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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services

SUBJECT: 2023 Homelessness Services Grants, 2023 Dugout Pilot Project Grant, and 2024 Renter Services Grants

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. THAT Council approve Homelessness Services (HS) grants totalling \$43,000 from the 2023 Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget to the 16 organizations listed in Appendix A of this report for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2023 Recom" column to create awareness and engage residents in solutions to homelessness and support individuals experiencing homelessness.
- B. THAT Council approve a grant to the Dugout Drop-In Centre Society (Dugout) totalling \$20,000 from the 2023 Arts, Culture and Community Services Operating Budget to fund a six-month pilot to conduct referral to other services and spaces in the Downtown Eastside (DTES).
- C. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization that is to receive a grant pursuant to the above Recommendations that is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the health and welfare of the City.
- D. THAT Council delegate its authority to execute grant agreements that include terms and conditions that are consistent with this report, that satisfy the City's Director of Legal Services, and that disburse the grants described in this report to the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services (or their designate).
- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

- F. THAT Council authorize staff to allocate \$500,000 remaining from the Empty Homes Tax Reserve of the Renter Office Pilot budget to an additional year of the Renter Services Grants program for 2024 to enable non-profit organizations to provide critical programs and services to Vancouver renters at risk of displacement from their homes.

Recommendations A and B require 2/3 affirmative votes of all Council members under section 206 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

Purpose and Executive Summary

This report seeks Council approval for 16 Homelessness Services grants totalling \$43,000 to fund short-term and one-time events and projects that support people experiencing homelessness. The source of funds for the Homelessness Services grants is the 2023 Arts, Culture and Community Services (ACCS) Street Homelessness Operating Budget.

The report also seeks funding for a pilot initiative to support the Dugout to connect with patrons and individuals outside of the Dugout through referral to other services and spaces in the DTES.

Further, this report seeks Council approval to allocate \$500,000 remaining in the Renter Office Pilot budget to one more year of funding for a 2024 Renter Services Grants program to enable non-profit organizations to provide critical programs and services to Vancouver renters at risk of displacement from their homes. The source of funds for the 2024 Renter Services Grants is the Empty Homes Tax Reserve.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Please see Appendix C for all aligned Council Authority and Previous Decisions.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

Context and Background

Homelessness Services Grants

The City's Homelessness Services (HS) Grant Program was established in 2009 with the inception of Homelessness Action Week. Homelessness Services grants support a variety of community-led positive and engaging initiatives and events that take place in Vancouver throughout the year.

The overarching goals of HS Grants are to:

1. Support Vancouver residents who are experiencing homelessness;
2. Use creative approaches to increase community awareness of homelessness and the drivers of homelessness;
3. Build greater understanding among citizens on solutions to homelessness;
4. Engage the voices of those with lived experience; and
5. Decrease the stigma associated with homelessness and the exclusion experienced by Vancouverites who are experiencing homelessness.

These five goals are aligned with the *Housing Vancouver Strategy* of continued leadership and advocacy on addressing the causes of and solutions to homelessness.

The HS grant program continues to generate events, activities and interest year after year, and provides the opportunity to engage residents in raising awareness about homelessness issues, challenging stigma around homelessness, and providing direct support to those who are homeless.

Since 2009, allocated grant funds have contributed to uniting Vancouverites in a common goal to raise awareness about and create solutions to the issues of homelessness and to support organizations providing direct services to homeless individuals. See Appendix D for a summary of grant funds allocated from 2009 to 2022.

2023 Dugout Pilot Project Grant

The Dugout provides a drop in space to people who are experiencing homelessness and other low-income DTES residents. The Dugout's space capacity is outweighed by the number of patrons who need respite and who are gathering outside of the Dugout.

2024 Renter Services Grants

On June 12, 2019 (RTS 13180), Council allocated \$5.65 million from Empty Homes Tax (EHT) reserve over three years to the City's Renter Office Pilot to fund actions to support and advocate for Vancouver renters at risk of displacement from their homes, communities, and, at worst, into homelessness. Actions included allocating \$1.5 million to implement a Renter Services Funding program. Between 2020 and 2022 (RTS 13412, 14068, 14763 and 14827), Council awarded \$1.5 million in Renter Services grants to enhance non-profit advocacy and support services to Vancouver renters. See Appendix B for brief summary of the grant-supported program service impacts.

On January 18, 2023 (RTS 14850), Council approved the continuation of Renter Services Grants for 2023 allocating \$750,000 from Empty Homes Tax (EHT) reserve, which Council awarded to 20 non-profit organizations on March 28, 2023 (RTS 15388). On January 18, 2023, Council also directed staff to transition, as feasible, the work of the City's Renter Office to other service providers. An estimated \$570,000 of the overall Renter Office Pilot budget remains unspent after the closure of the Renter Office on May 31, 2023 (Table 1).

Table 1. Renter Office Budget as of May 31, 2023

	\$ Million
Approved	
Approved 2019 (RTS 13180)	\$5.65
Approved 2023 (RTS 14850)	\$0.75
Total approved	\$6.40
Expenses and Forecast	
Expenses 2020-2022	\$3.09
Forecast 2023 (staffing, grants/service contracts, 900 Howe TIs & operating costs)	\$2.74
Total expenses & forecasted	\$5.83
Amount remaining (est.)	\$0.57

Discussion

Recommendations A: 2023 Homelessness Services Grants

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

Application and Review Process

A HS Grants information and application guide was prepared and posted online on the Homeless Services Grants webpage (<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/homelessness-services-grants.aspx>). Email notifications with information about the HS grants, timelines, and application process were sent to over 150 organizations in Vancouver. Staff held an information session for interested organizations and staff arranged additional meetings to answer questions and assist applicants. Grant applications were reviewed by a committee comprised of three staff from Homelessness Services, one staff from Social Policy and Projects and one community member.

Results of the Call for Proposals

The call for proposals resulted in 26 applications, totaling \$75,191.98. As noted above, total funds available for 2023 HS grants is \$43,000. Staff recommend allocating all available funds through this call for proposals.

Table 2: Summary of 2023 HS Grants

Total Amount Requested	Funding Recommended	Total Number of Applicants	Number of Recommended Applications
\$75,191.98	\$43,000	26	16

All 16 recommended applications support the primary goal of the grant program to support Vancouver residents who are experiencing homelessness. The diverse projects and events provide unique opportunities for capacity and skills development, awareness raising and direct access to resources and services. Examples of activities that this grant funding will support include:

- Community dialogues to break down stigma, and reduce barriers for individuals experiencing homelessness to access services in their neighbourhood;
- Homeless prevention workshops to provide direct support for women experiencing homelessness accessing appropriate housing;

- Youth-led magazine to uphold stories of youth experiencing homelessness and inspire others; and
- Peer mentorship program to support individuals accessing low barrier employment.

As in many granting calls, the amount of funding requested exceeded the budget, and not all applications are being recommended for funding. During the adjudication process, adjudicators worked to recommend full funding for as many applicants as possible to ensure the success of their event or project. Staff recommend full funding for nine applications, and partial funding for an additional seven applications. In instances where staff are recommending partial funding, due to the limited budget of HS grants, funds were prioritized to provide direct delivery of the project or event and do not cover administration expenses.

Staff will work with unsuccessful applicants to provide feedback on their application, and where applicable, identify opportunities to support their project in different ways.

The Tables in Appendix A summarize the applications received and the recommended funding level of each, as well as a summary of applications not being recommended for funding.

Monitoring and Reporting

Monitoring and reporting requirements are built into the Grant Agreements signed by all grant recipients. Successful applicants will submit a final report upon completing their project that outlines their activities, intended outputs and budget utilization.

Recommendation B: 2023 Dugout Pilot Project Grant

The recommendation for this grant is based on discussions between staff, The Dugout, the Gastown BIA, and neighbours over the past months. Staff are recommending funding to pilot a service whereby the Dugout is able to provide outreach and referral services to individuals who are gathering outside of the drop in space. The service may be continued temporarily based on an initial assessment and pending available funding. Staff are also working with the Dugout to identify a larger space in a suitable location in the DTES so that they can accommodate more patrons indoors.

Recommendation F: 2024 Renter Services Grants

The proposed 2024 Renter Services Grant program will allow non-profit organizations, including applicants of former Renter Services Grants, to apply for an additional year of funding to support the services they provide to Vancouver renters. Grantee reports show that City grants make a significant impact on the ability of renters who are at risk of displacement from their homes and communities to stabilize their housing and avoid homelessness. The decision regarding a 2024 program is needed now as the call for proposals for 2024 would be issued in the fall of 2023.

Activities supported by Renter Services grants are expected to include but not be limited to:

- Enhanced opportunities for Vancouver renters at risk of displacement from their homes to understand their rights and improve and stabilize their housing;
- Increased legal assistance and advocacy for renters to pursue their rights, with direct investment in supporting women who are marginalized, DTES residents, and renters with mental health challenges; and
- Increased housing support services for people facing barriers / marginalization, including youth exiting care, people with disabilities, people who identify as Indigenous, newcomers and refugees, and low-income seniors.

Should Council approve Recommendation F, staff will implement the 2024 Renter Services Grants program, and report to Council in early 2024 with grant recommendations.

Financial Implications

2023 Homelessness Services Grants

This report recommends Council approve \$43,000 in Homelessness Services Grants to 16 non-profit organizations, source of funds 2023 Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget.

2023 Dugout Pilot Project Grant

The report recommends Council approve \$20,000 to the Dugout; source of funding is the 2023 ACCS operating budget.

2024 Renter Services Grants

This report recommends Council allocate \$500,000 remaining from the Renter Office Pilot budget to extend the Renter Services Grants program for one additional year (2024), source of funding EHT Reserve. Renter Services grants provided in the past were strictly focussed on enabling an initiative related to affordable housing. Staff would ensure that the criteria is strictly applied to all future grant recipients.

Funding for future years will need to be considered as part of the annual operating budget process. EHT could be a future source for Renter Services grants, provided the criteria for the grant is strictly focussed in enabling an initiative related to affordable housing and the EHT reserve has available funding.

Legal Implications

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

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HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2022 Grant	2023 Request	2023 Recom
B.W.S.S.: Battered Women's Support Services Association	<p>Homeless Prevention and Advocacy Workshops</p> <p>The proposed project includes a twelve-session workshop series aimed at providing information, advocacy, and support for self-identified women in need of ongoing, safe, and secure housing who are currently experiencing homelessness, have experienced homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness.</p>	\$ 3000	\$ 3000	\$ 3000
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	<p>Building Compassionate Communities</p> <p>We propose to use this grant to raise awareness and combat the stigma associated with homelessness. Our plan is to organize three events that will showcase the inspiring stories of individuals who have benefited from the support of our outreach workers in their journey towards securing and maintaining housing.</p>	N/A	\$ 3000	\$ 2655
Employ to Empower Foundation	<p>Unity in Community</p> <p>"Unity in Community," will address the stigma and discrimination of people who are experiencing (or have experienced) poverty and homelessness in the DTES community by facilitating education / awareness, dialogue, interaction and connection between these groups through educational, peer-led workshops and meaningful and engaging volunteer opportunities in the video series.</p>	\$2,950	\$ 2,990	\$ 2,990

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2022 Grant	2023 Request	2023 Recom
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	<p>Slice 'Zine 30 Years Later</p> <p>Project to create a 30th Anniversary edition of the “The Slice”, along with a Gallery Walk event for unhoused youth at our downtown Drop-In Centre. The Gallery Walk will be hosted at Directions Drop-In and will be an art show for youth, by youth, about youth, with refreshments and providing a rare opportunity for community building that is not centered on immediate survival needs.</p>	N/A	\$ 3000	\$ 2700
Gallery Gachet Society	<p>The 16th Annual Oppenheimer Park Community Art Show</p> <p>Our annual Oppenheimer Park Community Art Show features artists who have a connection to Oppenheimer Park, its surrounding neighbourhood, and the Downtown Eastside. The Oppenheimer Park show provides us an opportunity to work with artists who face systemic barriers in navigating traditional juried open call procedures within gallery settings.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000
Jewish Family Service Agency of Vancouver	<p>Housing for All- A Community Dialogue</p> <p>Event to provide opportunities for people with lived experience to share their stories and solutions. The event will include dinner and a graphic artist to capture the dialogue and provide a graphic rendering of impacts, challenges and potential solutions. The intended impact is to capture ideas on ways to move forward and to look for ways to action these in the coming year.</p>	N/A	\$2000	\$2000

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2022 Grant	2023 Request	2023 Recom
Lotus Light Charity Society	<p>LLCS Winter Charity Drive Care Package for the Homeless</p> <p>Lotus Light Annual Winter Charity Drive distributes winter care items to help homeless people with our community partners: Temporary Shelter Program, City of Vancouver, Homeless Outreach Team, Vancouver Police Department, BC Ambulance Services, Outreach Team, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, BC.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000
Marpole Neighbourhood House	<p>Marpole's Safe Haven</p> <p>Continue to provide opportunities for the community to come together in dialogue through sessions provided by trained community professionals and neighbours with lived experience. Creating a safe haven for both individuals who are experiencing homelessness and for the community at large continues to be our focus as we work together to address this complex issue.</p>	\$ 2500	\$3000	\$3000
Megaphone (Hope in Shadows Society)	<p>Vendor Mentorship and Training Program</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to engage the expertise and build on the skills of veteran/experienced vendors (mentors) to support new/inexperienced vendors (mentees) and set them up for success.</p>	N/A	\$ 3000	\$ 3000

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2022 Grant	2023 Request	2023 Recom
Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association	<p>Mount Pleasant Community Food Security Kitchen</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to address the increasing and critical need for food security in the Mount Pleasant Community. Working to meet this increased demand, we will provide satisfying and nutritious meals, focus on volunteer recruitment, and increase the awareness of the food security kitchen through various digital platforms.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$3,000
Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	<p>Community Circle on Homelessness: Origins, Awareness, & Support</p> <p>The project consists of two dialogue sessions focusing on breaking down stigma and stereotypes surrounding unhoused individuals. The main purpose of the project will be to raise awareness and share stories about homelessness, displacement, breaking down stereotypes associated with poverty, mental health and homelessness, and understanding the history of homelessness in Vancouver.</p>	\$ 2,700	\$3,000	\$ 2,700
Potluck Café (2003) Society	<p>Homeless Action Week Meals</p> <p>The "Soup for the Soul" meal program will provide these individuals with a week's worth of hot and nutritious meals, offering a range of different soups to provide variety and meet different dietary needs.</p>	N/A	\$ 1,203	\$ 955

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2022 Grant	2023 Request	2023 Recom
Powell Street Festival Society	<p>DTES Winter Care Package</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to support the low-income members of the DTES community with 250 care packages and low-barrier employment opportunities, and to raise awareness about and help destigmatize homelessness.</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$3,000
South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	<p>My Life, My Story</p> <p>For “My Life, My Story” project, SVNH will use the HS Funds to hire a videographer and put together stories of the people experiencing visible and invisible homelessness told by them on camera and use this film as a source of teaching and awareness building during community dialogue circles and other community events. This will help engage the community and bring clarity around what homelessness means through the lens of those living it.</p>	\$2,300	\$3,000	\$3,000
Vancouver Moving Theatre Society	<p>Art in the Park</p> <p>Collaborative community-engaged art project that brings together the diverse populations surrounding Andy Livingstone Park to meet, share stories and make art. This annual low-barrier arts and culture project is led by Carnegie Community Center’s Elder in Residence Leslie Nelson and an artist in residence, supported by Carnegie Community Center and Vancouver Park Board staff.</p>	N/A	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2022 Grant	2023 Request	2023 Recom
Working Gear Clothing Society	<p>Community Clothing Pop-Up Events</p> <p>Continue to host monthly free clothing pop-ups event with a free clothing store where most of the clothing and footwear is men for the rest of 2023 to bridge the need of footwear and suitable men's clothing for marginalized individuals in the community. Paid peer labour for the pop-up clothing event will create meaningful experiences both for peers and for the attendees of the events.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$2000
	Total Requested		\$ 45,193	
	Total Recommending			43,000

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2022 Grant	2023 Request	2023 Recom
411 Seniors Centre Society	<p>Homelessness Services Information Event</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to raise awareness through an event(s) on the supports available to low-income seniors in order to avoid homelessness. This event(s) will target low-income seniors, and other senior service providers that are in need of more information on the various government supports.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2022 Grant	2023 Request	2023 Recom
Connective	<p>Providing Essential Items to Unhoused Individuals in Vancouver</p> <p>The proposed project aims to provide essential items to unhoused individuals in Vancouver through a survey and subsequent purchase of requested items, and by assembling grab bags with these essential items and small donations from local businesses and community organizations.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
Nestara Society for Community Wellness	<p>Survivor's Pole Block Parties</p> <p>Nestara has been hosting small-scale block parties at 333 Carall Street, serving food at Survivor's Pole. These events have grown monthly in size and cost and have received amazing feedback from the community. One unique aspect of our events is the culture.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
Pacifica Treatment Centre	<p>Heal and Renew: Butterfly Release</p> <p>Pacifica Treatment Centre will hold an event on August 31st, 2023 to commemorate the lives lost to Overdose and simultaneously celebrate the lives saved by treatment, harm reduction and other essential support services. The event will revolve around a butterfly release at Trout Lake in the early afternoon.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
The Giving Truck	<p>The Giving Truck Christmas Care Packages Distribution</p> <p>The project invites youth to assemble and distribute care packages to those in need. The care packages may not solve homelessness or poverty entirely but we've met such grateful individuals whose perspective of life had switched dramatically because of receiving this gift.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2022 Grant	2023 Request	2023 Recom
Three Links Care Foundation	<p>Fairview Outreach</p> <p>Project to do outreach year round in Fairview neighbourhood and, fill wishes of local homeless we find (e.g. if someone needs new shoes, or glasses, or dentures we can provide these items). We also want to look at perhaps providing weekly breakfasts for the homeless and will seek out other needs we can fill in our neighbourhood.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
Unique Get Together Society	<p>Peer to Peer - Sharing Our Stories</p> <p>The project is premised on a speaker series of individuals who were previously homeless to provide participants with inspiration and simultaneously demonstrate a potential path out of homelessness</p>	N/A	\$3,000	\$0
Unlocking the Gates	<p>Prisoner's Justice Day -Sharing Stories and Resources</p> <p>UTG would like to host a Prisoner's Justice Day Event for people who are formerly incarcerated, as well as the family and friends affected.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre	<p>Wellness Day</p> <p>Funding will be allocated towards organizing a wellness day event that aims to enhance the cultural programming for Vancouver's unhoused Indigenous community, coinciding with the celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$0

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:				
Agency	Project Description	2022 Grant	2023 Request	2023 Recom
Vancouver Odd Fellows Lodge No. 90	Warming Centre The Vancouver Oddfellows Lodge #90 has operated this warming shelter for three years in extreme weather. We are becoming more aware of the particular needs of the homeless and want to offer more than a meal and a mat by providing cooked hot meals and supplying warm clothing and accessories.	\$3000	\$2999	\$0
	Total Requested		\$29,999	
	Total Recommending			\$0

Summary of Achievements: Renter Services Grants

Monitoring and reporting requirements were built into the Grant Agreements signed by all Renter Services grant recipients. Based on the reports of services provided, the following was achieved:

Between April and October 2020:

- 1,000 Vancouver renters contacted renter legal advocacy organizations for assistance to pursue their rights.
- 720 Vancouver renters received support services in navigating and maintaining their housing.
- 2,000 Vancouver SRO tenants were educated on their tenancy rights.

In total, the 2020 Renter Services Grant recipients have supported over 3,700 Vancouver renters within a seven-month period, surpassing the total number of renters that the projects intended to serve.

Between April and October 2021:

- More than 1,600 Vancouver renters contacted renter legal advocacy organizations for assistance to pursue their rights.
- Approximately 1,200 Vancouver renters received support services in navigating and maintaining their housing.
- 600 Vancouver SRO tenants were educated on their tenancy rights.

In total, the 2021 Renter Services Grant recipients have supported over 3,000 Vancouver renters within a seven-month period, surpassing the total number of renters that the projects intended to serve.

Between April and October 2022:

- Approximately 1,600 Vancouver renters contacted renter legal advocacy organizations for assistance to pursue their rights.
- Approximately 1,100 Vancouver renters received support services in navigating and maintaining their housing.
- 600 Vancouver SRO tenants were educated on their tenancy rights.

In total, the 2022 Renter Services Grant recipients supported over 3,000 Vancouver renters within a seven-month period.

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

On March 28, 2023 (RTS 15388), Council awarded \$750,000 in Renter Services Grants to 20 non-profit organizations, source of funding the 2023 Housing and Homelessness Services Operating Budget (EHT Allocation).

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20230328/documents/regu20230328mins.pdf#page=9>

On March 28, 2023, (RTS 15567) Council approved Core Support Grants including a \$45,600 grant to the Dugout Drop In Centre Society.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20230328/documents/r3.pdf>

On January 18, 2023 (RTS 14850), Council approved continuing the Renter Services Grants program for 2023, allocating \$750,000, source of funding Affordable Housing – EHT Allocation, and further directed staff to consider and make recommendations, as warranted, for enhanced and/or expanded grants within the Renter Services Grants program to ensure that renters are fully and appropriately supported in the city of Vancouver. Further, Council directed the General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services to report back to Council on a plan to transition, as feasible, the work of the City's Renter Office to other service providers.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20230118/documents/pspc20230118min.pdf#page=7>

On December 6, 2022, (RTS 14827) Council approved one Organizational Capacity Building grant of \$4,500 from the 2022 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget to The Dugout Drop-In Centre Society for strategic planning support.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20221207/documents/pspc4.pdf>

On June 21, 2022 (RTS 14773), Council awarded \$43,000 in Homelessness Action Week Grants to 15 non-profit organizations, source of funds Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20220621/documents/r2.pdf>

On July 20, 2021, Council approved the *Equity Framework* to address systemic racism and to reduce barriers for those who have historically experienced the most exclusion, violence and harm in Vancouver.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20210720/documents/regu20210720min.pdf#page=3>

On June 8, 2021 (RTS 14279), Council awarded \$66,052 in Homelessness Action Week Grants to 15 non-profit organizations, source of funds Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget (\$36,052), and the 2021 Capital budget for the Supportive Housing Grant Program (\$30,000).

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20210609/documents/cfsc1.pdf>

On June 12, 2019 (RTS 13180), Council approved actions to be implemented through the Renter Office to support and advocate for the needs of renters, and allocated \$5.65 million to fund Renter Office activities over three years, including \$1.5 million to create and administer a Renter Services Funding Program.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20190612/documents/pspc20190612min.pdf>

On November 28, 2017, Council approved the *Housing Vancouver Strategy* and *Housing Vancouver 3 Year Action Plan 2018-2020*. Increasing supports and protections for people experiencing homelessness was identified as a key objective of the Strategy.

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20171128/documents/regu20171128min.pdf#page=3>

On October 28, 2014, Council adopted the Framework for a City of Reconciliation
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20141028/documents/regu20141028min.pdf>

Previous Homelessness Services Grants Funding Decisions

Year	Funding Source	Funding Allocated	# of Organizations	RTS
2009	Homeless Action Plan	\$9,300	4	RTS 08283
2010	Homeless Action Plan	\$10,500	5	RTS 08788
2011	Street Homelessness Project	\$25,000	9	RTS 09325
2012	Street Homeless Budget	\$30,000	11	RTS 09581
2013	Street Homeless Budget	\$35,000	18	RTS 10135
2014	Street Homelessness	\$40,000	16	RTS 10619
2015	Street Homelessness	\$43,000	18	RTS 10980
2016	Street Homelessness	\$33,650	13	RTS 11433
2017	Street Homelessness	\$43,000	17	RTS 11939
2018	Homelessness Services	\$46,000	16	RTS 12506
2018	Supportive Housing Capital	\$12,000	4	RTS 12506
2018	Supportive Housing Capital	\$15,000	5	RTS 12777
2019	Homelessness Services, Supportive Housing Capital	\$64,000	14	RTS 13139
2020	Homelessness Services, Supportive Housing Capital	\$66,000	15	RTS 13625
2021	Homelessness Services, Supportive Housing Capital	\$66,052	16	RTS 14279
2022	Homelessness Services	\$43,000	15	RTS 14773