.

Social Policy Grants Contact Information:

Phone: 604.871.6027

Email address: socialpolicygrants@vancouver.ca

Changes in 2022:

A number of changes have been made for 2022 to ease the administrative burden of the application process, and to allow grantees more flexibility in the use of grant funds.

1. **Organizations with annual budgets of less than \$5 million:** applicants will be given a choice between applying for unrestricted organization funding to support core activities, or applying for unrestricted funding for a specific program or programs:
 - **Option 1:**
Organization Funding: grant funding to the entire organization will be unrestricted, except for the restrictions noted above (see **Ineligible Programs and Program Expenses**). Organizations will have the flexibility to spend 100% of their grant dollars across the organization in support of their work as needed, with no cap on administration and without program restrictions. Choosing this option will no longer require submission of a program-specific budget.
 - **Option 2:**
Program Funding: grant funding only for a specific program will be unrestricted except for the restrictions noted above (see **Ineligible Programs and Program Expenses**). Choosing this option will require the submission of program-specific budget(s). Applicants may choose this option if the work of their organization as a whole might be considered ineligible, but they are operating a program that may be eligible, e.g. a clinical health centre that is running a non-clinical peer-support program.
2. **Organizations with annual budgets of \$5 million or more: applications and grant funds will be restricted to a specific program.** There will be no restrictions on how funds can be used in support of the program itself, except for the restrictions noted above (see **Ineligible Programs and Program Expenses**). These organizations will be required to submit a program-specific budget.
3. **The choice to apply for more than one program within one application.** If applicants are planning to apply for more than one program, they can now make one application for the combined total amount, rather than making separate applications for each program. (applicants can still choose to make separate applications for separate programs if they prefer)

4. **Organization budget forms (using a city template) will no longer be required.** Instead, organizations will be asked to submit their own financial statements (audited or reports to the board).
5. **Applications will now be accepted twice per year:** spring and fall intakes. See website for details: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/community-grants
6. **Word limits have been removed from all fields, except one.**
7. **Applications will be submitted online:** printed copies or emailed applications will no longer be accepted.

Fairness and Equity

Core Support Grants (CSG) provide funding that addresses inequity and mitigates conditions that create barriers to equity for residents of Vancouver. Throughout the application applicants are encouraged to link their work directly to achieving this goal.

The City of Vancouver has developed an Equity Framework to address systemic racism and to reduce barriers for those who have historically experienced the most exclusion, violence and harm.

This framework is an internal document that will shape how the City, as an employer and policymaker, provides additional supports for equity-seeking groups in order to advance fair conditions for all people.

For more information about the City's approach, we invite you to read more about the many steps that the City of Vancouver is taking to address racism and inequality:

www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/equity-diversity-inclusion

HOW TO APPLY

All applications are now being accepted online via VanApply. Rather than forms, required information will appear as tasks which include:

- Organization Information
- Nature of Work: Outlining the type and impact of the work to be supported by the application.
- Program-specific budget: Only for orgs with budgets over \$5M, OR for those with budgets under \$5M that choose to apply for one or more specific programs.
- Organization budget: Organizations will no longer be required to submit an Organization Budget using a city template. Instead, we will accept financial statements for the most recently-completed fiscal year (i.e., audited, review engagement, notice to reader).
- Additional supporting materials are required are as follows:
 - Annual General Meeting minutes
 - Annual Report (if available)
 - Board of Directors List
 - Incorporation Documentation
 - Minutes of the Most Recent Board Meeting

- Organization By-law/Constitution
- Organization's Policy on Diversity (if available)

Please ensure you have all required documents at hand to upload, as you will be unable to submit an incomplete application.

If you have questions or need assistance completing your application, please do not hesitate to contact us. Contact details are below.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed and assessed by Social Policy staff using established criteria. If a reviewing planner has questions, they may contact an organization for clarification. Staff present recommendations to City Council, which must approve staff's funding recommendations. Applicants are notified of staff recommendations via email one week prior to the meeting at which Council considers the grant recommendations.

As the review and recommendation approval process leading up to the final decision by Council is extensive, there is no appeal process for grant decisions.

Term of Core Support Grants

The term of a Core Support Grant is one calendar year, from approval.