



## 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

#### Operating and Capital Grants

- A. THAT Council approve 23 Core Support Grants totalling \$680,512 from the 2023 Social Policy Operating Grants budget to the organizations listed in Appendix A-1 for the amounts recommended in the "2023 Recommend" column to address inequity and mitigate conditions that create vulnerabilities for residents of Vancouver.
- B. THAT Council approve 46 Childcare Enhancement Grants totalling \$992,689 from the 2023 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget – Childcare to the organizations listed in Appendix B-1 for the amounts recommended in the "2023 Recommend" column to support licensed childcare programs working with vulnerable families.
- C. THAT Council approve 18 Childcare Reserve Grants totalling \$554,400 from the Childcare Reserve to the organizations listed in Appendix C-1 for the amounts recommended in the "2023 Recommend" column to support the operation of 312 infant/toddler childcare spaces.
- D. THAT Council approve 3 Childcare Project Grants totalling \$95,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget – Childcare to the organizations listed in Appendix D for the amounts recommended in the "2023 Recommend" column to support capacity building in the childcare sector.
- E. THAT Council approve 3 Childcare Capital Grants totalling \$54,841 from the 2023 Small Capital Grants for Non-city Owned Childcare budget to the organizations listed in Appendix E for the amounts recommended in the "2023 Recommend" column.

- F. THAT Council approve 2 Social Policy Small Capital Grants totalling \$75,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Small Capital Grant budget to the organizations listed in Appendix F-1 for the amounts recommended in the "2023 Recommend" column.
- G. THAT Council approve a grant of \$337,249 to the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society as described in Appendix G to support operations of the Collingwood Gymnasium and Collingwood Annex from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Source of funds is \$297,249 from the 2023 General Government Operating budget and \$40,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating budget.
- H. THAT Council approve a grant of \$90,000 from the 2023 Sustainability Operating Reserve to the Downtown Eastside Single Residency Occupancy (SRO) Collaborative Society as described in Appendix H for the SRO Heat Preparedness and Response Program.
- I. THAT Council approve 7 one-time grants under the Social Responsibility Fund Grant Program totalling \$130,156 from the 2023 Edgewater Social Responsibility Fund to the organizations listed in Appendix I for the amounts recommended in the "2023 Recommend" column.
- J. THAT Council approve a grant of \$50,000 from the 2023 Arts, Culture, and Community Services (ACCS) Operating budget to Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House for the 'Restorative Neighbourhood Pilot' as described in Appendix J in support of a Restorative City initiative.
- K. THAT Council approve a School Age Care Capital Grant of \$91,000 from the 2023 Childcare Capital Budget to the British Columbia Indigenous Housing Society (formerly Vancouver Native Housing Society) as described in Appendix K-1 to address cost escalation associated with the construction of a childcare project at 1766 Frances Street.
- L. THAT Council approve a Neighbourhood House Emergency Grant of \$20,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Operating Grants budget to the Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society as described in Appendix L.
- M. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A to L of this report that is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the health and welfare of the City.
- N. THAT Council delegate its authority to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services to negotiate and execute agreements to disperse the grants described in Recommendations A to L on the terms and conditions set out herein or such other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services.

- O. 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.

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

### Purpose and Executive Summary

The grant streams included in this report received 148 applications totalling \$3,550,727. Of these, 107 grants are being recommended for a total of \$3,170,847. (See Table 1)

The recommended 107 grants support a range of operational and capital funding such as:

- accessible childcare programs for high-needs children, families, and support organizations;
- emergency response resources, capital upgrades, and community-led programming to provide wellness, health, and safety supports; and
- direct social services to equity-deserving communities in alignment with furthering the City’s Healthy City Strategy goals.

*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 Grants	23	\$680,512	\$2,013,681	A
<b>Subtotal</b>			23	\$680,512	\$2,013,681	
Childcare	B	Childcare Enhancement Grants	46	\$992,689	n/a <sup>1</sup>	B
	C	Childcare Reserve Grants	18	\$554,400	\$613,800	C
	D	Childcare Project Grants	3	\$95,000	\$95,000	D
<b>Subtotal</b>			67	\$1,676,400	\$708,800	
Capital	E	Childcare Capital Grants	3	\$54,841	\$54,841	E
	F	Social Policy Small Capital Grants	2	\$75,000	\$75,000	F
<b>Subtotal</b>			5	\$129,841	\$129,841	
Other Grants	G	Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium & Annex	1	\$337,249	\$337,249	G
	H	SRO Grant –Heat Preparedness and Response	1	\$90,000	\$90,000	H
	I	Social Responsibility Fund	7	\$130,155.60	\$130,155.60	I
	J	Restorative City	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	J
	K	School Age Care	1	\$91,000	\$91,000	K

<sup>1</sup> Grants are formula-based for eligible organizations.

		Capital Grant				
	L	Neighbourhood House Emergency Grant	1	\$20,000	n/a <sup>2</sup>	L
<b>Subtotal</b>			12	\$718,405	\$718,405	
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	107	<b>\$3,170,847</b>	<b>\$3,570,727</b>	

### Council Authority/Previous Decisions

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

- City of Vancouver’s United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) Strategy: [October 25, 2022](#)
- Accessibility Strategy: [July 19, 2022](#)
- Implementation of Recommendations from the National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: [July 19, 2022](#)
- 2023 -2026 Capital Plan: [June 16, 2022](#)
- Making Strides: Vancouver’s Childcare Strategy: [June 8, 2022](#)
- Working Collaboratively to Become a Restorative City: [January 26, 2022](#)
- Spaces to Thrive: Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy: [December 9, 2021](#)
- Equity Framework: [July 20, 2021](#)
- Healthy City Strategy: [October 29, 2014](#)
- City of Reconciliation: [July 8, 2014](#)
- Community Services Grants program established: March 7, 1978

### City Manager’s Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

### Context and Background

While City policy supports all residents, grants in the Social Policy and Projects Division take a focused approach towards supporting social serving non-profits that support communities and individuals who face barriers to participation in society. Guided by the *Healthy City Strategy* and other related Council policies, the funding recommended in this report is focused on non-profit social service sector services that reduce barriers for equity-deserving groups.

The social service non-profit sector faces a new set of challenges post-COVID, including:

- A critical staffing shortage in the childcare sector due to low wages and the pull to other professions. This is echoed in the general social service sector where inadequate compensation and a lack of support for staff well-being are leading to high turnover rates, difficulty with recruitment and retention, and organizational instability.
- High rates of inflation are eroding financial capacity provided through existing funding agreements in social service organizations. Financial resources have remained unchanged, meaning NPOs are doing more with less.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Funding is supporting emergency relief in response to a sudden fire.

<sup>3</sup> 2023 State of BC’s Non-Profit Sector: Safety Net, Vantage Point, May 2023.

- The rate of cases with more complex needs in the social service and childcare sectors is rising. Non-profit partners are overwhelmed trying to meet increasing demands.
- Rapidly changing climate disproportionately affects people with low income and the programs that serve them. More frequent heat events and higher/colder temperatures affect low-income individuals who are not physically equipped with climate control, and/or those who are inadequately housed.

In addition to these challenges, the funding landscape is evolving in the social service sectors. In childcare, recent senior government investments are creating opportunities for affordability for families; however, gaps remain. In the general non-profit sector, organizations are calling for investments in capacity building through unrestricted funding and fostering trust-based relationships between funders and community.<sup>4</sup>

Grants from the City have strategically filled gaps in funding programs provided by senior levels of government. This approach has tried to ensure that the needs of residents and the social service and childcare sectors who serve them are met.

### Application and Review Process for Social Grants

Information on the City's social grants are listed on the City's website, including program information, eligibility criteria, and contact information. Current grantees and/or the City's social serving non-profit networks are invited to open calls as grant streams are made available.

New organizations are encouraged to contact staff to discuss their program or project proposals prior to applying (see Appendix N). Staff and a cross-departmental panel will review all applications using grant criteria that aligns with Council priorities. At the end of the grant cycle, grantees are required to complete a report backs on outcomes.

Appendix N includes a detailed summary of the process.

## **Discussion**

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

### Grant Recommendations

1. *Recommendation A: Core Support Grants (\$680,512) (Appendix A-1)*  
Core Support Grants 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.
2. *Recommendation B: Childcare Enhancement Grants (\$992,689) (Appendix B-1)*  
Childcare Enhancement Grants provide operating supports to licensed programs that demonstrate working with the highest-need families. Grants provide additional staffing to ensure program safety, support for food insecure families, and neighbourhood program coordination.
3. *Recommendation C Childcare Reserve Grants (\$554,400) (Appendix C-1)*

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<sup>4</sup> Vantage Point, May 2023.

These grants offset the high cost of operating infant/toddler spaces resulting from the required staff-to-child ratio. Source funding is the result of a reserve built on past developer contributions in high-density developments. This funding is restricted to specific sites where Community Amenity Contributions were a condition of rezoning.

4. *Recommendation D: Childcare Project Grants: Research, Policy Development and Innovation (RPD&I) and Stabilization Grants (\$95,000) (Appendix D-1)*  
Grants support special projects that improve practice in the field of early learning and care, or help childcare providers who are facing sustainability challenges improve their operations by seeking external support to improve management capacity.
5. *Recommendation E: Childcare Capital Grants (\$54,841) (Appendix E)*  
Funding supports infrastructure improvements (i.e., health, safety and accessibility upgrades) for licensed childcare facilities serving Vancouver residents.
6. *Recommendation F: Social Policy Small Capital Grants (\$75,000) (Appendix F-1)*  
Social Policy Capital Grants provide grant support for improvements to social facilities serving Vancouver residents who experience intersecting vulnerabilities and marginalization.
7. *Recommendation G: Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium & Annex (\$337,249) (Appendix G)*  
The City's unique arrangement with Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) provides them with a direct award for a gymnasium and the Collingwood Annex, In combination, the two facilities serve thousands of local residents each year. CNH submits operational and financial reports each year for review by Social Policy and Park Board staff.
8. *Recommendation H: SRO –Heat Preparedness and Response (\$90,000) (Appendix H)*  
This Grant will enable the SRO-C and their partners to continue to build the capacity of tenant leaders, residents of private SRO Hotels, and owners and buildings managers to support tenants in 41 SROs. The funds will be used to purchase water and cooling kits, as well as implement tenant-led initiatives that address health needs during the summer.
9. *Recommendation I: Social Responsibility Fund (SRF) (\$130,156) (Appendix I)*  
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.
10. *Recommendation J: Restorative City (\$50,000) (Appendix J)*  
This grant will provide a one-time amount of \$50,000 to Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House, which will support collaboration in the Hastings Sunrise area to initiate the first steps in developing a Restorative Neighbourhood as a part of the Council's commitment to becoming a Restorative City.
11. *Recommendation K: School Age Care Capital Grant (\$91,000) (Appendix K-1)*  
School Age Care Capital Grants provide non-profit partners capital grants to create school age care spaces off school sites. A key focus is to support Indigenous-led projects that meet the childcare needs of families experiencing intersecting hardships.

12. *Recommendation L: Neighbourhood House Emergency Grant (\$20,000)* (Appendix L)  
 The Neighbourhood House Emergency Grant provides one-time emergency funding in response to a fire at Little Mountain Neighbourhood House for immediate resources.

**Financial Implications**

Funding for grant recommendations totalling \$3,170,847 and the remaining budgets are summarized in Tables 2 and 3 below. Staff will return to Council in December with recommendations for the remaining 2023 Social Policy Operating/Capital Grants funding.

*Table 2: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams and Remaining Balances (from Operating and Capital Budget)*

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	2023 Budget	Previously Approved	Rec'd in this Report	Balance
A, L	Community Services Grants	Social Policy Operating Grant Budget	\$7,394,466	\$6,449,489 <sup>5</sup>	\$700,512	\$244,465
B, D	Childcare Enhancement Grants, Childcare Project Grants	Social Policy Operating Grant Budget – Childcare	\$2,251,289	\$323,200	\$1,087,689	\$840,400
G	Collingwood Gymnasium & Annex	2023 General Government Operating Budget	\$297,249		\$297,249	\$0
		Social Policy Operating Grant Budget	\$40,000		\$40,000	\$0
E	Childcare Capital Grants	Small Capital Grants for Non-city Owned Childcare budget	\$100,000		\$54,841	\$45,159
F	Social Policy Small Capital Grants	Social Policy Small Capital Grants Budget	\$333,478		\$75,000	\$258,478
J	Restorative City	ACCS Operating Budget	\$50,000		\$50,000	\$0
K	School Age Care Capital Grant	School Age Care Capital Grant	\$91,000		\$91,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$10,557,482</b>	<b>\$6,772,689</b>	<b>\$2,396,291</b>	<b>\$1,388,502</b>

*Table 3: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams (from Reserves)*

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	Rec'd in this Report
C	Childcare Reserve Grants	Childcare Reserve	\$554,400
H	SRO Grant –Heat Preparedness and Response	Sustainability Operating Reserve	\$90,000
I	Social Responsibility Fund	Edgewater Social Responsibility Fund	\$130,156
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$774,556</b>

**Legal Implications**

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

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<sup>5</sup> Multi-year funding (3 yrs) passed by Council in 2021, 2022, & 2023 – RTS14549, RTS14656, RTS1437, RTS14838, RTS15567

**APPENDIX A-1**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**CORE SUPPORT GRANTS (CSG): RECOMMENDED (Recommendation A)**

*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.*

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Access Pro Bono Society of British Columbia	\$17,000	Residential Tenancy Program	Offers free legal assistance and representation to low-income Vancouver tenants contending with legal issues that imperil their housing security.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Increase of \$2,000 from 2022 grant.
Asian Environmental Association	\$30,000	Core Services	A responsive incubation program, to address the limited capacity, cycles of burnout, and lack of infrastructure and opportunities for racialized youth and grassroots organizations involved in social service and systems change work.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia, dba Marpole Neighbourhood House	\$30,000	Intergenerational Family Supports	Provides intergenerational programs, services and activities to strengthen community connections and provide leadership opportunities to increase shared learning and stronger community peer- network supports.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Increase of \$5,000 from 2022 grant.

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Avalon Recovery Society	\$20,000	Vancouver Women's Centre	The Vancouver Women's Centre is a safe haven and community hub for women with lived experience of addiction and trauma. The Centre, located away from the DTES, provides caring support as women work to develop mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness for themselves and their families.	<b>COMMENT:</b> New grant this year
Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver	\$20,000	Community Mentoring Program	Connects male-identifying, gender-fluid and non-binary children, who are aged 7-17, with a positive male-identifying role model.	
Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland	\$30,000	Core Services	Provides supportive developmental relationships (mentors) to female-identified youth in our community who need someone the most.	
Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC	\$52,348	BGC Services in Vancouver	BGC's three Clubs in Vancouver (Fraserview, Kimount, and Kivan) provide after-school and evening programs, and day camps during school breaks.	
Canadian Mental Health Association Vancouver-Fraser Branch	\$15,000	Chinese Seniors Wellness Program	Engages elderly Chinese participants in meaningful, productive activities with peers who have similar life and cultural experiences.	

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Canadian Paraplegic Association (BC)	\$48,000	Information Services Program	Helps people access vital information and wayfinding relevant to living well with a spinal cord injury.	
Dignity Seniors Society	\$12,500	Core Services	Provides tailored information to support 2SLGBTQ+ seniors in collaboration with other seniors and 2SLGBTQ+ organizations. Advocates for systemic change that will improve the lives of 2SLGBTQ+ seniors and provides training on 2SLGBTQ+ seniors needs to service providers.	<b>COMMENT:</b> New grant this year
Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education Society	\$30,000	Building Inclusive Vancouver Communities	Build the capacity of child and youth serving organizations through human rights education trainings that will strengthen their ability to engage young people facing barriers to participation.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Increase of \$10,000 from 2022 grant.
First United Church Community Ministry Society	\$35,000	Core Services	Provide direct services to the DTES residents experiencing homelessness, poverty, addiction, mental illness, and oppression.	
Greater Vancouver Law Students' Legal Advice Society	\$29,352	Core Services	Provides free legal services and representation to low-income and marginalized individuals across Vancouver.	

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Japanese Community Volunteers Association (Tonari Gumi)	\$20,000	Core Services	Provides a supportive safe space for Japanese Canadians by connecting newcomers with established members of community, providing emotional support, and a variety of other services.	
Jewish Family Service Agency of Vancouver	\$16,120	Services for Seniors	Seniors Outreach Counsellors assist seniors to navigate aging through advocacy, community programming, information and referral.	
Justice Education Society of British Columbia	\$27,004	Ask JES Multilingual Legal Help	A multilingual service that aims to enhance access to justice and BC courts for those with limited English proficiency.	
Network of Inner City Community Services Society	\$31,400	Roving Leaders	A flexible, inner city, community-based outreach program that connects, engages and supports youth and their families through attachment-based work.	
Pacific Immigrant Resources Society	\$83,392	Core Services	Delivers accessible, inclusive, low-barrier and trauma-informed programs and services for immigrant and refugee women and their children.	

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
REACH Centre Association	\$22,980	Multicultural Family Centre Drop In	Cross cultural health promoters provide drop in hours at REACH, during which community members obtain assistance with accessing and navigating complex community services.	
Renfrew Collingwood Seniors Society	\$22,528	Community Day Drop-in	Provides opportunities for seniors to socialize, build long-lasting friendships, share a meal and partake in engaging activities.	
Seniors Services Society of BC	\$32,888	Vancouver Seniors Housing Outreach Services Program	Provides one-on-one services to Vancouver seniors who are at risk of becoming homeless.	
Support Network for Indigenous Women and Women of Colour	\$20,000	Core Services	Provides 1:1 peer support, career planning, food security and information and referral for low-income women of colour and Indigenous women in Vancouver.	<b>COMMENT:</b> New grant this year
The KidSafe Project Society	\$35,000	Core Services	Provides vulnerable children with the safety, supervision, nutritious meals and educational programming they need when schools close for winter, spring and summer break.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Increase of \$15,000 from 2022 grant.
<b>TOTAL = 23</b>	<b>\$680,512</b>			

**APPENDIX A-2**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**CORE SUPPORT GRANTS (CSG): NOT RECOMMENDED**

*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.*

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
African Canadian Nursecare Foundation of BC	\$0	The Hedzoleh Senior Healthy Living Program	The Hedzoleh Senior Healthy Living Program proposes to create opportunity to seniors in our community to keep fit and social connected through social activities, including cooking and tasting competitions, life-time storytelling, reading challenge in African languages, chair Zumba, board games, and music.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Program does not meet eligibility criteria
African Stages Association	\$0	Core Services	Story-Powering Our Youth program is a performance series involving a youth theatre group positively “act out” adolescent challenges through facilitated storytelling and theatre skits. The project is designed as a hybrid mode, combining in-person performances at various locations in the city of Vancouver with online (YouTube Live-feed).	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Program does not meet eligibility criteria
Akali Singh Sikh Society	\$0	Core Services	Provides emotional and mental health support for international students, free Punjabi class for children and teenagers, computer classes for seniors, purchasing new computer lab equipment for students, annual blanket donation for homeless, donate warm clothes and necessities to DTES residents.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities  <b>RECOMMENDED:</b> for a Social Responsibility Fund Grant, see Appendix I

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Arts Umbrella Association	\$0	Covenant House - Arts Umbrella Partnership (CHAUP)	Working with registered counsellors from Covenant House, students who have experienced (or are currently experiencing) homelessness 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.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Atira Women's Resource Society	\$0	Intergenerational Mentorship Program (IMP)	Connects women from two neighbouring Atira housing programs to foster cross-generational relationships and social inclusion based on Indigenous traditions of family support and care.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but declined at this time due to concerns revealed from an external review of the organization
BC TEAL	\$0	Capacity Building for English as an Additional Language Teachers	The BC Teachers of English as an Additional Language proposes monthly workshops to equip teachers working with marginalized non-native speakers with the skills to deliver inclusive curriculums. The program will focus on teachers from underfunded programs and volunteers, with instructors from other organizations also welcome for a fee.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Better Environmentally Sound Transportation Association	\$0	Core Services	BEST builds 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.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Beyond The Conversation	\$0	Intergenerational Community Immersive Leadership Training	BTC's Intergenerational Community Immersive Leadership Training transforms community leaders with skills to bridge generational and cultural gaps. Participants gain inclusive leadership strategies, self-confidence, and empathy to effect positive change. Immersive experiences promote a deep understanding of diverse perspectives while growing and building their sense of belonging and enhancing their health.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Black Girl Collective Society	\$0	Core Services	Advocates for the joy and visibility of Black women and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals by creating an inclusive space to unite, empower, and inspire each other.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Organization does not meet eligibility criteria. Organization has been dissolved and is no longer actively registered as a Society.
British Columbia Community Alliance	\$0	Core Services	Develop anti-Black racism initiatives and mentorship programs for high school students in Vancouver, addressing social and economic inequalities. Provide comprehensive support, including educational development, job training, and outreach to engage more Black youth, promoting equity.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Program does not meet eligibility criteria
Connective Support Society	\$0	Community Reintegration Outreach Worker	The Community Reintegration Outreach Worker will assist individuals released from a correctional centre upon release into the community. The individuals require assistance securing employment, making prosocial connections with their community, navigating complex situations such as banking, identification, mental and physical health and connection with cultural appropriate supports.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Dress for Success Society	\$0	Core Services	Empowers women in Vancouver into good jobs, financial independence and personal success through full and fulfilling employment. Provides clients with a network of supports, professional attire and the development tools to help them thrive in work and in life.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Give A Better Life Foundation	\$0	Core Services	Works to end food insecurity and other forms of inequities in well-being and self-actualization in the DTES. Provides daily meals, training, education, and inclusive hiring and sustainable operations to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Helm Studios	\$0	Core Services	Funding to cover rent for Helm Studios' space to help offset financial losses resultant of offering sliding-scale rates for marginalized artists in Vancouver.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Jewish Queer Trans Folx of Vancouver Society	\$0	Core Services	JQT Vancouver is a Jewish Queer and Trans non-profit that organizes a Community Response Network, JQT Seniors Initiative, to combat isolation and reduce healthcare barriers for older adults and conducts community needs assessments, which has led to mental health support for community members.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Jewish Seniors Alliance of Greater Vancouver	\$0	Senior Peer Support Services	JSA Peer Support Services, recruit, train and support senior volunteers to work 1:1 with seniors through phone calls and visits.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities



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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
JustWork Economic Initiative	\$0	Core Services	JustWork provides employment for people who face barriers to the traditional workforce. Barriers may include physical disability, mental health issues, struggles with addiction or prolonged emotional trauma. JustWork social enterprises mitigate poverty for those who struggle to sustain work long-term.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Latincouver Cultural & Business Society	\$0	Supporting Female and BIPOC Economic Resiliency	Supporting Female and BIPOC Economic Resiliency strengthens business ecosystems for female entrepreneurs from racially marginalized groups to support their economic resiliency and empowerment.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Live Educate Transform Society	\$0	Core Services	Workshop delivery of Live Educate Transform Society about people with disabilities, including identities such as crip, chronically ill, neurodivergent, and Mad, and those with chronic health conditions. The education has a disability justice framework, intersectional perspective, and decolonialization lens.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Lookout Housing and Health Society	\$0	Assisting Reduction of Clutter and Hoarding (ARCH)	Assisting Reduction of Clutter and Hoarding (ARCH) is aimed at increasing housing retention and quality of life for individuals with Hoarding Disorder in Lookout sites located in the Downtown Eastside.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
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, gather with peers, build positive relationships, and increase their community engagement.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
PeaceGeeks Society	\$0	Core Services	PeaceGeeks creates digital tools to remove barriers and provide support to ensure more equitable access to services and opportunities for underserved people making Vancouver their new home, including undocumented and temporary workers and international students.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network	\$0	Building Personal Support Networks	PLAN helps people who would be otherwise socially isolated to build personal support networks. These networks ensure that they have friendships and supportive relationships, that they contribute their unique gifts in an inclusive community, are supported to make decisions, have a place to call home and have financial security.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Potluck Café Society	\$0	Core Services	Potluck Café Society provides employment and hands-on training to members of the community who face barriers to traditional employment, and providing healthy, nutritious food for people living in the DTES.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities  <b>RECOMMENDED:</b> for a Social Responsibility Fund Grant, see Appendix I

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Powell Street Festival Society	\$0	PSFS Community Care	PSFS utilizes Japanese Canadians' historic displacement and its accountability as settler-colonizers as agency to advance equity for vulnerable populations living in the Downtown Eastside today. Provision of food security programs, cultural sharing, community-building opportunities, and temporary jobs.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS)	\$0	Youth Employment Support Services - Professional Brand Building	Direct support to Canadian youth as new immigrants, refugees, indigenous, vulnerable or marginalized sections of the society, to build their capacities, equipped with employability skills, access labor market and gain relevant Canadian work experience, for leading economically empowered lives, and realizing their full potential towards achieving employment linked goals.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS)	\$0	Intercultural Motivating Change Through Peer Employment (I M Change) Program	I M Change Program for People At Risk of, or Experiencing Homelessness is a flexibly designed, research/relationship-focused project targeting community needs for Peer Employment. It is designed to stabilize the living situation of participants, providing foundational life and employability skills from which they can break the cycle of systems dependence.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Sarah McLachlan School of Music Society	\$0	Vancouver campus	Provides free after-school music education to help young people with socio-economic barriers build self-esteem, develop resilience, and work well with others. As an integral part of their lives, inclusive student-centered programming impacts participants' social-	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			emotional development by offering a safe space and feel a sense of belonging.	
The Community Arts Council of Vancouver	\$0	Core Services	Provision of learning, leadership, mentorship, and employment for vulnerable residents of Vancouver, specifically people with mental illness, people with disabilities and disadvantaged individuals.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
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. This is done by uniting 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.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities  <b>RECOMMENDED:</b> for a Social Responsibility Fund Grant, see Appendix I
Unique Get Together Society	\$0	Warrior Program	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 programs such as nutritional health, family support advocacy and subsidies.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities  <b>RECOMMENDED:</b> for a Social Responsibility Fund Grant, see Appendix I

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Urban Horse Project Society	\$0	Vancouver Youth Learning With Horses	Urban Horse Project is an equity seeking program bringing innovative, proven experiential learning and wellness programs with horses into the city for diverse urban youth. Established after extensive community consultation, it partners with youth-serving agencies to provide free horse programs for youth with vulnerabilities.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Vancouver Black Library Foundation	\$0	Core Services	Caters to the needs of the Black community whilst educating the community-at-large on anti-racist and diverse perspectives via literature, guest speakers and activities. Provides access to free information, community resources, including a safe community space, and an affordable venue for BIPOC and queer community events.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities  <b>RECOMMENDED:</b> for a Social Responsibility Fund Grant, see Appendix I
Vancouver Venture For Diversity Society	\$0	Core Services	Work includes workshops that include activities designed to address inequities of Indigenous Peoples & provide support to ensure equitable access to services, opportunities and reduce social, physical, economic & systemic discrimination such as Elders, Indigenous Youth, foster children in care & those facing trauma as a result of colonization.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
<b>TOTAL = 34</b>				

**APPENDIX B-1**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –CHILDCARE GRANTS**  
**CHILDCARE ENHANCEMENT GRANTS: RECOMMENDED (Recommendation B)**

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia dba Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	\$28,998	Beaconsfield Out of School Care	35	Yes		
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia dba Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	\$22,802	Queen Alexandra Out of School Care	25	Yes		
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia dba Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	\$8,261	Cedar Cottage Preschool	20			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia dba Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	\$27,000	FHNN's Nootka School Age Child Care	50			

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia dba Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	\$27,000	Kids World	76			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia dba Gordon Neighbourhood House	\$24,890	GNH Out of School Care Program	40			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC - DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$19,704	Waverley School Age Care	30	Yes	Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia dba South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$24,783	Poppins Preschool & SVNH Out of School Care	40			
Brant Villa Day Care Society	\$20,653	Learning Tree Day Care - Food Supplement Program	25		Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS
Britannia Community Services Centre	\$34,313	Britannia Out of School Care	70	Yes	Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Britannia Community Services Centre	\$5,507	Britannia Preschool	20		Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Britannia Community Services Centre	\$16,522	Eagles In The Sky Out Of School Care	40		Yes	<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding must be targeted to supporting families in the OSC program with multiple barriers, and will be released following a report back on a plan to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Britannia Community Services Centre	\$27,000	Grandview Terrace Child Care Centre, for 3 Programs	25 (Program I) 50 (Program II) 24 Program III)		Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Britannia Community Services Centre	\$27,000	Mount Pleasant Child Care Society Toddler – for 2 Programs	12 (Toddler Program) 25 (3-5 Program)			<b>COMMENT:</b> Program funded in 2023 due to organizational transition to a new site. Future funding to be evaluated based on the organization's continuity plan.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$34,313	Duke Street Early Learning and Care Centre	32	Yes		



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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$27,139	Grenfell School Age Program	32	Yes		<b>COMMENT:</b> 2024 grant may be prorated based on program size.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$34,313	Sarah House ELCC	25	Yes		
Kiawassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$16,109	Kiawassa in Norah Davis (KiND) & Kiawassa OSC	26			
Kiawassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$20,446	Kiawassa Longhouse Out of School Care	33			
Kiawassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$20,653	Kiawassa Variety Club Daycare	25		Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society (MOFP)	\$8,261	Play and Learn Preschool Program	20			<b>COMMENT:</b> 2024 grant may be prorated if enrollment is low due to reasons other than accommodating the significant enrollment of higher-need children.
McGregor Child Care Society	\$23,145	McGregor Child Care - Toddler	12			<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding provided in two installments, with the second payment based on a review of financial information plus evidence that the program is actioning items outlined in its sustainability plan to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy .
Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	\$15,574	MPNH Preschool	20	Yes		<b>COMMENT:</b> Future grants will be adjusted to the maximum cap for programs at the Neighbourhood House site.

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS
Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	\$27,000	Before and After School Care (Nightengale Elementary School)	44			
Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	\$19,827	3-5 Daycare	16			<b>COMMENT:</b> Future grants will be adjusted to the maximum cap for programs at the Neighbourhood House site.
Shannon Day Care Society	\$27,000	The Shannon Day Care Society	25			
South Vancouver Family Place	\$12,392	Kids Care Preschool	30			
Strathcona Community Centre Association	\$34,313	Strathcona OSC #1 and #2	174	Yes	Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Strathcona Community Centre Association	\$11,015	Strathcona Community Centre Preschool	40		Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Sunset Child Care Society	\$27,000	Sunset Child Care Society	25			

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS
Sunset Community Association	\$34,313	Early Learning Day Program	24	Yes		
Sunset Community Association	\$24,661	Sunset Out Of School Care	28	Yes		
Sunset Community Association	\$27,000	School Age Child Care @ Sexsmith	48			
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	\$25,900	Little Mountain Child Development Centre (CDC)	15	Yes		
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	\$27,000	Little Mountain Out of School Care (LMOSC)	68			
Thunderbird Neighbourhood Association	\$17,899	Thunderbird Childcare, for 2 Programs	30 (OSC Program) 20 (Preschool Program)		Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Urban Promise Ministries	\$12,392	Promise Vancouver	20			<b>CONDITION:</b> Grant to be released once a copy of the program's childcare license is submitted, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
YMCA of Greater Vancouver	\$34,313	Bob and Kay Ackles YMCA Nanook House	37	Yes	Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS
YMCA of Greater Vancouver	\$27,000	Woodwards YMCA Child Care	37		Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
YWCA Metro Vancouver	\$34,313	YWCA Crabtree Corner	24	Yes		
YWCA Metro Vancouver	\$27,965	YWCA Emma's	25	Yes	Yes	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
YWCA Metro Vancouver	\$27,000	YWCA Citygate	25			
<b>TOTAL= 46</b>	<b>\$992,689</b>		<b>1587</b>			

**APPENDIX B-2**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS – CHILDCARE GRANTS**  
**CHILDCARE ENHANCEMENT GRANTS: NOT RECOMMENDED**

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS
Atira Women's Resource Society	\$0	Seksik Early Care & Learning Centre	24			<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but declined at this time due to external financial review.
Britannia Community Services Centre	\$0	Eaglets Daycare	0		Yes	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Program does not meet the eligibility criteria for this grant due to enrollment demographics and strong financial position.
McGregor Child Care Society	\$0	McGregor Child Care - 3-5	0			<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Program ineligible because did not meet the enrollment criteria for this grant. Funding for McGregor's Toddler Program is recommended above.
<b>TOTAL = 3</b>						

**APPENDIX B-3**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS – CHILDCARE GRANTS**  
**CHILDCARE ENHANCEMENT GRANTS – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Childcare Enhancement Grant is the City of Vancouver’s largest grant stream supporting childcare operations. It was established in the early 1990’s with the adoption of the City’s first childcare policy, and has remained a program that supports neighbourhood-based operators working with vulnerable communities.

This grant supports 4 main functions. It:

- a. enhances program safety by increasing staff-child ratios in programs with higher needs children,
- b. supports affordability by reducing fees,
- c. increases food security by providing enhanced food supplement programs, and
- d. supports integrated child development services by funding neighbourhood coordination (the hub model).

While the Provincial childcare context is changing rapidly, new Provincial funding supports are primarily aimed at reducing parent fees for all (and not enhancing program access or supports targeting the most marginalized families at this time). Through the Federal-Provincial bilateral agreement<sup>[1]</sup>, funding flowing through the Province currently reduces parent fees through programs such as the [Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative](#) (CCFRI) and [\\$10aDay Centres](#). The [Wage Enhancement](#) program provides a \$4 wage lift for early childhood educators (who are paid an average base rate of \$23.58 per hour in City-funded programs<sup>[2]</sup>), and the [Affordable Child Care Benefit](#) provides a fee subsidy for families with low socio-economic status.

But specific supports for inner-city programs are not currently available from Provincial funding sources. This means that programs in neighbourhoods that serve a high concentration of families with multiple and intersecting vulnerabilities do not get extra funding to adequately support higher need families for things like enhanced food programs, staff supports to help low income families cope with connecting to support services, or enhancements that create inclusion for specific cultural communities.

The Enhancement Grant however, has been providing these supports, recognizing the unique needs of Vancouver-based programs. Enhancement Grant funding does not overlap with Provincial funding – instead, it fills the gap where extra supports are needed for families who struggle the most.

The table below indicates how recommended programs intend to use their 2023 Childcare Enhancement Grant.

*Table B.2a – Intended use of 2023 Enhancement Grant funds comparing \$10aDay Centres and all other programs*

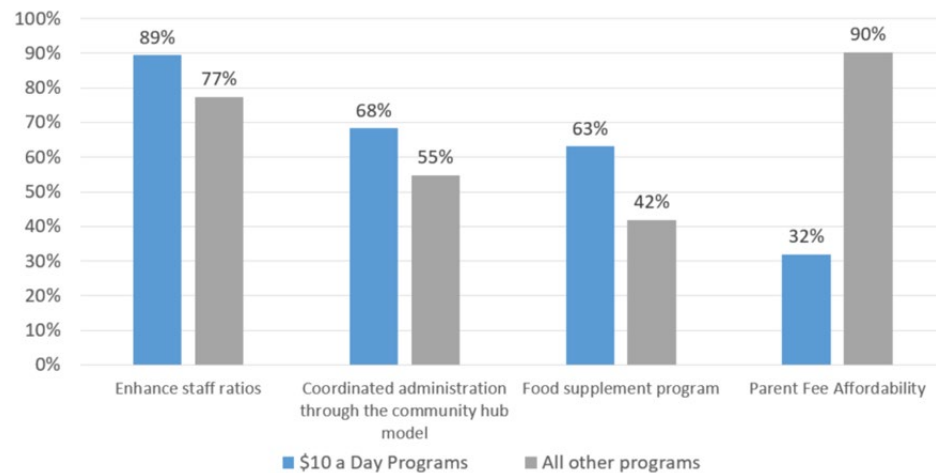


Table B.2a indicates that \$10aDay programs intend to use their funding differently from all other programs, focusing most of providing extra staffing supports, and putting the least use toward parent fee affordability. When asked why these programs still intend to use the Enhancement Grant for reducing fees, programs replied that the Grant provides essential funding for important supports that are not covered by their Provincial contracts, and would otherwise have to be passed on to parents.

For example one \$10aDay funding recipient noted that it uses the City's grant for parents in distress who need temporary supports to pay their minimum \$200/month fee. Another program noted that they included the participation of Indigenous Elders in their program and that if the Enhancement Grant were not available, they would have to pass that cost on to parents.

#### Who is Eligible for the City's Enhancement Grant?

Enhancement Grant eligibility is based on whether applicants enroll a high number of children in 3 or more of the following categories (the specific threshold for each category is based on census and other data for Vancouver):

1. Children from single parent families
2. Children receiving the Provincial Childcare Subsidy (a measure of low income)
3. Children involved with Ministry Protection
4. Indigenous Children
5. Children from new refugee or immigrant families (in Canada less than 5 years)
6. New immigrant/refugee families who are unable to access Provincial subsidy programs because of their residency (another measure of low income)
7. Children with extra support needs, but who do not receive designated funding through the Supported Child Development Program
8. Children who speak a language other than English at home

Programs that meet these criteria are then evaluated for other factors, including their financial position and administrative capacity. The maximum eligible amount per program is \$27,000. The grant amount is based on the number of licensed spaces in each program applied to a formula identifying the staff hours required to deliver the service.

Programs that have been designated as \$10aDay centres by the Province are eligible for funding, and must meet the same criteria. However they do receive 2/3 of the typical grant in recognition that non-\$10aDay sites receive no additional Provincial funding.

This year, Social Policy has also added an additional funding support for programs that demonstrate working with the largest concentration of families who face multiple barriers. This approach builds on the equity focus that Social Policy has brought to all grant streams.

**Focus Programs** score in the highest 1/3 of programs, and are identified through an enrollment analysis that weighs the specific criteria above. The detailed scoring process is included in Table B.2c at the end of this appendix. These programs receive an additional grant allocation that may bring their total grant to more than \$27,000. Focus Programs are identified in Table B.1.

*Table B.2b – Recap of new Enhancement Grant funding features for 2023*

New this year	Description	Impact
Focus Programs	Identifies programs reporting the highest enrollment demographics of children with additional needs through a weighted scoring process.	Programs receive an additional \$7,313 to provide additional supports.
Weighting of \$10aDay programs	Programs with \$10aDay funding contracts receive a pro-rated 2/3 of the typical Enhancement Grant.	Provides additional grant resources to spread across NON-\$10aDay programs.

#### Explanation about the 2023 Enhancement Grant Budget

Last year, the total budget for Enhancement Grants was \$910,000. In 2023, an additional \$117,000 was moved internally from within the Childcare Grants Budget/Project Grants to the Enhancement Grants Budget in order to establish the recommended Focus Programs.



Table B.2c: Weighted Criteria used to determine Enhancement Grant Focus Programs

<b>Criteria</b>	Children from single parent families	Children receiving the Provincial Childcare Subsidy (a measure of low income) *	Children involved with Ministry Protection	Indigenous children
<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>1 for programs at median or higher</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Impacts on Children/ Programs</b>	Single parents will likely also have other intersecting issues (such as lower income). Programs with a higher concentration of single parents likely provide more family supports.	This criterion is an indicator of lower socio-economic status, which is the #1 predictor of childhood vulnerability. (UBC's HELP Research Unit)	Increased behavioral challenges/special needs of 2+ children is considered significant, plus families involved with a social worker create additional demands on childcare staff.	Programs with enrolled families must create cultural safety, which requires time and resources.
<b>Criteria</b>	Children from new refugee or immigrant families (in Canada less than 5 years)	New immigrant/ refugee families who are unable to access Provincial subsidy programs = low income and have barriers to support	Children with extra support needs, but no funding through the Supported Child Development Program	Children who speak a language other than English at home
<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>1 for programs at median or higher</b>
<b>Impacts on Children/ Programs</b>	Programs with enrolled families must create cultural safety, which requires time and resources.	This is a low-income measure. In addition to supporting lower income families, programs often support the unique settlement-related needs of newcomers.	This benchmark is based on the BC Centre for Ability's findings: two children or more in this category places extra demands on staff.	Programs with a high number of families require time and resources to support young English Language Learners.

\* The Provincial childcare subsidy is known as the Affordable Child Care Benefit.

## \$10aDay Child Care BC Centres

### *What is \$10aDay funding?*

\$10aDay funding is a Federally-funded program administered by the Province aimed at increasing the number of affordable spaces in BC. To date, there are 67 \$10aDay centres in Vancouver. These programs receive funding from the Province to cover expenditure that would normally be covered by parent fees. Funding levels are based on declared, verifiable operating revenue from an organization's previous year's budget, minus a parent fee of \$10 per day per child collected from families directly.

Guidelines require that funding does not normally exceed the expenditure of a program's typical operating revenue. This means that currently, programs receive \$10aDay funding based on how they budgeted their operations within a struggling childcare system with many structural challenges, and does not account for how they would adjust their operating model to properly support the needs of families. This is especially true for programs that serve higher need children, as these programs often need a variety of supports for families, and those supports will often shift over time when funding contracts are fixed.

### *What is covered by \$10aDay Childcare Funding*

At the basic level, funding covers facility and program costs, HR expenses, 10% administration and a 5% contingency fund allowance.<sup>6</sup> Centres may have additional sources of funding beyond their \$10aDay contracts, and Provincial policy explains that if that funding does not cover eligible \$10aDay expenditures, it can be used as program enhancements without issue. In addition, under certain circumstances operators may apply for funding increases, which are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Since Provincial funding offsets revenue that would normally come from parent fees, programs that wish to enhance quality measures or programming must seek other sources of funding.

Enhancement Grant recipients report that \$10aDay funding is exceptionally good for fee-paying parents, but difficult for multi-service agencies that provide wrap-around services for families in need. Table B.2d below outlines certain program enhancements that may not be covered by this funding, and provides examples of expenditures that multi-service agencies might cover to support their most at-risk families.

*Table B.2d - Items funded through \$10aDay contracts*

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Funded by \$10aDay Contracts?</b>
Facility costs	Yes
Wages for Early Childhood Educators	Yes
Program Costs	Yes, basic, and based on expenditure of year before \$10aDay contract was negotiated.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/family-and-social-supports/child-care/running-a-daycare-or-preschool/10aday-policy-procedures-manual.pdf> Page 6

Professional Development	Partial
Food for enrolled children	Yes, to the amount provided before the \$10aDay contract was negotiated with a minimal inflationary increase
Extra staff time to provide family supports	No, unless falls within 10% administration
Enhanced staffing above the educator:child ratio when working with a large # of children with behavioural challenges or extra needs	No, unless the centre provided extra staffing before the \$10aDay contract was negotiated
Bridge funding for families facing financial hardship in emergency circumstances	No
Service Coordination with other child and family programs to support at-risk families	No
Fee support to allow families with low income to participate in field trips, other extra programming enjoyed by peers	No/Partial
Participation of Indigenous Elders/Knowledge Keepers	No, unless the centre provided funding for participation in the year before the \$10aDay contract was negotiated <sup>7</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Officially the [Canada-British Columbia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement – 2021 to 2026](#).

<sup>12</sup> Average hourly wage for licensed Early Childhood Educators not including the Wage Enhancement lift. 43 Enhancement Grant program reporting.

**APPENDIX C-1  
2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –CHILDCARE GRANTS  
CHILDCARE RESERVE GRANTS: RECOMMENDED (Recommendation C)**

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AGENCY & CHILDCARE CENTRE	# I/T SPACES	2022 GRANT	2023 RECOMMEND	COMMENTS/ CONDITIONS
<b>VSOCC CENTRES</b>				
1. Library Square	12			<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant awarded for 2023 but future grants will be determined by whether the Society meets the grant requirements after a full year of operations under its new Provincial funding contract.
2. Dorothy Lam	24			
3. Quayside	24			
4. Shaw Tower	12			
5. Bayshore Gardens	24			
6. Sapphire	12			
7. International Village	24			
8. Sea Star	24			
9. Atelier	12			
10. The Junction	12			
11. The Mark	12			
12. West Village	24			
13. The Charleson	12			
<b>Subtotal - VSOCC</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>\$376,200<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>\$376,200</b>	

<sup>8</sup> Note that VSOCC's 2022 Reserve Grants were approved in 2 reports, RTS 14838 and RTS 15344

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AGENCY & CHILDCARE CENTRE	# I/T SPACES	2022 GRANT	2023 RECOMMEND	COMMENTS/ CONDITIONS
<b>OTHER CHILDCARE PROVIDERS</b>				
14. Collingwood Neighbourhood House	24	\$39,600	\$39,600	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant awarded for 2023 but future grants will be determined by whether the Society meets the grant requirements after a full year of operations under its new Provincial funding contract.
15. Collingwood Neighbourhood House - Terry Taylor	12	\$19,800	\$19,800	
16. Developmental Disabilities Association of Vancouver-Richmond (DDA) – Creekside	24	\$39,600	\$39,600	<b>COMMENT:</b> Grant awarded for 2023 but future grants will be determined by whether the Society meets the grant requirements after a full year of operations under its new Provincial funding contract.
17. Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association (MPCCA) - 3 Corners and Our House Child Care Centres	24	\$0	\$39,600	
18. YWCA – Leslie Diamond	24	\$39,600	\$39,600	
<b>Subtotal - Other Childcare Providers</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>\$138,600</b>	<b>\$178,200</b>	
<b>TOTAL= 18</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>\$514,800</b>	<b>\$554,400</b>	

**APPENDIX C-2**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –CHILDCARE GRANTS**  
**CHILDCARE RESERVE GRANTS: NOT RECOMMENDED**

1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY & CHILDCARE CENTRE	# I/T SPACES	2022 GRANT	2023 RECOMMEND	COMMENTS
1. YMCA – Kids at Marine	12	\$0	\$0	Not eligible this year. Reduction in funding is determined as a result of year-end grant reconciliation.
2. YMCA – Marpole YMCA Child Care Centre	12	\$0	\$0	
3. YMCA – Woodward's Childcare Centre	12	\$0	\$0	
<b>TOTAL = 3</b>	<b>36</b>			

**APPENDIX C-3**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –CHILDCARE GRANTS**  
**CHILDCARE RESERVE GRANTS INFORMATION**

Childcare Reserve grants offset the high cost of operating infant/toddler spaces as a result of the required higher staff-to-child ratio for very younger children. This grant is mostly a result of developer contributions from high density developments, and supports childcares that were created as a condition of the rezoning process. Community Amenity Contributions for specific childcare sites were deposited into the Childcare Reserve, which is the original source of funding for this grant. As a result, this grant is a direct award, and not an open call.

The Childcare Reserve supports 312 childcare spaces across 17 unique sites operated by 4 non-profit organizations. All sites are City-owned, and are operated by non-profits who obtained Council-approved leases.

The grant application process includes answering questions about how applicants work with vulnerable populations, and the submission of financial data for their specific childcare operations.

Assessment includes a financial review and ensuring that applicants meet the essential criteria, which are that they:

- meet certain administrative conditions,
- charge fees at or below the Citywide average, and
- Use revenue surpluses from other childcare programs to offset deficits incurred by their infant/toddler spaces.

Once any surplus revenue from other programs has been applied to deficits in Infant/Toddler programs and an operating deficit remains, the City grants \$1,650.00 per space, per year. If a deficit does not remain, no grant is awarded.

In this round, 17 childcare programs qualify for the grant and 3 programs do not. Note that programs that have recently become \$10aDay centres have a condition on their grant related to whether they will meet the specific financial grant criteria in the future.

**APPENDIX D  
 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –CHILDCARE GRANTS  
 CHILDCARE PROJECT GRANTS - RESEARCH, POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION (RPD&I)  
 and  
 PROGRAM STABILIZATION GRANTS  
 (Recommendation D)**

These grants support small projects that accomplish two things: 1) undertake research, policy development and innovative projects that improve practice and/or address key issues in the field of early learning and care, and 2) help childcare providers who are facing sustainability challenges seek support to improve their operations.

These project grants are posted on the City’s website and have an open and rolling application process. Interested applicants are invited to contact a planner to discuss their project idea. Projects that align well with the City’s childcare policy and general work in childcare development are invited to submit an application.

Three organizations are being recommended in this report, as outlined below:

1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	GRANT TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
St. James Day Care Center	\$10,000	Stabilization Grant	Project includes 1) a review of the Society’s current childcare operations, 2) Recommendations for administrative and program changes to support the long-term sustainability of the centre, and 3) some support with implementation.	<b>CONDITION:</b> Workplan to include an examination of other operating models, including potential partnerships with other neighbourhood-based childcare providers.



1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	GRANT TYPE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Raycam Co-Operative Centre	\$20,000	RPD&I	Census data has shown that the demographic makeup of families is continuing to diversify within the neighborhood. UBC's Child Vulnerability data has shown consistent vulnerability in school aged children but recent data has been suppressed due to low response. Funding will be used to undertake a needs assessment within the neighborhood to establish evidence-based programming that best meet the needs of families in a sustainable manner.	<b>CONDITION:</b> Release of funding subject to submission of a finalized project plan, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
West End Community Centre Association	\$65,000	RPD&I	This grant will support a centralized childcare model across a network of Community Centre Associations under the umbrella of the Association President's Group. The primary focus will be on expanding the role of the CCA Childcare Resource Manager, sharing management best practices and general policy development, creating efficiencies in administration, and coordinated professional development opportunities.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Future funding contributions from Social Policy will be contingent on confirmation of leveraged funding from other sources.
<b>TOTAL = 3</b>	<b>\$95,000</b>			

**APPENDIX E  
2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS  
CHILDCARE CAPITAL GRANTS RECOMMENDED (Recommendation E)**

1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$7,875	Sandboxes repair and replacement	Terry Tayler Early Learning and Care Centre - The 2 wooden sandboxes located in the playgrounds of the 3-5 and Toddler program have begun to deteriorate and have been cited by Licensing. Repairs would provide more opportunities for children to have a safe play experience.	
	\$21,966	Duke St ELCC yard repairs	Duke Street Early Learning and Care Centre - The playground sat unused and inaccessible for over 2 years due to neighbouring City construction. There was significant deterioration in the wooden structures/logs around flowers beds and play areas. CCFL have noted these areas pose safety issues to the children as the logs begin to rot. For many of our families this is their only opportunity to access outside, gross motor space as they live in apartments/townhouses.	
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$25,000	Outdoor Urban Oasis	Kiwassa in Norah Davis (KiND) OSC - Norah Davis Housing opened in August 2001, with a playground located off the common room. After 22 years of use, licensing has now deemed parts of the playground unsafe for use by our children, due to risk of injury. The vision is to create an outdoor urban oasis that can be used by both the children of the KiND program and also the residents of Norah Davis. This project will improve the wellbeing of the residents in the area, as well as meeting the licensing and safety needs of the children in KiND. The space will be multi-use, and designed as a place for community to gather, socialize, share meals, and build community. This will also allow the space to be used for other quiet activities such as painting, reading, or collaborative outside play.	
<b>TOTAL = 3</b>	<b>\$54,841</b>			

**APPENDIX F-1  
2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS  
SOCIAL POLICY SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS: RECOMMENDED (Recommendation F)**

1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre Society	\$25,000	Salal's Crisis Call Pod Project	<p>Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre is a feminist, anti-oppressive, decolonizing sexual assault centre who provides free-of-charge services to support survivors of sexualized violence aged 14+ who have shared experiences of gender marginalization: cis and trans women, trans, nonbinary, Two-Spirit, and gender diverse survivors. Services include outreach for people of all genders via workshops, resources to students, educators, community organizations, and other service providers, as well as innovative community-based research and projects to challenge the systems of oppression that foster and perpetuate sexualized violence.</p> <p>A safe, and quiet space to answer Crisis Line calls is required that is isolated from the noise, client work, and team building that occurs in the office space. Having sound-proof, and private pods exclusively utilized to answer Crisis Line calls will ensure that there are no disruptions in support for survivors calling our 24- Hour Crisis &amp; Information Line offers an alternative place to answering these often traumatic calls from their home, or from their desk, allowing them to leave the trauma and emotional turmoil of the call in pod instead of having it bleed through into their home or workspace.</p>	
WISH Drop-In Centre Society	\$50,000	WISH Backlot Health and Safety Improvements	<p>The backlot at WISH has become a major health and safety concern, with sanitation issues related to a growing rodent problem. The rats make it impossible for participants and staff to spend any time in the backlot without being accosted by rodents. These capital improvements will rat-proof and clean the enclosure to allow staff to continue programming in a safe and healthy space for an extremely vulnerable population.</p>	
<b>TOTAL = 2</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>			

**APPENDIX F-2**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS**  
**SOCIAL POLICY SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS: NOT RECOMMENDED**

1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
I.E. Artspeak Gallery Society	\$0	Artist housing	In response to the housing crisis, Artspeak is welcoming a permanent tenancy to an Afro Indigenous cultural worker (already confirmed) in the Vancouver community. Unfortunately, due to extensive water damage to the heritage building, our unit has black mold and damp, requiring archive removal, cleaners, re-grouting, re caulking, painting and electrical supports.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Program does not meet eligibility criteria.
Association of Neighbourho od Houses of BC o/a Kitsilano Neighbourho od House	\$0	Kitsilano Neighbourhood Resiliency Hub (The Thingery)	The site will now be used to service the equipment lending needs of local organizations, events and community groups on the Westside of Vancouver. The site will host equipment for key programming of the westside namely; CoV Street Activations Teams, Neighbourhood Small Grant awardees, Westside Environment and Climate Change - Emergency Response Teams. The project is seeking to renovate the KNRH site so that the site is upgraded to include better design, signage, lighting and energy, and irrigation for the garden wall. The goal is to equip the site with the infrastructure needed to support residents in the event of an emergency (specifically heat waves and air quality advisories).	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Somewhat meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
<b>TOTAL = 2</b>				

**APPENDIX G**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –OTHER GRANTS**  
**COLLINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE GYMNASIUM & ANNEX (Recommendation G)**

1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$297,249	Gymnasium operating	The City has a unique arrangement with Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) that provides them with funding for a gymnasium, thus reducing operating costs while at the same time facilitating greater community input into the programming offered at the site. The facility serve thousands of local residents each year. CNH submits operational and financial reports each year for review by Social Policy and Park Board staff.	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$40,000	Annex operating	In September 2018, Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) added a 10,250-square-foot community amenity space at Boundary Road and Vanness Street, about three blocks from the existing 25,000-square-foot CNH facility on Joyce Street. It includes five types of spaces including a dividable multi-purpose room, a full commercial-grade kitchen, a community arts room, a children's activity room and office space.	
<b>TOTAL = 1</b>	<b>\$337,249</b>			

**Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) Gym and Annex**

The Collingwood Neighbourhood House gymnasium was part of the 1995 Collingwood Village Amenities, a comprehensive city plan to support the establishment of city funded services as part of the approved Collingwood Village development. The development of a gymnasium and recreation program was a community priority identified by the Joyce Street Area Planning Committee.

Under this plan, the Collingwood Neighbourhood House assumed responsibility for managing the gymnasium/recreation program on the understanding that the Society would receive City funding to support these operations at a comparable level to that provided to similar operations. The gym/recreation program was one component within a multi-service facility that included other community amenities, such as licensed childcare facilities, settlement services, family and social services, community development, park space, and an elementary school

**Previous Council Decisions**

On December 15, 1994, Council provided Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society funding for gymnasium / recreational programs and approved an operating agreement. On February 19, 2002, Council approved a five-year lease with the Society, which commenced on May 1, 2002. The City and the Society entered into a Gymnasium License and Operating Agreement with the Board of School Trustees of District No. 39 on January 1, 2002, governing the shared use of the gymnasium by the Society and the School Board. On November 7, 2002, Council approved an operating agreement with the Society to formalize funding and operating commitments for the gymnasium through a modification to the lease dated November 26, 2003. The gym is located at 5288 Joyce Street.

**APPENDIX H  
2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –OTHER GRANTS  
SRO GRANT – HEAT PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (Recommendation H)**

1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEN D	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Downtown Eastside SRO Collaborative Society	\$90,000	SRO Heat Preparedness and Response Program	<p>Grant will enable the SRO-C to provide education and implementation of critical outreach and health support services over the summer and during heat events to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of materials, and distribution of cooling kits.</li> <li>• Provide support to tenants in 41 privately-owned SRO Hotels (including 10 Chinese Benevolent Owned SROs) that are home to a high proportion of at-risk residents (approx. 2,078 residents).</li> <li>• Increase wellness checks of vulnerable tenants</li> <li>• Increase water distribution to SRO tenants when temperatures exceed 30 degrees</li> <li>• Conduct a cooling room pilot program in one SRO building.</li> <li>• Conduct indoor temperature mapping of SROs, data will be shared with project partners including CoV.</li> <li>• Provide multilingual training for residents living in 10 Chinatown SROs</li> </ul>	
<b>TOTAL = 1</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>			

**\$90,000 SRO Grant to the Downtown Eastside SRO-Collaborative for their SRO Heat Preparedness and Response Program (Appendix H).**

Staff are seeking Council's approval for an SRO Grant totalling \$90,000 to enable the SRO Collaborative to implement a Heat Preparedness and Response Program, which will provide life-saving support and services to SRO residents over the summer and during heat events this year. SROs are particularly susceptible to high indoor temperatures, which are strongly influenced by building design, construction, size, ventilation, materials, insulation, and more – with higher floors reaching hotter temperatures. SROs primarily house low-income and equity-denied residents, many of whom require additional support to cope with heat events.

In 2022 Council approved an SRO grant of \$100,000 to the SRO-C for their Preparing for Extreme Heat in SROs project (RTS 15202).

This Grant will enable the SRO-C and their partners to continue to build the capacity of tenant leaders, residents of private SRO Hotels, and owners and buildings managers to support over 2,000 tenants in 41 SROs. The funds will be used to purchase water and cooling kits, as well as implement tenant-led initiatives that directly address health needs during the summer months. Through this grant, the SRO-C will also pilot a “cooling room” program in one building that will provide an area with air conditioning and access to filtered drinking water. The pilot will determine whether a cooling room is a feasible, cost-effective, longer-term solution to give vulnerable tenants respite from the heat and provide hydration for those who avoid drinking water because they do not trust their buildings water source. The SRO-C will also undertake a temperature mapping exercise which will measure and report out on the indoor temperatures of selected SROs. Lastly, the program will include multilingual training for residents in the 10 Chinatown SROs.

Approval of this grant will increase access to cooling for equity-denied communities in the Downtown Eastside, provided critical room checks in private SROs similar to those in government supported low-income housing, and improve health, wellbeing, and connections of residents.



**APPENDIX I**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –OTHER GRANTS**  
**SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FUND: RECOMMENDED (Recommendation I)**

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

1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Akali Singh Sikh Society	\$10,000	Core Services	Provides emotional and mental health support for international students, free Punjabi class for children and teenagers, computer classes for seniors, purchasing new computer lab equipment for students, annual blanket donation for homeless, donate warm clothes and necessities to DTES residents.	
Indian Residential School Survivors Society	\$40,000	Find Your Loved One – Mobile App Platform	Development of an app that provides comprehensive support to families and survivors in the search, investigation, follow-up, and complaint process involved after the disappearance of a loved one. The app will include access to resources, and will facilitate the navigation of institutional systems related to missing people and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit (MMIWG2S) cases.	

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Potluck Café (2003) Society	\$20,000	Core Services	Potluck Café Society provides employment and hands-on training to members of the community who face barriers to traditional employment, and providing healthy, nutritious food for people living in the DTES.	
Treehouse Advocacy Centre Society Vancouver	\$20,000	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. This is done by uniting 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.	<b>COMMENT:</b> One-time grant. Staff to advocate for support from other levels of government.
Unique Get Together Society	\$15,000	Warrior Program	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 programs such as nutritional health, family support advocacy and subsidies.	
Vancouver Black Library Foundation	\$15,000	Core Services	Caters to the needs of the Black community whilst educating the community-at-large on anti-racist and diverse perspectives via literature, guest speakers and activities. Provides access to free information, community resources, including a safe community space, and an affordable venue for BIPOC and queer community events.	
WISH Drop-in Centre Society	\$10,155.60	Mobile Access Project (MAP) Van Parking	The MAP van supports the health and safety of street-based sex workers who actively work Vancouver's strolls. Funding will cover secure parking for the two vans when not in use.	
<b>TOTAL = 7</b>	<b>\$130,155.60</b>			

**APPENDIX J**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –OTHER GRANTS**  
**RESTORATIVE CITY GRANTS: RECOMMENDED (Recommendation J)**

1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia dba Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	\$50,000	Restorative City Model Pilot	Three lead agencies - Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House, Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre, and Peace of the Circle will work together to begin establishing restorative staffing, training, materials, venues, education and research as part of Vancouver's commitment to becoming a Restorative City.	<b>CONDITION:</b> Subject to staff approval of the proposal and budget submission.
<b>TOTAL = 1</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>			

City Council [passed a motion on January 26, 2022](#) for Vancouver becoming a Restorative City, the first in Canada. The Restorative Collective Vancouver is a diverse group of leaders from a variety of organizations and institutions guiding and implementing this initiative with coordination by Peace of the Circle.

The Restorative Collective came to a consensus to include developing restorative neighbourhoods, and chose Hastings Sunrise as the first seedbed neighbourhood. This grant will support launching this work.

Three lead agencies - Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House, Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre, and Peace of the Circle – have committed to work together to launch this neighbourhood initiative and to begin establishing restorative action in Hastings Sunrise. This consortium, called the Hastings Sunrise Restorative Group, will develop an initial project. Activities will include:

- Hiring a restorative neighbourhood administrative assistant
- Creating infrastructure, including for risk management, agreements, procedures, referrals & intake, reporting
- Recruiting, training and mentoring peacemakers in Hastings Sunrise
- Delivering peace circles, trauma and other training as agreed upon
- Collaboratively establishing best practices and promoting restorative and Indigenous approaches
- Facilitating peace circles

- Building and nurturing relationships and a network to support and help grow restorative practices, a restorative neighbourhood and Vancouver becoming a Restorative City

Funding from this grant will be used toward staffing, training, materials, venues, education and research.

**APPENDIX K-1  
2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –OTHER GRANTS  
SCHOOL AGE CARE CAPITAL GRANT: RECOMMENDED (Recommendation K)**

1	2	3	4	5
AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
British Columbia Indigenous Housing Society (BCIHS)	\$91,000	1766 Frances St Indigenous-led Childcare Project	In November 2021, Council approved a capital grant of up to \$1,005,600 to VNHS to fund the construction of a non-City owned 20 space childcare at 1766 Frances (RTS 14726). In lieu of City-ownership, it was agreed that a Section 219 covenant would secure the use of the amenity space as a licensed school age childcare for 30 years. Over the past year, VNHS has identified a capital funding gap for the childcare due to cost escalation, and has requested that the City contribute additional funds towards the project. The City’s Quantity Surveyor has verified that there is a \$91,000 capital funding gap that is the result of cost escalation in the amount of \$91k over and above the City’s approved \$1,005,600 capital grant. This amount is equivalent to \$4.5k per space, or 9% of the City’s capital grant, and is consistent with current cost escalations affecting most City-owned projects.	
<b>TOTAL = 1</b>	<b>\$91,000</b>			

**APPENDIX K-2**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS – OTHER GRANTS**  
**SCHOOL AGE CARE CAPITAL GRANT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**School Age Care Capital Grant (\$91,000)**

**Background/Context**

In recent years, economic forces and global supply chain issues have resulted in unforeseen cost escalations on development projects. In November 2021, Council approved a one-time capital grant of up to \$1,005,600 to BC Indigenous Housing Society (BCIHS), formerly Vancouver Native Housing Society (VNHS), to fund the construction of a non-City owned 20 space childcare at 1766 Frances ([RTS 14726](#)). In lieu of City-ownership, a grant agreement and Section 219 covenant were executed and delivered to secure the use of the amenity space as a licensed school age childcare for 30 years.

Over the past year and a half, BCIHS has identified a capital funding gap for the childcare due to an increase in scope and cost escalations, and has requested that the City contribute additional funding towards the project. The capital grant of \$1,005,600 was intended to be a fixed financial contribution towards the hard and soft costs associated with constructing the childcare, and staff indicated early on that the City would not be in a position to contribute towards an increase in project scope, but that cost escalation may be justified.

**Strategic Analysis**

This report seeks Council approval to supplement a \$1,005,600 capital grant to BCIHS (approved by Council in 2021), by an additional \$91k to address cost escalations associated with the construction of a 20 space school age care facility at 1766 Frances Street.

Given the importance of this project and partnership with BCIHS, staff recommend contributing additional funds towards the cost escalation portion of the childcare funding gap BCIHS has identified. Based on BCIHS' tendered budget, the total childcare funding gap amounts to approximately \$300k, including:

- i. An increase in scope to enhance the childcare play yard at a cost of \$187k. Staff indicated early that the City would not be in a position to fund an increase in scope.
- ii. Cost escalations, which have been verified by the City's Quantity Surveyor to be \$91k over and above the City's approved \$1,005,600 capital grant. This amount is equivalent to \$4.5k per childcare space, or 9% of the City's capital grant, and is consistent with cost escalations affecting most City-owned projects.
- iii. Staff have confirmed funding sources for the \$91k cost escalation. The Childcare Start Up Grant included in the operating budget can cover the cost of furnishings (\$40k), and the remaining \$51k can from the \$3M budget for school age care programs included in the 2023-2026 capital plan.

This project is one of the first non-City owned childcare projects to be funded by a City capital grant, and unlike with the housing portion of the project, the City is the only funding partner for the childcare. Without a contingency plan identified by the recipient at the outset to plan for and mitigate against the risk of cost escalation, the additional funds required for the project to be completed need to either come from the City or the non-profit provider (or a bit of both). In the future, staff intend to require childcare grant recipients to provide a risk mitigation plan as part of the application process that provides assurances to the City that the project scope will be delivered without additional funding being required from the City.

### Legal Arrangements

The site at 1766 Frances Street is owned by BCIHS and both the childcare and housing are intended to be operated by BCIHS. The approved \$1,005,600 Grant's Legal Agreement(s) for a Childcare Project with BCIHS (formerly Vancouver Native Housing Society) at 1766 Frances Street – ([RTS 14726](#)) have been signed by the City and BCIHS. Subject to Council approval of Recommendations A and B, these legal agreement(s) will be amended to reflect the additional \$91,000 City contribution, and will be settled and executed before any funds are released. To secure the City's Grant and to ensure long term delivery of licensed childcare on site, a Section 219 Covenant has been secured against the property title. The Covenant requires that licensed childcare services be delivered on site for no less than 30 years. The legal Grant agreement will also outline the terms, conditions and payment schedule of the City's capital contribution (total \$1096, 600).

### **Financial**

#### 2023-2026 Capital Plan

In the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, a total of \$3M is earmarked to create 60 new licensed school age care spaces for children ages 5-12 years, with priority on Indigenous-led projects.

#### Childcare Start up Grants in the Operating Budget

Childcare start up grants are included in the City's operating budget to provide non-profit operators of City-funded facilities a one-time grant to procure furnishings and supplies required by VCH Licensing. Grants are provided on a \$2k per licensed space basis.

### **Conclusion**

This project at 1766 Frances Street is the first major capital investment the City has made towards the development of an Indigenous-led childcare facility. In that sense, it represents a significant milestone for the City in terms of demonstrating our commitment to reconciliation and to better serving the childcare needs of Urban Indigenous families. By agreeing to contribute additional funds towards the verified cost escalation associated with the construction of the childcare portion of the project, the City will be well positioned to continue building on its partnership with BCIHS, and to working together on identifying future opportunities for expanding childcare on housing sites.

**APPENDIX L  
2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS  
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE EMERGENCY GRANT RECOMMENDED (Recommendation M)**

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AGENCY	2023 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS AND COMMENTS
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	\$20,000	Due to a fire incident on July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2023, Little Mountain Neighbourhood House will receive a one-time emergency support grant. There was significant damage to offices and program spaces. Alternative spaces close to the neighbourhood house will host existing programs for an indeterminate amount of time.	
<b>TOTAL = 1</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>		



**APPENDIX M**  
**2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

**City of Vancouver’s UNDRIP Strategy:** On [October 25, 2022](#), the UNDROP Task Force provided its final recommendations to Council. In March 2021, the Council of the City of Vancouver (“Council”) unanimously adopted a motion to create an UNDRIP Task Force that would recommend actions to implement UNDRIP at the City.

**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.

**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.

**Capital Plan:** On [June 29, 2022](#), Council approved the *2023-2026 Capital Plan*, a \$3.5 billion capital investment in in-kind infrastructure, amenities, programs, and projects to be delivered by the City and/or its community partners.

**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.

**Working Collaboratively to Become a Restorative City:** On [January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022](#), Council passed a motion to make Vancouver a Restorative City. The motion committed the City to creating a restorative justice lens, with specific Restorative Collective work to develop a Restorative City Framework. The Framework would support the development and delivery of restorative justice training for City staff and Council.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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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APPLICATION PROCESS DETAILS**

*Application Process:* Email or phone notifications about the open call are sent to all current grantees and/or to an extensive list of social serving non-profits in Vancouver. Specialized grants invite existing grantees with a unique access code to reapply. This provides access to grant streams with targeted funding. There are some instances where staff are recommending direct awards. This is done only in specific situations where there is an agreed upon partnership that will help achieve City goals and there are no other potential applicants.

Information sessions are held to answer grant applicants' questions and solicit feedback on the application process. New organizations are encouraged to contact staff to discuss proposed projects and programs prior to applying.

Demand is high, and the City typically receives more applications than there is funding to support. Some applicants may meet the criteria, but do not receive funding, as other applications may better meet funding priorities.

*Review Process:* Applications require detailed program information, governance, and financial details. Licensing, leases, and permits may also be requested per granting stream. Staff review all applications for completeness and to ensure they meet eligibility requirements. A cross-departmental staff team then conduct detailed reviews using grant criteria that have been established in alignment with Council strategies/policies and based on best practice. Social Policy staff also work closely with staff administering other City grant programs or with expertise in relevant areas 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.

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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](http://www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/community-grants)

### INTRODUCTION – CORE SUPPORT GRANTS PROGRAM

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

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### SOCIAL POLICY SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS INFORMATION GUIDE

#### PURPOSE

Social Policy Capital Grants provide grant support for **social infrastructure improvements that increase the capacity of facilities** serving Vancouver residents who are experiencing compounding vulnerability factors and marginalization.

Eligible projects include:

- **Health and Safety Upgrades:** Renovations or additions to existing facilities to comply with health and safety regulations, licensing or fire requirements, etc.
- **Improving or Expanding Services:** Renovations or additions to existing facilities to better deliver programs and serve clients. This may include structures that are integral to service delivery.
- **Planning or Feasibility Studies:** Hiring a consultant to research and draft a plan for future new construction and/or renovations related to organizational growth.
- **Accessibility Upgrades:** Supporting accessible services to the public and/or upgrading common workspaces with accessibility upgrades.

#### CHANGES IN 2023

In 2023, the call for small capital grants will remain **open all year round**. Grants of up to \$25,000 may be awarded but generally range from \$2000 to \$25,000.

Priority will be given to projects or organizations that demonstrate:

- Budgets of less than \$5 million dollars
- Alignment with the [City of Reconciliation Framework](#) and the City's commitment to [equity and applied intersectionality goals, the Accessibility Strategy, and the Spaces to Thrive Social Infrastructure Strategy](#).

#### 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, underrepresented 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 bylaws 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 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.
- Organizations in City-owned or leased facilities are eligible to apply. Any work done to existing facilities must be in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the lease with the City, e.g., organizations will only be permitted to make capital improvements to areas that are within the lessee's responsibility. The regular maintenance of City-owned or leased facilities will **not** be an eligible expense. *Note that any capital project in a City-owned or leased facility will be subject to final approval by the City's Facilities department.*
- Non-profit organizations are **not** eligible to apply for this grant if their primary purpose or activity is the provision of health care, education, sports, recreational or religious programs and services.

### ***Project Eligibility***

- The facility **must** be located in the City of Vancouver.

### **ALLOWABLE EXPENSES FOR SOCIAL POLICY CAPITAL GRANTS**

Eligible expenses include:

- Capital project planning or feasibility studies;
- Architectural drawings, fees for professional services, permits;
- Construction expenses; and,

- Movable expenses such as furniture, equipment and other depreciable assets that support the delivery of services and transitions to hybrid work-from-home models
  - If you are applying for IT or technology needs (ie. Computers), please refer to the following resources first before applying to the Social Policy Capital grants program:
    - Workplace accessibility needs for individuals with disabilities: [Neil Squire](#)
    - Computers for schools, low-income students, those on income assistance, or on disability assistance: [BC Technology for Learning Society](#)
    - Capital grant requests in the Downtown Eastside: [Downtown Eastside Grants Program](#)
    - Donated and discounted tech software: [TechSoup](#)

Social Policy Capital grants may **not** be used to fund any of the following expenses:

- Construction deficits.
- Regular maintenance.
- Work already completed.
- Repairs, maintenance or work that is the responsibility of the landlord, as stated in the lease.
- Capital projects for arts or cultural organizations that may be eligible under the City of Vancouver Cultural Spaces Grant Program: (See <https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/cultural-spaces-grant-program.aspx>)

Exceptions are at the discretion of the Managing Director of Social Policy & Projects.

## DECISION MAKING CONSIDERATIONS

The following factors will be taken into account in reviewing applications:

- 1) Type of project, with priority given to:
  - Health and safety upgrades, including physical accessibility due to regulatory requirements (ranked as the highest priority)
  - Improved or Expanded Service
  - Planning or Feasibility study related to new construction and/or renovations.
  - Accessibility upgrades or supporting making services accessible
- 2) Alignment of programs and services with the [Healthy City Strategy, the Spaces to Thrive Strategy, the Reconciliation Framework, the Equity Framework, and the Accessibility Strategy, and the Spaces to Thrive Strategy.](#)
- 3) Organizational health
- 4) Financial support from other sources
- 5) Cost of project
- 6) Length of lease (if facility not owned by applicant)
- 7) Amount of grant request in the context of available funds

## COST SHARING

The City's contribution to a project may cover 100% of total **eligible** expenses. Applicants may include their own reserves and in-kind contributions but are not required.

***Note:** Previous restrictions to secure 50% of the remaining funding from other sources or the applicant's own reserves was removed in the spring of 2022.*

## ASSESSMENT

Applications are reviewed and assessed by Social Policy staff using standard criteria. Staff present recommendations to City Council where final funding decisions are made on two key dates: **July 25, 2023** and **December 12, 2023**.

Applications that fall outside of these dates will be considered on a rolling basis according to priorities and will be brought to Council for final decision in the next available report.

Applicants are notified via email of staff recommendations in writing prior to the meeting at which Council considers the grant recommendations.

**The application will consist of three (3) major sections:**

**1. Organizational Information**

**2. Outline of Work:**

- a. Include copies of any **permits** acquired at the time of this application (if applicable).
- b. If the property is not owned by the applicant, a **copy of the lease and a letter from the landlord/ property owner** authorizing the proposed project must be include. If the project is located in a City-owned facility, contact your City representative in the Facilities Department in advance of applying.

**3. Project Estimates:**

- a. Two quotes from contractors/ vendors. A budget template example will be linked here (Excel)

**Additional documents required for submission will include:**

**4. Financial Statements:**

- a. Organization Budget (Excel)
- b. Most recently audited financial statements. If audited statements are not available, submit the most recent year-end financial statements endorsed by two signing officers of the Board of Directors.

**5. Board of Directors List** (PDF, Word, or Excel)

- a. Include names, board positions, and terms.
6. **Minutes of the most recent Board Meeting** (PDF, Word, or Excel)
7. **Annual General Meeting Minutes** (PDF, Word, or Excel)
8. **Organization Bylaws or Constitution** (PDF, Word, or Excel)
  - a. Only required if you are:
    - i. A new applicant OR
    - ii. There have been significant changes since last submitted.

Optional supporting materials include:

- Letters of funding sources
- Organization's policy on diversity
- Annual Report