



## COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Standing Committee on City Finance and Services

FROM: Margaret Wittgens, General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services

SUBJECT: 2024 Homelessness Services Grants and Heat Preparedness Response Program Grant

### Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve Homelessness Services (HS) grants totalling \$43,000 to the 17 organizations listed in Appendix A of this report for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recom" column to create awareness and engage residents in solutions to homelessness and support individuals experiencing homelessness. Source of funding the 2024 Arts, Culture and Community Services Housing Services Operating Budget.
- B. THAT Council approve a grant of \$99,800 to the Downtown Eastside Single Residency Occupancy (SRO) Collaborative Society ("SRO-C") for the SRO Heat Preparedness and Response Program. Source of funds the 2024 Operating Budget.
- C. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deems any organization that is to receive a grant pursuant to the above Recommendations that is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the health and welfare of the city.
- D. THAT the City's General Manager of Arts, Culture, and Community Services be authorized to execute agreements that disburse the grants recommended in this report and that contain terms and conditions approved by the City's Director of Legal Services.
- E. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

Recommendations A and B requires 2/3 affirmative votes of all Council members under

section 206 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

## **Purpose and Executive Summary**

This report seeks Council approval for 17 Homelessness Services grants totalling \$43,000 to fund short-term and one-time events and projects that support people experiencing homelessness. The source of funds for the Homelessness Services grants is the 2024 Arts, Culture and Community Services (ACCS) Housing Services Operating Budget.

The report also seeks funding for an SRO Grant totalling \$99,800 to enable the SRO-C to implement a 2024 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.

## **Council Authority/Previous Decisions**

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

## **City Manager's Comments**

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

## **Context and Background**

### Homelessness Services Grants

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

The overarching goals of HS Grants are to:

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

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

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

Since 2009, allocated grant funds have contributed to uniting Vancouverites in a common goal: to raise awareness about and create solutions to the issues of homelessness and support organizations providing direct services to individuals experiencing homelessness. See Appendix C for a summary of grant funds allocated from 2009 to 2023.

### Heat Preparedness Response Program

Extreme weather events have become more frequent because of climate change. Vancouver has experienced unprecedented temperatures of over 35° C, and between June and July of 2021, there were 619 heat-related deaths across BC, with 457 (75%) of these occurring within the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal Health authorities.<sup>1</sup> Single Room Occupancy (SROs) buildings generally lack cooling systems and proper ventilation as most buildings are over 100 years old. Many SRO tenants are elderly and many have multiple health challenges, and live below the poverty line.

While tenants in Province and City owned or operated SROs are supported through heatwaves by BC Housing or the City respectively, low-income tenants in privately owned and operated SROs are not consistently supported through such heat events. The SRO-C has supported SRO tenants living in private SROs during periods of extreme heat over the last two summers. In 2023, through this pilot, the SRO-C distributed 650 cooling kits and over 125,000 bottles of water to 2,024 tenants. Water distribution was paired with wellness checks to protect the health and safety of tenants who were at risk of suffering heat-related injury and death. The Heat Preparedness and Response program will build on the SRO-C's extensive experience implementing emergency response programs in privately-owned SRO hotels and rooming houses in the DTES and Chinatown.

## **Discussion**

### Recommendation A: 2024 Homelessness Services Grants

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

#### *Application and Review Process*

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

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<sup>1</sup> Extreme Heat and Human Mortality: A Review of Heat-Related Deaths in B.C. in Summer 2021. Report to the Chief Coroner of British Columbia. Release Date: June 7, 2022

### Results of the Call for Proposals

The call for proposals resulted in 34 applications, totaling \$99,920. As noted above, total funds available for 2024 HS grants is \$43,000. Staff recommend allocating all available funds through this call for proposals.

**Table 1: Summary of 2024 HS Grants**

Total Amount Requested	Funding Recommended	Total Number of Applicants	Number of Recommended Applications
\$99,920	\$43,000	34	17

All 17 recommended applications address the primary goal of the grant program: to support Vancouver residents who are experiencing homelessness. The diverse projects and events provide unique opportunities for capacity and skills development, awareness raising, and direct access to resources and services.

Examples of activities that this grant funding will support include:

- Workshops for vulnerable 2SLGBTQIA+ youth experiencing homelessness or precariously housed to help build connections with the larger queer community in Vancouver and address a critical gap in support services.
- Elder and peer facilitators to provide cultural support for marginalized at-risk men, youth, and individuals participating in weekly sports gatherings hosted at Oppenheimer Park.
- Opportunities for artists experiencing homelessness to visualize their perspectives, develop their skills, and express their artistic agency.
- Community events to facilitate meaningful connections, raise awareness of the risks of extreme heat, and provide weather appropriate care packages.

As with many granting calls, the amount of funding requested exceeded the budget and not all applications are being recommended for funding. During the adjudication process, adjudicators worked to recommend full funding for as many applicants as possible to ensure the success of their event or project. Staff recommend full funding for 11 applications, and partial funding for an additional six. In instances where staff are recommending partial funding, due to the limited budget of HS grants, funds were prioritized to provide direct delivery of the project or event and do not cover administration expenses.

An application may not be recommended for funding for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to, the project being part of existing program, focused on housed residents, or other project applications better meeting the evaluation criteria. Staff will work with unsuccessful applicants to provide feedback on their application and where applicable, identify opportunities to support their project in different ways.

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

### Recommendation B: 2024 Grant to the SRO-C Heat Preparedness and Response Program

The SRO-C is proposing to implement a Heat Preparedness and Response program again this coming summer. The program will run for 20 weeks and includes organizing the distribution of water and cooling supplies in privately-owned SROs and Chinese Benevolent Society buildings. The grant recommended in this report will enable them to continue to build the capacity of

tenant leaders, residents, owners and buildings managers to support over 2,000 tenants in 30 private SROs in the DTES and 11 Chinese Benevolent Society SROs in Chinatown.

Direct activities conducted during the program will include onboarding and training, water and supplies distribution, vulnerability assessment and wellness checks of SRO residents and cooling kits. This grant will support the program by contributing to the following:

Staff program staff wages:

- Heat Organizer, 1 FTE for 20 weeks (50% covered by City of Vancouver)
- Chinatown Grocery Program Coordinator, 0.2 FTE for 20 weeks
- Warehouse Contractors, 0.75 FTE for 16 weeks
- Reporting Coordinator, 0.2 FTE for 8 weeks
- 41 tenant honouraria for 20 weeks from June 2024 to mid-September 2024.

Direct program costs:

- Transportation (MODO)
- Communication materials (leaflets, translation)
- Thermometers

This grant recommendation is for a direct award and did not come through a competitive call. The SRO-C is unique in its purpose to work with private SRO tenants and the economy of scale and consistency of service provided.

## **Financial Implications**

### Recommendation A: 2024 Homelessness Services Grants

This report recommends Council approve \$43,000 in Homelessness Services Grants to 17 non-profit organizations. The source of funding is the 2024 Arts, Culture and Community Services Housing Services Operating Budget.

### Recommendation B: 2024 Grant to the SRO-C Heat Preparedness and Response Program

This report recommends Council approve \$99,800 to the SRO-C. Funding for this grant will be managed from reallocation within the 2024 Operating Budget.

## **Legal Implications**

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

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**APPENDIX A**

<b>HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>2023 Grant</b>	<b>2024 Request</b>	<b>2024 Recom</b>
B.W.S.S: Battered Women's Support Services Association	<p><b>Homeless Prevention and Advocacy Workshops</b></p> <p>The overall purpose of the Homelessness Prevention, Intervention, Advocacy and Support Workshops is to provide information and awareness regarding available local housing resources and subsidies, and to connect survivors to other community-based organizations that offer various housing supports.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000
DUDES Club Society	<p><b>DUDES Club Baseball Oppenheimer Park</b></p> <p>This funding from Homelessness Services will allow DUDES Club to support the honorarium for a peer facilitator and an Elder at OP DC gatherings. Dedicated funding for these two individuals would ensure that the OP DC can continue to provide support for marginalized at-risk men, youth, and individuals in the Downtown East Side in a way that is sustainable and honours the time, energy, and efforts of our community organizers, without whom this initiative would be very difficult to continue.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$3000

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The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver	<p><b>EFry Vancouver Third Party Administration Hygiene Kits</b></p> <p>EFry is looking to distribute personal hygiene kits to individuals who are homeless or at extreme risk of becoming homeless through their two Vancouver Third Party Administration offices. The goal is to provide homeless clients with an increased level of confidence by allowing them to care for basic personal hygiene.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$2000
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	<p><b>Queer Futures: Connecting Unhoused Queer and Trans Youth to Community Role Models</b></p> <p>The grant will enable a series of workshops designed to provide support, guidance, and empowerment to queer and trans youth who are experiencing homelessness or precariously housed in Vancouver.</p>	\$2700	\$3000	\$2500
Gallery Gachet Society	<p><b>17th Annual Oppenheimer Park Community Art Show</b></p> <p>The Oppenheimer Community Art Show is an annual art exhibition hosted by Gallery Gachet in collaboration with the Oppenheimer Park team. This project is grounded in the identified need to provide a pathway for artistic expression for residents of the DTES while also fostering a sense of community commodity between DTES residents by inviting these residents to gather and convene in the DTES's largest green space, Oppenheimer Park.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000

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Lotus Light Charity Society	<p><b>LLCS Winter Charity Drive Care Package for the Homeless</b></p> <p>The LLCS Winter Charity Drive provides the opportunity to engage residents in raising awareness about homelessness issues, and provide direct support for those who are homeless, and promote a healthy and inclusive community. The care packages are like a token to bring people closer between first responders and the people they are helping and to let vulnerable residents know that they are not forgotten.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia (Marpole Neighbourhood House)	<p><b>Marpole's Safe Haven</b></p> <p>Marpole Neighbourhood House is committed to working towards community-based harm-reduction approaches to provide support and increase a sense of safety for the home insecure individuals in the Marpole neighbourhood. The purpose of this grant, is to continue to provide opportunities for the community to come together in different ways including community dialogues, community meals and cultural experiences facilitated by trained professionals and neighbours with lived experience.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000



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P.E.D.A.L. (Pedal Energy Development Alternatives) Power Association (Our Community Bikes)	<p><b>Pop Up Repair Clinics for Shelter Residents</b></p> <p>Pop up repair clinics for shelter guests will provide bike repair and bike safety equipment for shelter guests and other Downtown Eastside (DTES) residents at Homeless Connect events. Union Gospel Mission and The Gathering Place are looking for support to have bike repair available at their Homeless Connect events as they see demand and need for their clientele as well.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$1500
Potluck Café (2003) Society	<p><b>Homelessness Action Week Community Meals</b></p> <p>The Homelessness Action Week Community meal project will provide bowls of both beef and vegetable chili to 350 unhoused individuals at Oppenheimer Park. Potluck will be handing out these meals for one day during Homelessness Action Week in October. This project provides a much-needed source of nutritious food for clients who are struggling with food insecurity.</p>	\$955	\$1800	\$1000
Powell Street Festival Society	<p><b>Winter Care Package 2025</b></p> <p>The project's purpose is to support the low-income members of the DTES community with 250 care packages and low-barrier employment opportunities and to raise awareness about and help destigmatize homelessness.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000

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South Granville Seniors Friendship Centre Society	<p><b>Bowl of Kindness</b></p> <p>The primary objective of the "Bowl of Kindness" project is to provide comprehensive support to homeless older adults. The project seeks to offer a secure and hospitable space where they can interact and share experiences with other community members during periods when shelters are closed for cleaning. It is imperative to recognize the importance of providing a warm and supportive environment for those facing the adversity of homelessness, more so during times of vulnerability, such as the temporary interruption of shelter services.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$1000
South Vancouver Neighborhood House	<p><b>"We Belong"</b></p> <p>The "We Belong" gatherings are aimed at bringing the individuals experiencing homelessness and the community together, hold open conversations, generate understanding, help develop understanding around the possibility of community support and what that means and looks like for a person on the street. The documentary "My Life, My Story" will help bring the perspective of the people living in and out of visible and invisible situations to the community and the art sessions will allow for creative/expressive spaces to share experiences and build bonds.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000

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Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society	<p><b>Indigenous-Oriented Homelessness Action Week</b></p> <p>The purpose of this project is to host an Indigenous-Oriented Homelessness Action Week. The project aims to support and encourage homeless individuals and Indigenous clients residing at the shelters by creating an opportunity for them to access traditional medicine and healing, and other basic services.</p>	\$0	\$3000	\$3000
Vancouver Aboriginal Transformative Justice Services Society	<p><b>VATJSS Community Open House and Resource Fair</b></p> <p>This project will be an all-day open house hosted in the VATJSS offices. This will give the community a chance to come learn more about the services we offer and share a meal with other community members. The VATJSS offices are a culturally safe space to work on legal issues, stability and wellness.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$3000
Vancouver Moving Theatre Society	<p><b>Community Karaoke Cabaret Series with Culture Saves Lives</b></p> <p>Community Karaoke Cabaret Series with Culture Saves Lives is a collaborative, community-engaged, low barrier arts-and-culture-centered project that brings together diverse populations experiencing homelessness to sing, connect, and share a meal.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$3000

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WISH Drop-In Centre Society	<p><b>WISH Summer Food Festival Series and Heat Safety Care Packages for Unhoused Street-Based Sex Workers</b></p> <p>This Homelessness Services Grant would enable WISH to host a summer food festival series for homeless and precariously housed participants over the summer of 2024. The series will involve two BBQ food festival events where WISH peers are able to share their cultural foods with the WISH community and have meaningful space for social connection.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$3000
Working Gear Clothing Society	<p><b>Marginalized Community Resource Pop-Ups with a focus on Newcomers</b></p> <p>Continue monthly pop-ups while expanding focus to assist the DTES's fastest-growing demographic – refugee claimants. Will add peer staff translators, many from the DTES, and barbers with additional language skills to ensure attendees' needs are met in their native tongue.</p>	\$2000	\$3000	\$2000
	<b>Total Requested</b>		<b>\$49,800</b>	
	<b>Total Recommending</b>			<b>\$43,000</b>

<b>HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS NOT BEING RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:</b>				
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>2023 Grant</b>	<b>2024 Request</b>	<b>2024 Recom</b>
Atira Development Society	<p><b>2STGD+ Housing Dinner Marketing</b></p> <p>The grant will support marketing for an event for the Greater Vancouver community to come together to dine, socialize and learn about the barriers that the 2STGD+ community faces when seeking safe, supportive housing. The funds raised from this event will go directly to supporting the projects that provide 2STGD+ residents with safe spaces, supportive programming, and staffing support that they need.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
Atira Women's Resource Society	<p><b>Myotome Indigenous Arts Project</b></p> <p>The proposal for the Miyotehew Indigenous Arts Project is meant to provide the women and children at the program with the materials and tools they need to make ribbon skirts, regalia and beaded projects, both for ceremony and as a way to incorporate cultural-healing into the program.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
Community Builders	<p><b>Alewem Garden Revitalization Project</b></p> <p>The goal of the Alewem Garden revitalization project is to improve the quality of our container garden and increase its value for their clients. Specifically, to meet the needs of clients with an express interest in gardening (the Garden Gang) and to provide them with better resources so that they can continue in this meaningful pursuit.</p>	N/A	\$2120	\$0

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<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>2023 Grant</b>	<b>2024 Request</b>	<b>2024 Recom</b>
Connective	<p><b>Community- Focused Learning Series</b></p> <p>The proposed project aims to reduce stigma around unhoused individuals, educate on challenges they may face, and foster a better community within Connective's Vancouver neighborhood. Connective will achieve this by hosting a three-part Community-Focused Learning Series event at their Community Services Office.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
Employ to Empower	<p><b>Nothing About Us Without Us: Empowered Communities Empower Communities</b></p> <p>The Circular Economy project invites program entrepreneurs to be active members of the ETE community by sharing their skills and wisdom with the next generation of entrepreneurs. This pillar provides paid opportunities to become guest speakers at ETE's 12-week BST course and graduation, host workshops, and/or become mentors.</p>	\$2990	\$3000	\$0
Home Sharing Support Society BC	<p><b>Training and Recruitment for Community Living</b></p> <p>The purpose of the HSSSBC's project is to provide the opportunity to receive training specific to the disability sector. Roles in this sector are in high demand and there is a shortage of qualified individuals who can do the work.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0

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La Boussole	<p><b>La Boussole's Foodbank</b></p> <p>This funding will enable La Boussole to address crucial needs, including the provision of furniture essential for service delivery. Cups, paper bags, gloves, dishes for efficiently distributing food to the community, ensuring that operations run smoothly and effectively.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
Law Students' Legal Advice program	<p><b>Law Students' Legal Advice program</b></p> <p>Homeless individuals often face barriers to accessing the legal system due to factors like lack of resources, knowledge, or representation. LSLAP bridges this gap by offering free legal services, making the justice system more accessible to those who might otherwise be unable to afford legal assistance.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
Megaphone (Hope in Shadows Society)	<p><b>The Shift Peer Newsroom - Community Journalism</b></p> <p>Collaborating closely with Megaphone's managing editor, the peer newsroom shapes the direction and content of each monthly edition, contributing stories, conducting interviews, and representing Megaphone at public events. Monthly meetings ensure reflection on past issues, review of sales numbers, and planning for future editions.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$0

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Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association	<p><b>Mount Pleasant Community Food Security Kitchen</b></p> <p>The program focuses on providing hot, healthy meals to the community. With a “no questions asked policy” the program strives to create a welcoming and low barrier environment to offer equitable, and routine access to quality, homemade meals for anyone in need. All are welcome, included, and encouraged to access or be involved with the Food Security program.</p>	\$3000	\$3000	\$0
Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	<p><b>Circles of Connection—Making Home at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House</b></p> <p>This fall series of family meals focused on MPNH as a home for those in the neighbourhood who might be housing insecure will allow MPNH to further deepen this model of connection through meal-sharing and place-based community building with a variety of families with young children in Mount Pleasant who are at risk of homelessness.</p>	\$2700	\$3000	\$0
Nestara Society for Community Wellness	<p><b>Block Party Sundays</b></p> <p>Block Party Sundays feed thousands of unhoused community members every year and act to de-stigmatize substance users and unhoused folks by engaging local businesses and community members as contributors to the community. The event also showcases local artists, giving them a platform to perform and display their work.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0



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<b>Agency</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>2023 Grant</b>	<b>2024 Request</b>	<b>2024 Recom</b>
PACE Society	<p><b>Harm Reduction Window Support</b></p> <p>PACE has operated the HR Window for several years, and it is mainly accessed by those sex workers who are experiencing housing insecurities and, therefore, greatly benefit from such a service. This Project allows this primary population group to access a harm reduction service that is for and by sex workers, where they are not judged and criticized for their occupation.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
The Vi Fineday Family Shelter Society	<p><b>Operation Moving Out</b></p> <p>The primary purpose of this proposal is to augment the costs to families of restocking their kitchens with grocery staples, when they move out of the shelter. Proposing to provide a \$250 food voucher on the date each family is moving out from the shelter to set up and stock their new kitchens with staples. A grant for \$3000 would provide enough start-up groceries for 12 different families.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
Together We Can Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Education Society	<p><b>Street Reach</b></p> <p>The Street Reach project aims to raise awareness about homelessness through social media campaigns, community events, and outreach efforts. Street Outreach has significantly impacted the community by providing essential support to individuals experiencing homelessness by demonstrating kindness and compassion.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0

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Whole Way House	<p><b>Homecoming: A Warm Welcome for Seniors</b></p> <p>The proposed project involves preparing and delivering welcome packages for low-income seniors moving into subsidized housing in Vancouver. Packages, 30 to 20 in number for this year, include food, cooking utensils, bedding sets, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, and permissible appliances. This project does meet a significant community need by making the transition of seniors out of single room occupancy units, hospitals, homelessness, or abandonment into subsidized housing more comfortable.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
YWCA Metro Vancouver	<p><b>YWCA Crabtree Corner Community Kitchen</b></p> <p>YWCA Crabtree Corner Community Kitchen provides an opportunity for community members, many of whom experience housing instability and insecurity on a daily basis, to free nourishment and engagement with YWCA staff who can connect them with the YWCA portfolio of holistic services, including programming, housing, employment and educational support.</p>	N/A	\$3000	\$0
	<b>Total Requested</b>		<b>\$50,120</b>	
	<b>Total Recommending</b>			<b>\$0</b>

## **APPENDIX B COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

On July 11, 2023 (RTS 15778) Council awarded \$90,000 to the SRO-C from the 2023 Sustainability Operating Reserve to the Downtown Eastside Single Residency Occupancy (SRO) Collaborative Society SRO Heat Preparedness and Response Program  
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20230725/documents/r1.pdf>

On June 27, 2023 (RTS 15444) Council awarded \$43,000 in Homelessness Action Week Grants to 16 non-profit organizations, source of funds Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget.  
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20230627/documents/r2.pdf>

On June 21, 2022 (RTS 14773), Council awarded \$43,000 in Homelessness Action Week Grants to 15 non-profit organizations, source of funds Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget.  
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20220621/documents/r2.pdf>

On June 8, 2021 (RTS 14279), Council awarded \$66,052 in Homelessness Action Week Grants to 16 non-profit organizations, source of funds Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget (\$36,052), and the 2021 Capital budget for the Supportive Housing Grant Program (\$30,000).  
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20210609/documents/cfsc1.pdf>

On December 9, 2020 (RTS 13625) Council awarded \$66,000 in Homelessness Action Week Grants to 15 non-profit organizations, source of funds Arts, Culture and Community Services Street Homelessness Operating Budget (\$36,000), and the 2020 Capital budget for the Supportive Housing Grant Program (\$30,000).  
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20201209/documents/pspc4.pdf>

On November 28, 2017, Council approved the *Housing Vancouver Strategy* and *Housing Vancouver 3 Year Action Plan 2018-2020*. Increasing supports and protections for people experiencing homelessness was identified as a key objective of the Strategy.  
<https://council.vancouver.ca/20171128/documents/regu20171128min.pdf#page=3>

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

**APPENDIX C  
PREVIOUS HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS FUNDING DECISIONS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Allocated</b>	<b>#Organizations Funded</b>	<b>#Organizations Applied</b>	<b>RTS</b>
2009	Homeless Action Plan	\$9,300	4	4	RTS 08283
2010	Homeless Action Plan	\$10,500	5	5	RTS 08788
2011	Street Homelessness Project	\$25,000	9	10	RTS 09325
2012	Street Homeless Budget	\$30,000	11	13	RTS 09581
2013	Street Homeless Budget	\$35,000	18	25	RTS 10135
2014	Street Homelessness	\$40,000	16	18	RTS 10619
2015	Street Homelessness	\$43,000	18	21	RTS 10980
2016	Street Homelessness	\$33,650	13	15	RTS 11433
2017	Street Homelessness	\$43,000	17	29	RTS 11939
2018	Homelessness Services	\$46,000	16	22	RTS 12506
2018	Supportive Housing Capital	\$12,000	4	5	RTS 12506
2018	Supportive Housing Capital	\$15,000	5	6	RTS 12777
2019	Homelessness Services, Supportive Housing Capital	\$64,000	14	21	RTS 13139
2020	Homelessness Services, Supportive Housing Capital	\$66,000	15	23	RTS 13625
2021	Homelessness Services, Supportive Housing Capital	\$66,052	16	27	RTS 14279
2022	Homelessness Services	\$43,000	15	24	RTS 14773
2023	Homelessness Services	\$43,000	16	26	RTS 15444