



## COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on City Finance and Services  
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services  
SUBJECT: December 2023 Community Services and Other Social Policy Grants

### Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve ten (10) Social Innovation Project (SIP) Anti-Black Racism Grants, totalling \$125,000, from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix A-1 for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2023 Recommend" column to support Black-led and Black-serving organizations.
- B. THAT Council approve one (1) Social Innovation Project (SIP) Food Grant to Vancouver Food Runners Society, totalling \$100,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to administer the Vancouver Food Recovery Network Innovation Project, as described in Appendix B.
- C. THAT Council approve one (1) Sustainable Food Systems Grant to the Disabled Independent Gardeners Association (DIGA), totalling \$9,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to support the DIGA Food Security Program, as described in Appendix C.
- D. THAT Council approve one (1) grant of \$30,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre to support the planning and delivery of an Elders and Knowledge Keepers Retreat in 2024, as described in Appendix D.
- E. THAT Council approve four (4) Organizational Capacity Building and Project Grants totalling \$98,170, from the 2023 Social Policy Operating Grants budget, including the recommended conditions on the grant, to the organizations listed in

Appendix E for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2023 Recommend" column, to strengthen governance and strategic planning in the non-profit sector.

- F. THAT Council approve two (2) Childcare Capacity Building Grants totalling \$115,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Childcare Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix F for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2023 Recommend" column to support the management of large childcare providers.
- G. THAT Council approve three (3) Childcare Project Grants totalling \$132,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Grants Childcare Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix G for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2023 Recommend" column to support childcare projects and stabilize current childcare operations.
- H. THAT Council approve six (6) Small-Medium Capital Grants totaling \$200,000 from the 2023 Social Policy Small Capital Grants Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix H-1 for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2023 Recommend" column to support improvements to social facilities serving residents experiencing marginalization.
- I. THAT Council approve three (3) Childcare Small Capital Grants totalling \$45,159 from the 2023 Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare to the organizations listed in Appendix I-1 for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2023 Recommend" column to support infrastructure improvements for licensed childcare facilities.
- J. THAT Council approve eight (8) Hastings Legacy Fund grants totalling \$142,400 from the Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve to the organizations listed in Appendix J-1 for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2023 Recommend" column to build the capacity of the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood to respond to local social issues. Disbursement of the grants is conditional on the receipt of the 2023 Community Legacy Fund Fee from Hastings Entertainment Inc.
- K. THAT Council approve two (2) Reframing South Vancouver grants totalling \$280,324 from the 2023 ACCS Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix K for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2023 Recommend" column to support the work described in Appendix K.
- L. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A-K 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.
- M. THAT Council delegate its authority to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services to negotiate and execute agreements to disburse the grants described in Recommendations A to K on the terms and conditions set out herein

or such other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services.

- N. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

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

## Purpose and Executive Summary

41 grants are being recommended for a total of \$1,277,053 (see Table 1). Several grants recommended in this report are projects that advance strategic initiatives associated with Council priority areas or directly respond to previous Council direction. The recommended 41 grants support a range of operational and capital funding such as:

- organizational capacity building for equity-deserving communities working across a range of sectors and neighbourhoods;
- maintaining and strengthening linkages/integration between community services and programs, City social policies and priorities; and
- providing capital upgrades and community-led programming to provide wellness, health, and safety supports.

*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    | Social Innovation Project (SIP) Anti-Black Racism Grants | 10            | \$125,000              | \$264,830            | A        |
|                    | B    | Social Innovation Project (SIP) Food Grants              | 1             | \$100,000              | \$100,000            | B        |
|                    | C    | Sustainable Food Systems Grants                          | 1             | \$9,000                | \$9,000              | C        |
|                    | D    | Elders and Knowledge Keepers Retreat                     | 1             | \$30,000               | \$30,000             | D        |
|                    | E    | Organizational Capacity Building Grants                  | 4             | \$98,170               | \$98,170             | E        |
| <b>Subtotal</b>    |      |  | <b>17</b>     | <b>\$362,170</b>       | <b>\$502,000</b>     |          |
| Childcare          | F    | Childcare Capacity Building Grants                       | 2             | \$115,000              | \$115,000            | F        |
|                    | G    | Childcare Project Grants                                 | 3             | \$132,000              | \$132,000            | G        |
| <b>Subtotal</b>    |      |  | <b>5</b>      | <b>\$247,000</b>       | <b>\$247,000</b>     |          |
| Capital            | H    | Social Policy Small Capital Grants                       | 6             | \$200,000              | \$277,000            | H        |
|                    | I    | Childcare Small Capital Grants                           | 3             | \$45,159               | \$94,114             | I        |

|                    |   |                            |           |                    |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>Subtotal</b>    |   |                            | <b>9</b>  | <b>\$245,159</b>   | <b>\$371,114</b>   |   |
| Other Grants       | J | Hastings Legacy Fund Grant | 8         | \$142,400          | \$270,120          | J |
|                    | K | Reframing South Vancouver  | 2         | \$280,324          | \$280,324          | K |
| <b>Subtotal</b>    |   |                            | <b>11</b> | <b>\$422,724</b>   | <b>\$550,444</b>   |   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> |   |                            | <b>41</b> | <b>\$1,277,053</b> | <b>\$1,670,558</b> |   |

### Council Authority/Previous Decisions

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

### City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

### Background

Grants and other supports to the non-profit service sector are key social development tools that enable work toward City policy goals including the Healthy City Strategy and related policy including the Women's Equity Strategy and City of Reconciliation efforts.

Vancouver's non-profit sector is essential to pursuing City policy objectives to address the upstream determinants of health. Non-profit organizations foster social connection and participation; they have a "civic footprint" in service provision, trust-building, collaboration and community-building. The City's role as a funder supports the sustainability of the sector and helps non-profits leverage resources from other sources to achieve shared goals.

Staff generally recommend grant applications received through a public open call. Grant applications and deadlines are posted publicly on the City's website and staff evaluate grant applications and make recommendations to Council using grant program-specific criteria to evaluate alignment with City priorities, impact on the community, financial accountability and organizational capacity to undertake the work. Further detail is provided in Appendix N.

At times, staff recommend a direct award grant whose application was not received through an open call, usually in response to an urgent matter, previous Council direction, or to advance a strategic partnership or opportunity in response to a Council strategic priority.

### 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

*Recommendation A – Social Innovation Project (SIP) Anti-Black Racism Grants (\$125,000)*  
(Appendix A)

Funding to support ten historically equity-denied Black-led and Black-serving organizations to build their internal organizational capacity to better serve Black residents of Vancouver, as per recommendations from the *Addressing Anti-Black Racism and Historic Discrimination Interim Report*.

*Recommendation B – Social Innovation Project (SIP) Food Grants (\$100,000)* (Appendix B)  
One-time grant supporting collaboration and strategic planning work needed to amplify the collective impact of food recovery and social enterprise efforts addressing food insecurity in Vancouver.

*Recommendation C - Sustainable Food Systems Grants (\$9,000)* (Appendix C)  
This one-time extension of a pilot grant stream supports neighbourhood and community-scale efforts that facilitate community connectedness and catalyze action, knowledge and skill-building on food system issues.

*Recommendation D – Elders and Knowledge Keepers Retreat (\$30,000)* (Appendix D)  
In response to community feedback, this one-time grant would support Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre in planning and delivering a retreat alongside a community planning committee, to gather and support Indigenous Elders and traditional Knowledge Keepers to collaborate, build relationships, and share knowledge. Attendees will be invited from organizations who are current or former recipients of the Indigenous Healing and Wellness grants.

*Recommendation E - Organizational Capacity Building Grants (\$98,170)* (Appendix E)  
Organizational Capacity Building grants provide funding to non-profit organizations that help to build leadership, governance and strategic planning in the non-profit sector. This recommendation proposes four grants overall - three grants each respectively to the Hastings Community Association, West Side Family Place Society and The Dugout Centre Society to aid in the organizations' alignment and advancement of their programming to strategic goals, and one grant to Vantage Point Strategies Society to support the development of the non-profit sector in Vancouver.

*Recommendation F – Childcare Capacity Building Grants (\$115,000)* (Appendix F)  
Funding for these two grants supports the management of childcare providers that oversee multiple programs, or which undertake public policy work related to early learning and care.

*Recommendation G – Childcare Project Grants: Research, Policy Development and Innovation (PRD&I) and Stabilization Grants (\$132,000)* (Appendix G)  
Grants propose supporting three childcare projects that focus on service or policy innovations or stabilizing current childcare operations by improving their management capacity.

*Recommendation H – Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants (\$200,000)* (Appendix H)  
Funding supports ten non-profits with carrying out social infrastructure improvements to their physical spaces to enable health, safety, and accessibility for Vancouver residents who experience intersecting vulnerabilities and marginalization.

*Recommendation I – Social Policy Small Childcare Capital Grants (\$45,159)* (Appendix I)  
This recommendation proposes funding three projects for licensed childcare facilities to comply with health and safety regulations, licensing or fire requirements to enhance health, safety and better services for children and families including those from equity-denied communities.

**Recommendation J - Hastings Legacy Fund Grants (\$142,400) (Appendix J)**

In October 2005, as part of the rezoning conditions for Hastings Park, Council accepted a number of public benefits from Hastings Entertainment Inc., including the establishment of a reserve fund to support the Hastings Legacy Fund grants program. The eight HLF grants recommended (Appendix J-1) support projects that build the capacity of the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood to address and respond to local social issues and build a strong, safe and inclusive community. Disbursement of the grants is conditional on the receipt of the 2023 Hastings Legacy Fund Fee from Hastings Entertainment Inc.

**Recommendation K – Reframing South Vancouver Grants (\$280,324) (Appendix K)**

Funding towards two neighbourhood houses in South Vancouver to carry out community engagement related to identifying needed improvements and investments to the neighbourhood. The proposed grants are a response to direction received from Council through Council Motion RTS 15864 *Addressing Ongoing Inequities by Improving Social Infrastructure and Access to Services Across South Vancouver and Marpole Neighbourhoods*.

**Financial Implications**

Funding for grant recommendations totalling \$1,277,053 and the remaining budgets are summarized in Tables 2, 3 and 4 below.

*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, B, C, D, E | Community Services Grants                           | Social Policy Operating Grant Budget                     | \$7,394,466         | \$7,032,296 <sup>1</sup> | \$362,170            | \$0                    |
| F, G          | Childcare Capacity Grants, Childcare Project Grants | Social Policy Operating Grant Budget – Childcare         | \$2,251,289         | \$1,365,202 <sup>2</sup> | \$247,000            | \$639,087 <sup>3</sup> |
| H             | Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants           | Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants Budget         | \$333,478           | \$75,000                 | \$200,000            | \$58,478               |
| I             | Childcare Small Capital Grants                      | Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare Budget | \$100,000           | \$54,841                 | \$45,159             | \$0                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |   |  | <b>\$10,079,233</b> | <b>\$8,527,339</b>       | <b>\$854,329</b>     | <b>\$697,565</b>       |

<sup>1</sup> Includes reallocation of previously approved Rent Subsidy Grants \$27,857 see Appendix L.

<sup>2</sup> Balance of Operating Impact of Capital funding for Childcare will be carried forward to next year to support the approved start up cost for the opening of new childcare sites.

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

| <b>Rec</b>   | <b>Grant Stream</b>        | <b>Source of funding</b>               | <b>Rec'd in this Report</b> |
|--------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| J            | Hastings Legacy Fund Grant | Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve | \$142,400*                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                            |  | <b>\$142,400</b>            |

\* Disbursement of the grant if approved is conditional on receipt of 2023's Hastings Legacy Fund Fee from Hastings Entertainment Inc.

*Table 4: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams (from 2023 ACCS Operating Budget)*

| <b>Rec</b>   | <b>Grant Stream</b>             | <b>Source of funding</b>   | <b>Rec'd in this Report</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| K            | Reframing South Vancouver Grant | 2023 ACCS Operating Budget | \$280,324                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                                 |                            | <b>\$280,324</b>            |

**Legal Implications**

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

**Conclusion**

The 41 grants recommended in this report support a broad range of organizations, programs and projects that work toward a healthy and more equitable city for all Vancouver residents. These proposed investments in program funding, organizational capacity building, physical infrastructure, and innovation help ensure that the non-profit sector will continue to work in partnership to deliver on the challenging, systems-changing social policy goals that the City of Vancouver has established.

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**APPENDIX A-1: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –**

**SOCIAL INNOVATION PROJECT GRANTS RECOMMENDED (Recommendation A-1)**

*Funding supports historically equity-denied Black-led and Black-serving organizations to build their internal organizational capacity to better serve Black residents of Vancouver, as per recommendations from the Addressing Anti-Black Racism and Historic Discrimination Interim Report.*

| 1                             | 2              | 3  | 4   | 5                     |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| AGENCY                        | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME                                     | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION   | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS |
| Afro Van Connect              | \$15,000       | Restructuring Governance Structure               | This project will establish a transparent internal system structure which includes organizational structural planning, re-establishing a new board of directors and an eldership advisory council, and pursuing related professional development opportunities for staff. |                       |
| Odihi                         | \$6,000        | Internal Capacity Building & Program Development | Project will help Odihi build out their 1,2,3 and 5 year strategic plan, with a heavy focus on developing a mission statement and re-adapting and aligning to changing Black community needs in Vancouver.  |                       |
| Black Women Connect Vancouver | \$14,000       | Strategic Planning                               | This proposal aims to utilise high-level strategic planning to chart out the next 3-5 years of the organization, and to create formal processes, policies, and documentation/filing systematics for BWCV.   |                       |
| Ethos Lab Educational Society | \$15,000       | Fund Developer                                   | This project proposes hiring a Fund Developer for a four-month period to build long-term financial sustainability and operational capacity of Ethos Lab.  |                       |



| 1   | 2              | 3                                      | 4  | 5                     |
|---|----------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| AGENCY                                      | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME                           | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION  | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS |
| Great Lakes Networking Society of BC        | \$10,000       | Strengthening Organizational Structure | This project proposes the hiring of a strategic consultant, and an internship for a Black youth to aid with the organization's website updates.  |                       |
| Kenyan Community In BC Society              | \$15,000       | Strategic Planning Process             | The KENBC proposal requests funds to address strategic planning needs, which will be carried out by hiring a consultant to lead the strategic planning process while creating internship opportunities for three Black youth to learn from the consultant and the organization.              |                       |
| BC Community Alliance                       | \$17,000       | Redeveloping Strategic Plan            | This project aims to hire 2 short-term positions: an HR staff to conduct a workforce analysis/planning and focus on employee development, and a grant writer to support sustainability of the organisation.  |                       |
| Vancouver Black Library Foundation          | \$17,000       | Strategic Planning                     | The proposed grant funds will be used to hire a consultant to address strategic planning needs regarding the Vancouver Black Library. There will also be workshops internally for the Vancouver Black Library team on safety and community outreach to other Black non-profit organizations. |                       |
| Unity Centre Association for Black Cultures | \$6,000        | Capacity Building                      | Project aims to engage consultants on strategic planning and marketing gaps.   |                       |

| 1  | 2                | 3                          | 4   | 5                     |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| AGENCY                                   | 2023 RECOMMEND   | PROGRAM NAME               | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION   | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS |
| Swahili Vision International Association | \$10,000         | Organizational Development | This project aims to combine strategic planning, policy development, governance restructuring, and staff procedures with focused anti-racism initiatives. |                       |
| <b>TOTAL = 10</b>                        | <b>\$125,000</b> |                            |   |                       |

**APPENDIX A-2: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –**

**SOCIAL INNOVATION PROJECT GRANTS NOT RECOMMENDED (Recommendation A-2)**

*Social Policy Social Innovation Grants support one-time projects that prototype new strategies to work toward systemic change.*

| 1   | 2              | 3  | 4  | 5  |
|---|----------------|--|--|--|
| AGENCY  | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME                                   | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION  | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS  |
| African Art & Cultural Community Contributor CCC Inc. | \$0            | Strategic Planning and Program Development     | Project aims to deliver community programming, undertake strategic planning, and conduct community outreach.   | <b><u>NOT RECOMMENDED:</u></b><br>Project does not meet eligibility criteria.  |
| Link International Ministries                         | \$0            | Internship Office Assistance                   | Project will create internship opportunities for Black African diasporic youth that would address strategic social media communication needs of our organization while employing a youth from community.         | <b><u>NOT RECOMMENDED:</u></b><br>Project does not meet eligibility criteria.  |
| Festival African Heritage Music and Dance Society     | \$0            | Arts and Culture Administration and Management | This project will assist in maintaining office space, capacity staffing and hire youth to train for positions in the organization.   | <b><u>NOT RECOMMENDED:</u></b><br>Project does not meet eligibility criteria.  |
| Hogans Alley Society                                  | \$0            | Community Engagement Intern                    | This project will hire a Black youth as a Community Engagement intern to foster the development of partnerships with other Black-led organizations in Metro Vancouver, with a focus on those led by Black youth. | <b><u>NOT RECOMMENDED:</u></b><br>Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities. |
| <b>TOTAL = 4</b>                                      | <b>\$0</b>     |  |  |  |

**APPENDIX B: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –**

**SOCIAL INNOVATION PROJECT FOOD GRANTS RECOMMENDED (Recommendation B)**

*One-time grant supporting collaboration and strategic planning work needed to amplify the collective impact of food recovery and social enterprise efforts to address food insecurity in Vancouver.*

| 1                              | 2                | 4  | 5  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| AGENCY                         | 2023 RECOMMEND   | PROJECT DESCRIPTION  | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS  |
| Vancouver Food Runners Society | \$100,000        | <p>This innovation grant will support strategic planning work within the Vancouver Food Recovery Network (VFRN), coordinated by three Network organizations: Vancouver Food Runners Society, Food Stash Foundation, and CityReach Care Society.</p> <p>The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish the current baseline impact of the VFRN,</li> <li>• Formalize, streamline, and standardise processes to better coordinate with food businesses nonprofits operating food programs,</li> <li>• Develop a sustainable financial model for the VFRN, and</li> <li>• Conduct a space needs assessment and feasibility of co-location</li> </ul> | <p><b>CONDITION:</b><br/>Funding to be released following a detailed project plan and consultant scope of work has been finalized, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy &amp; Projects.</p> |
| <b>TOTAL = 1</b>               | <b>\$100,000</b> |  |  |

**APPENDIX C: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –**

**SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS GRANT RECOMMENDED (Recommendation C)**

*Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) Grants provide funding to address inequity and mitigate conditions that create barriers to food security for Vancouver residents.*

| 1   | 2              | 4   | 5   |
|---|----------------|---|---|
| AGENCY  | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROJECT DESCRIPTION   | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS   |
| Disabled Independent Gardeners Association (DIGA) | \$9,000        | Funds are intended to support trial and development of accessible food growing initiative, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible home garden container program;</li> <li>• Digital and in-person workshops; and</li> <li>• Planning for an accessible greenhouse.</li> </ul> | <b>COMMENT:</b><br>DIGA has received \$12,000 for the pilot year; this \$9000 request is to help extend the pilot for another growing season before a more comprehensive evaluation can be completed. |
| <b>TOTAL = 1</b>                                  | <b>\$9,000</b> |   |   |

**APPENDIX D: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –**

**ELDERS AND KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS RETREAT RECOMMENDED (Recommendation D)**

| 1  | 2               | 3                                    | 4  | 5  |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| AGENCY                                       | 2023 RECOMMEND  | PROGRAM NAME                         | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION  | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS  |
| Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre Society | \$30,000        | Elders and Knowledge Keepers Retreat | Support planning and delivery of an Elders and Knowledge Keepers Retreat in 2024, bringing together Indigenous Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers from Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grantees to support the sharing, connection, and rejuvenation of community members. | <b>COMMENT:</b><br>No more than 30% of funding will go towards administration. |
| <b>TOTAL = 1</b>                             | <b>\$30,000</b> |                                      |  |  |

**Additional Context:**

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Social Policy staff convened with existing Indigenous community grantees to discuss the Indigenous Healing and Wellness grants. Grantees gathered to discuss needs, concerns, and programming outcomes related to the support of Elders and Knowledge Keepers at their organizations.

From this engagement session, community organizations expressed the desire to bring Elders and Knowledge Keepers together and provide an opportunity to share with one another, build networks of support, and rest.

Community organizations expressed that their Elders and Knowledge Keepers are in high demand and are often overstretched, burnt out, and limited in numbers. The City has not previously brought together Elders and Knowledge Keepers through IHW. This retreat would also be a good opportunity to gauge feedback directly from the recipients of the funding.

The Retreat is estimated to take place in 2024 and will be planned alongside other grantee organizations volunteering additional time. The Retreat will be led by community for community, in alignment with decolonized granting processes and commitments towards a City of Reconciliation.

**APPENDIX E: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –**

**ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING AND PROJECT GRANTS RECOMMENDED (Recommendation E)**

*Organizational Capacity Building grants support the Healthy City Strategy by providing funding to non-profit organizations that help to build leadership, governance and strategic planning in the non-profit sector.*

| 1                                | 2              | 3  | 4  | 5                     |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| AGENCY                           | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME   | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION  | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS |
| Hastings Community Association   | \$3,000        | Celebrating our Community and Diversity: Hasting Community Association's 90th Anniversary Engagement Project | This project aims to revitalize the community post-COVID and aligns with HCA's goals of building a stronger, more connected association and fostering diversity and reconciliation.  |                       |
| Vantage Point Strategies Society | \$20,000       | Investing in Non-Profit Collaboration  | Vantage Point and the City of Vancouver Social Policy Department have been exploring/supporting new approaches to NPO challenges, including in the area of shared services and deeper collaboration across the non-profit sector, including mergers, amalgamations, co-location, and other forms of strategic partnership and restructuring. Vantage Point initiated "Investing in Non-Profit Collaboration," a project to enhance collaboration in the non-profit sector. The requested funding would go to continuing this work. |                       |

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| <p>West Side Family Place Society</p>    | <p>\$25,000</p>        | <p>Charting a Course to Sustainability</p>              | <p>Vancouver’s five standalone Family Places occupy a unique niche in the City’s non-profit sector, yet struggle to find sustainable funding. This project will identify how deeper collaboration, including the potential for shared administrative and other services, could strengthen the organizations’ collective sustainability and impact.</p> | <p><b>CONDITION:</b><br/>Funding to be released following a detailed project plan and consultant scope of work has been finalized, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy &amp; Projects.</p> |
| <p>The Dugout Drop-in Centre Society</p> | <p>\$50,170</p>        | <p>Operating Support and Organizational Development</p> | <p>The Dugout is seeking funds to support and expand its general operations, aimed at expanding hours for key staff in order to provide additional oversight to improve services offered and enhance community relations, guided by the Dugout’s strategic planning goals.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>TOTAL = 4</b></p>                  | <p><b>\$98,170</b></p> |   |  |  |



**APPENDIX F: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –**

**CHILDCARE CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS RECOMMENDED (Recommendation F)**

*Funding supports the management of large childcare providers*

| 1   | 2                | 4   | 5                     |
|---|------------------|---|-----------------------|
| AGENCY                                    | 2023 RECOMMEND   | PROJECT DESCRIPTION   | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS |
| Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC | \$70,000         | This grant will support a centralized childcare planning role that will focus on critical systems implementation to support a unified delivery of childcare programming across the organization and its 8 neighbourhood houses. |                       |
| Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC   | \$45,000         | Funding will be specifically focused on work that advocates for increased funding from senior levels of government for the creation of new childcare spaces in Vancouver.   |                       |
| <b>TOTAL = 2</b>                          | <b>\$115,000</b> |   |                       |

**APPENDIX G: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**

**CHILDCARE PROJECT GRANTS RECOMMENDED (Recommendation G)**

*Funding supports childcare projects that focus on research, service or policy innovations, or stabilizing current childcare providers by supporting their sustainability,*

| 1  | 2              | 4  | 5  |
|--|----------------|--|--|
| AGENCY                                     | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROJECT DESCRIPTION  | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS  |
| Britannia Community Service Centre Society | \$32,000       | This innovation grant will support Phase 2 of Britannia’s Childcare Hub review, in consideration of Britannia transitioning to a new childcare model that fully integrates childcare operations under one entity.  | <p><b><u>CONDITION:</u></b><br/>                     Funding to be released following a detailed project plan and consultant scope of work has been finalized, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy &amp; Projects.</p> |
| Mount Pleasant Child Care Society          | \$20,000       | This stabilization grant will provide support to the Society during its transition to a different operating model while supporting service continuity.   |  |
| BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS)  | \$80,000       | Building on learnings from the planning process for childcare in the new Urban Indigenous Youth and Education Project (UIYEP) process, as well as on its extensive expertise in childcare, BCACCS will undertake the development of Urban Indigenous childcare design guidelines that will facilitate the development of licensed childcare that better meets the needs of both Indigenous | <p><b><u>CONDITION:</u></b><br/>                     Funding to be released following receipt of a detailed project plan, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy &amp; Projects.</p>                                      |

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|                  |                  | and non-Indigenous families in the City of Vancouver. |  |
| <b>TOTAL = 3</b> | <b>\$132,000</b> |   |  |

**APPENDIX H-1: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –**

**SMALL-MEDIUM CAPITAL GRANTS RECOMMENDED (Recommendation H-1)**

*Social Policy Capital Grants provide grant support for improvements to social facilities serving Vancouver residents who experience intersecting vulnerabilities and marginalization.*

| 1                               | 2              | 3                          | 4   | 5                     |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| AGENCY                          | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME               | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION   | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS |
| Kiwassa Neighbourhood House     | \$80,000       | New HVAC system at Kiwassa | The project aims to provide a cooling system throughout the whole building including welcoming and transition spaces. This will be of crucial importance to the childcare and seniors’ programs who are most impacted by extreme temperatures and who are in the facility for 2-8 hours per day.                                  |                       |
| Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House | \$25,000       | Air Cooling system         | This project will install a cooling system in 4 rooms in the Neighbourhood House that provide programs for children aged 3-12, youth, seniors, and families. With the change in Vancouver weather, the heat has become unbearable, and it is a real safety concern when providing care for children, seniors, families and youth. |                       |

| 1  | 2                | 3  | 4  | 5  |
|--|------------------|--|--|--|
| AGENCY                                     | 2023 RECOMMEND   | PROGRAM NAME   | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION  | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS  |
| Pacific Association of First Nations Women | \$25,000         | An Accessible Washroom and Toilet  | The proposed renovation is to make the only washroom accessible for seniors and others with mobility issues by extending the size of the bathroom and installing a wheelchair & pram-accessible door and a toilet handrail. It also proposes installing a baby-changing station in the bathroom. | <b>CONDITION:</b><br>Release of funds contingent on receipt of updated project budget including two updated quotes for the entire project, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director, Social Policy & Projects. |
| Disability Alliance of BC                  | \$25,000         | Upholding Accessibility through Financial Modernization Project (accounting system revamp) | This project will upgrade DABC's accounting system that will be based on researched methods and software that will increase accessibility for Board Members (all of whom have disabilities) to carry out their fiduciary oversight and sign off on expenditures.                                 |  |
| Mount Pleasant Family Center Society       | \$25,000         | A New Roof at MP Family Center   | This project aims to replace the current roof of the building. The roof is about 30 years old. Certain sections show significant damage, and according to assessments from roofing companies, there is a risk of major leaks within the next year or two.  | <b>CONDITION:</b><br>Pending the Park Board's Approval.  |
| West End Seniors Network                   | \$20,000         | Uplift (painting) at the Mall at 1030 Denman Street  | Essential upgrades to improve visibility and safety by painting, replacing ceiling tiles, repairing light fixtures and anchoring fixtures. This will reduce blind spots in the store, remove tripping hazards and improve the overall feeling of the shop.                                       |  |
| <b>TOTAL = 6</b>                           | <b>\$200,000</b> |  |  |  |

**APPENDIX H-2: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –**

**SMALL-MEDIUM CAPITAL GRANTS NOT RECOMMENDED (Recommendation H-2)**

*Social Policy Capital Grants provide grant support for improvements to social facilities serving Vancouver residents who experience intersecting vulnerabilities and marginalization.*

| 1                                   | 2              | 3   | 4   | 5  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---|---|--|
| AGENCY                              | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME  | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION   | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS  |
| Spinal Cord Injury BC               | \$0            | Overhead Security Gates for Security at 780 SW Marine Drive | This capital project involves installation of 5 overhead gates, fencing and security doors with accessible remote electric door openers. The security gates are required to prevent unhoused individuals from living in our open, covered parking area.                             | <b><u>NOT RECOMMENDED:</u></b><br>Project does not meet eligibility criteria.  |
| Jewish Family Services of Vancouver | \$0            | Coming Together: A New Home and Kitchen for JFS             | This project will support the construction of a professional kitchen within the newly acquired building that would support the food security, mental health & counseling, older adults care and educational programs, and potentially generate revenue through a social enterprise. | <b><u>NOT RECOMMENDED:</u></b><br>Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities. |

| 1                                | 2              | 3                                | 4  | 5   |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| AGENCY                           | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME                     | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION  | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS   |
| Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland | \$0            | Big Sisters Audio Visual Project | The project proposes to install an audio-visual system for the boardroom in the newly acquired building. It will help utilize the space to its full capabilities and eliminate costs for AV rentals going forward. It also helps expand the ability to provide all training in-house (mentors and staff) and to decrease the waitlists for youth that need a mentor. | <b><u>NOT RECOMMENDED:</u></b><br>Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities |
| <b>TOTAL = 3</b>                 | <b>\$0</b>     |                                  |  |   |

**APPENDIX I-1: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS –**

**CHILDCARE SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS RECOMMENDED (Recommendation I-1)**

*Funding supports infrastructure improvements (health, safety and accessibility upgrades) for licensed childcare facilities serving Vancouver residents.*

| 1                                     | 2               | 3   | 4   | 5                     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| AGENCY                                | 2023 RECOMMEND  | PROGRAM NAME  | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION   | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS |
| Raycam Cooperative Center             | \$27,159        | Downstairs Daycare Playground   | This project will help Raymur Place Daycare comply with licensing regulations and address urgent health and safety issues outlined in the Inspection Report conducted by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH).                      |                       |
| Kits Neighbourhood House              | \$10,000        | Bumble Bear Daycare Safety Maintenance  | The facility is in need of emergency repairs to the outdoor wooden fixtures and play structures, as concluded in the Inspection Report conducted by VCH. The project will address these areas of concern.                     |                       |
| YWCA Metro Vancouver - Leslie Diamond | \$8,000         | YWCA Leslie Diamond Early Learning and Child Care Centre Outdoor Flooring Replacement | This project will replace a section of the outdoor flooring which has become unfit as noted in the Licensing Inspection Report, which will ensure the safety of the children, staff and visitors accessing the outdoor space. |                       |
| <b>TOTAL = 3</b>                      | <b>\$45,159</b> |   |   |                       |



**APPENDIX I-2: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS**

**CHILDCARE SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS NOT RECOMMENDED (Recommendation I-2)**

*Funding supports infrastructure improvements (i.e. health, safety and accessibility upgrades) for licensed childcare facilities serving Vancouver residents.*

| 1   | 2              | 3                             | 4   | 5   |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| AGENCY                                      | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME                  | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION   | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS   |
| The Boat Day Care Society                   | \$0            | Fence Replacement             | This project is to replace the wire fencing surrounding the daycare. The daycare has been patching the current fencing in some areas. It also started to leave gaps at the bottom. In addition, a garbage truck knocked down a corner of the backyard fence recently. | <b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b><br>Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities. |
| Mount Pleasant Community Center Association | \$0            | 3 Corners Playground Re-build | The daycare playground structure is approaching end of life. This project is to demo and rebuild a new structure to promote the physical health, wellness and active play of the children in the programs and maintain their health and safety.                       | <b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b><br>Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities. |
| <b>TOTAL = 2</b>                            | <b>\$0</b>     |                               |   |   |

**APPENDIX J-1: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS -**

**HASTINGS LEGACY FUND GRANTS (HLF) RECOMMENDED (Recommendation J-1)**

*Hastings Legacy Fund grants build the capacity of the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood to address and respond to local social issues and build a safe and inclusive community. The Hastings Legacy Fund (HLF) grant program was launched in 2009, following expansion of legal gambling at the Hastings Racetrack and its purpose is to mitigate problems and provide community benefits to the local neighbourhood.*

| 1   | 2              | 3  | 4   | 5  |
|---|----------------|--|---|--|
| AGENCY  | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME   | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION   | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS  |
| Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia d.b.a. Frog Hollow Neighbourhood Houses | \$20,000       | Roots of Wellness  | Provides low-barrier opportunities for seniors to connect with Indigenous culture, increase intergenerational interactions, and promote knowledge sharing.                          | <b>CONDITION:</b> Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve. |
| Hastings Community Association  | \$5,000        | Celebrating our Community and Diversity: Hasting Community Association's 90th Anniversary Engagement Project | This project aims to revitalize the community post-COVID and aligns with HCA's goals of building a stronger, more connected association and fostering diversity and reconciliation. | <b>CONDITION:</b> Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve. |
| Hastings North Business Improvement Association   | \$20,400       | Sunrise Safety Team (SST)  | Promotes a positive and healthy atmosphere for Hastings-Sunrise businesses, customers, visitors, residents and community members.   | <b>CONDITION:</b> Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve. |

| 1  | 2              | 3                           | 4  | 5  |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| AGENCY                                     | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME                | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION  | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS  |
| Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre | \$11,220       | Community Cleanup Program   | Mobilizes and supports community volunteers to identify and restore unsafe and problematic areas through active citizen participation.   | <b>CONDITION:</b> Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve. |
| The KidSafe Project Society                | \$23,460       | KidSafe's Break Programming | Provides comprehensive services to at-risk children attending and schools when they are closed for winter, spring and summer breaks.   | <b>CONDITION:</b> Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve. |
| Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association | \$35,000       | Eastside Youth Wellness     | Provides direct outreach and the provision of recreational and social supports to ensure optimal health and engagement of young people.  | <b>CONDITION:</b> Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve. |
|  | \$20,000       | Community Small Grants      | Brings together community members, organizations and businesses to host, produce and support local projects and events in Hastings-Sunrise.                                    | <b>CONDITION:</b> Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Fund Legacy Reserve. |
| Leave Out Violence (LOVE) Society BC       | \$8,500        | Media Arts Program (MAP)    | Empower at-risk youth in Templeton and Vantech Secondary Schools by providing arts programming to improve youth engagement, mental health, and build stronger community bonds. | <b>CONDITION:</b> Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve. |

| 1                | 2                     | 3                   | 4                          | 5                                |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>AGENCY</b>    | <b>2023 RECOMMEND</b> | <b>PROGRAM NAME</b> | <b>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</b> | <b>CONDITIONS &amp; COMMENTS</b> |
| <b>TOTAL = 8</b> | <b>\$142,400</b>      |                     |                            |                                  |

**Additional Context**

The Hastings Legacy Fund (HLF) grant program was launched in 2009, following expansion of legal gambling at the Hastings Racetrack and its purpose is to mitigate problems and provide community benefits to the local neighbourhood. Criteria for HLF grants include a requirement that funded work occurs within the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood are based on the principles of community capacity building, public safety, civic engagement and supporting green initiatives. Due to COVID, staffing shortages, and capacity issues, this is the first open call for applications since 2020. This year, applications were accepted online via VanApply. Payments will be pending upon receipt of the 2023 annual contribution from Hastings Racecourse (Great Canadian Gaming).

**APPENDIX J-2: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS -**

**HASTINGS LEGACY FUND (HLF) NOT RECOMMENDED (Recommendation J- 2)**

*Hastings Legacy Fund grants build the capacity of the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood to address and respond to local social issues and build a safe and inclusive community. The Hastings Legacy Fund (HLF) grant program was launched in 2009, following expansion of legal gambling at the Hastings Racetrack and its purpose is to mitigate problems and provide community benefits to the local neighbourhood.*

| 1                        | 2              | 3  | 4  | 5   |
|--------------------------|----------------|--|--|---|
| AGENCY                   | 2023 RECOMMEND | PROGRAM NAME                               | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION  | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS   |
| Akali Singh Sikh Society | \$0            | Senior Citizen Resource Centre and Library | Materials would be used to outfit the new Senior Centre (also youth programs) with equipment, furniture, and supplies in the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood. | <b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b><br>Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities. |
| <b>TOTAL = 1</b>         | <b>\$0</b>     |  |  |   |

**APPENDIX K: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS – OTHER GRANTS -**

**REFRAMING SOUTH VANCOUVER AND MARPOLE GRANTS RECOMMENDED (Recommendation K)**

*Funding towards two neighbourhood houses in South Vancouver, South Vancouver Neighbourhood House and Marpole Neighbourhood House, to carry out community engagement on providing needed improvements and investments to the neighbourhood.*

| 1   | 2                | 3  | 4   | 5   |
|---|------------------|--|---|---|
| AGENCY  | 2023 REC         | PROGRAM NAME                                   | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION   | CONDITIONS & COMMENTS   |
| Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC, d.b.a. South Vancouver Neighbourhood House | \$161,000        | Reframing South Vancouver Initiative (Phase 2) | Support for the Council Motion “Addressing ongoing inequities by improving social infrastructure and access to services across South Vancouver and Marpole Neighbourhoods” through funding 2 Community Navigators and ongoing community engagement costs for phase 2 of this initiative.  | <b>COMMENT:</b><br>Council Motion RTS 15864 (June 28, 2023) directed ACCS staff to discuss with South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (SVNH) a potential City grant contribution to support the refinement and prioritization of potential actions to support the continued work of the Reframing South Vancouver Initiative. |
| Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC, d.b.a. Marpole Neighbourhood House         | \$119,324        | Reframing Marpole Project                      | The Reframing Marpole project will seek to identify and support amplifying the voices of the equity deserving populations. Through various asset mapping and community dialogues, Marpole Neighbourhood House (MNH) will outreach to community and engage neighbours in meaningful, capacity building community development opportunities. This grant will fund a Community Developer and a Community Navigator position and community engagement costs for this project. | <b>COMMENT:</b><br>Council Motion RTS 15864 (June 28, 2023) directed ACCS staff to discuss with Marpole Neighbourhood House a potential City grant contribution to support similar community engagement to work to the Reframing Initiative that was led by South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (SVNH)                      |
| <b>TOTAL = 2</b>  | <b>\$280,324</b> |  |   |   |

**APPENDIX L: GRANT REALLOCATION**

| 1                                | 2               | 3            | 4   | 5   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---|---|
| AGENCY                           | PREVIOUS RTS    | GRANT        | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION   | COMMENTS  |
| Disability Alliance of BC (DABC) | 13579           | Rent Subsidy | Disability Alliance of BC (DABC) previously received a rent subsidy grant for many years. They were granted a renewed rent subsidy grant for 2020, however they needed to move out of the City-owned space they had occupied after 6 months into a non-City owned space which made them ineligible for a rent subsidy grant for the remaining half of 2020. This carry forward was to be applied to Community Services grants in 2022 but the balance was overlooked and the funds were not expended. | <b>COMMENT:</b><br>Grant was reallocated to the 2023 Social Policy Grants Operating budget used to fulfill Organizational Capacity Building requests outlined in Recommendation E of this report. |
| <b>TOTAL = 1</b>                 | <b>\$27,857</b> |              |   |   |

## APPENDIX M: 2023 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

### COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

**City of Vancouver’s Reframing South Vancouver Initiative:** On [June 28, 2023](#), Council directed staff to work in collaboration with neighbourhood houses in South Vancouver (South Vancouver Neighbourhood House and Marpole Neighbourhood House) to improve social infrastructure and elevate historically underrepresented voices of South Vancouver residents through a series of engagement activities.

**City of Vancouver’s UNDRIP Strategy:** On [October 25, 2022](#), the UNDRIP 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.

**Addressing Anti-Black Racism and Historic Discrimination:** On [September 27, 2022](#), Council received the interim report addressing anti-Black racism, and directed staff to allocate annual funding through the City’s Arts, Culture and Community Services and other departmental granting programs to community initiatives that further the City’s anti-Black racism response.

**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.

**Vancouver Food Strategy:** In [January 2013](#), Council adopted the Vancouver Food Strategy with goals to improve access to healthy, affordable, and culturally diverse food for all residents, advocate for a just and sustainable food system with partners and at all levels of government, and to support food-friendly neighbourhoods.

**Hastings Legacy Fund Grants:** In [October 2005](#), as part of the rezoning conditions for Hastings Park, Council accepted a number of public benefits from Hastings Entertainment Inc. including establishment of a reserve fund to support the Hastings Legacy Fund grants program. On July 9, 2009, Council approved the first allocation of \$130,000 to six projects in the Hastings Sunrise neighbourhood.

**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.

## APPENDIX N

### GENERAL APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

All grant applications are available on the City's website. Organizations submit applications that are checked for basic 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 a First Nations Band;
- Have an independent, active governing body composed of volunteers. The by-laws must have provisions that no Board director can be remunerated for serving as a director and that no staff member can be a voting member of the board or executive;
- The organization must demonstrate accommodation, welcomeness and openness to people of all ages, abilities, sexual orientation, gender identities (including trans\*, gender-diverse 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 the demonstrated functional capacity and sufficient resources to deliver the programs to which the City is being asked to contribute;
- Show costs that are reasonable and on par with other similar programs;
- Use a minimum of 85% of the grant funds for staff salary and benefit expenses; and
- Deliver the funded program in Vancouver to Vancouver residents.
- Ensure that in interactions or communications with and about City officials and staff, their staff and volunteers do not make statements or engage in conduct which could be characterized as threatening, intimidating, harassing, or discriminatory.<sup>[1]</sup>

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

All applicants are reviewed in detail by staff and brought to a staff committee that makes funding recommendations. Follow up is conducted with applicants where additional information or clarification is required. All applications are reviewed using a range of criteria including:

- **Strategic alignment** with Council and City priorities and the goals of the Healthy City Strategy;
- **Financial capacity** of both the organization and the program to deliver services and leverage other sources of funding;
- **Governance capacity** of the board of directors to provide oversight and strategic direction for the organization;
- **Equity and inclusion** through policies and practices to ensure that programs are truly accessible to all who would benefit from them;
- **Co-creation** through the active inclusion of the populations served in the governance, development, implementation, evaluation and realignment of the program;

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(<sup>1</sup>This does not restrict a recipient or their staff from exercising their freedom of expression as protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.)

- **Partnership** with other programs and organizations to leverage resources, share skills and knowledge and eliminate duplication of programming; and,
- **Outputs** are clearly defined, realistic and, for returning applicants, have been achieved in previous years.

If a grant is not recommended, staff contact applicants to discuss reasons for not recommending and, where possible, to suggest other funding opportunities.