



COUNCIL REPORT

Report Date: July 9, 2024
Contact: Jody Sydor Jones
Contact No.: 604.844.1763
RTS No.: 16143
VanRIMS No.: 08-2000-20
Meeting Date: July 23, 2024
[Submit comments to Council](#)

TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services
SUBJECT: 2024 Community Services and Other Social Grants

Recommendations

- A. THAT Council approve 25 Core Support Grants totalling \$701,292 from the 2024 Social Policy Operating Grants budget to the organizations listed in Appendix A-1 for the amounts recommended in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- B. THAT Council approve 40 Childcare Enhancement Grants totalling \$998,675 from the 2024 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget – Childcare to the organizations listed in Appendix B-1 for the amounts recommended in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- C. THAT Council approve 5 Childcare Reserve Grants totalling \$514,800 from the Childcare Reserve to the organizations listed in Appendix C for the amounts recommended in the "2024 Recommend" column to support the operation of 312 infant/toddler childcare spaces.
- D. THAT Council approve 4 Childcare Project Grants totalling \$131,620 from the 2024 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget – Childcare to the organizations listed in Appendix D for the amounts recommended in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- E. THAT Council approve 6 Childcare Small Capital Grants totalling \$81,000 from the 2024 Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare to the organizations listed in Appendix E-1 for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- F. THAT Council approve 7 Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants totalling \$137,637 from the 2024 Social Policy Capital Grants Budget to the organizations

listed in Appendix F-1 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.

- G. THAT Council approve 1 Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants from the Building Safer Communities Program totalling \$20,000 from the Federal funding through the Building Safer Communities Funds from Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada to the organizations and for the amounts listed in Appendix G-1.
- H. THAT Council approve a grant of \$343,194 to the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society as described in Appendix I from the 2024 General Government Operating budget and from the 2024 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to support operations of the Collingwood Gymnasium and Collingwood Annex from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
- I. THAT Council approve 2 one-time grants under the Social Responsibility Fund Grant Program totalling \$135,732 from the 2024 Edgewater Social Responsibility Fund to the organizations listed in Appendix I for the amounts recommended in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- J. THAT Council approve 1 grant under the Social Innovation Project (SIP) Program totalling \$40,000 from the 2024 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix J for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- K. THAT Council receive for information a report back on the allocation of \$150,000 for the Building Safer Communities Grant Program that was approved in December 2022 (RTS 14827), from the Building Safer Communities Funds from Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada budget (see Appendix K).
- L. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization that is listed in Appendices A to J, or named in Recommendations A to J that is not a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency to be an organization contributing to the health or 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 disperse the grants described in Recommendations A to J 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 J require 8 affirmative votes of all Council members under section 206(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

Purpose and Executive Summary

This report presents grant recommendations for 2024 community services and other social

grants. Several grant streams are included in this report; in total 133 applications were received totalling \$3,402,742. Of these, 105 grants are being recommended for Council approval for a total of \$3,103,950 (Table 1). The recommended 105 grants support a range of operational and capital funding needs for NPOs such as:

- direct social services to equity-deserving communities in alignment with Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy goals and Vibrant Vancouver's strategic priorities;
- accessible childcare programs for high-needs children, families, and support organizations; and
- capital upgrades to improve accessibility and provide 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	Core Support Grants	25	\$701,292	\$1,792,599	A-1
	J	Social Innovation Project Grants	1	\$40,000	\$40,000	J
Subtotal			26	\$741,292	\$1,832,599	
Childcare	B	Childcare Enhancement Grants	40	\$998,675	-	B-1
	C	Childcare Reserve Grants	17	\$514,800	\$514,800	C
	D	Childcare Project Grants: RPD&I, PD	5	\$131,620	\$132,620	D
Subtotal			62	\$1,645,095	\$647,420	
Capital	E	Childcare Small Capital Grants	6	\$81,000	\$146,860	E-1
	F	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	7	\$137,637	\$246,937	F-1
Subtotal			13	\$218,637	\$393,797	
Building Safer Communities Program		BSCP Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity Building Project Grants	1	\$20,000	\$50,000	G-1
	G					
Subtotal			1	\$20,000	\$50,000	
Other Grants	H	Collingwood	1	\$343,194	\$343,194	H
		Neighbourhood House				
	I	Gymnasium & Annex	2	\$135,732	\$135,732	I
Subtotal			3	\$490,194	\$490,194	
GRAND TOTAL			105	\$3,103,950	\$3,402,742	

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Please see Appendix L for all Council Authority and Previous Decisions.

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

Guided by the *Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities 2023-2026* and the *Healthy City Strategy*, the Social Policy and Projects grants take a focused approach towards supporting social serving non-profit organizations (NPO) and NPO operated childcare services. Both sectors support communities, families, and children who face barriers to equitable healthy participation in society.

There is strong alignment between the grants in this report and the strategic objectives described in *Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026*, in particular:

- Strategic Objective No. 5 – Safety & Security;
- Strategic Objective No. 7 – Healthy, Inclusive And Equitable; and
- Strategic Objective No. 8 – Reconciliation;

Social Policy grants are one of the ways the City advances key policy objectives, such as:

- Supporting access to quality childcare for the well-being of children and families (*Making Strides: Vancouver's Approach to Childcare*);
- Investing in renovations and redevelopments of non-profit owned social and childcare facilities (*The Space to Thrive: Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy*); and
- Funding spaces and programs in collaboration with NPOs to reduce barriers to participation in civic life (*Accessibility Strategy*).

Grant dollars from the City are consistently leveraged to secure additional funding from other funders and senior levels of government, thus amplifying the impact of the City's investments in a vibrant community social services sector.

Social Service Sector Pressures

Grants have a critical impact now more than ever, as the social service non-profit and NPO operating childcare sectors currently operate within challenging conditions, including:

- **Financial strain:** Inflation and rising costs of insurance, supplies, utilities, employee salaries and other essential items has left social service NPOs under financial pressure to either reduce programming or close their doors.¹
- **Increased demand:** Demand for services such as food and mental health supports and low-cost housing continues to increase, stretching the sector thin with its limited capacity to meet the needs of community.
- **Funding stability:** For the general NPO sector, government funding remains one of the only stable sources of revenue, as sources such as individual donations have decreased. Multi-year funding contributions have depreciated in value, as many agreements have not accounted for inflationary pressures.

¹ [2024 State of BC's Non-Profit Sector. Vantage Point.](#)

- **Staffing crisis:** Increased costs of living have exacerbated the staffing crisis faced by the childcare and NPO sectors, with challenges in recruitment and retaining skilled staff and educators.
- **Additional childcare funding challenges:** Provincial funding for childcare continues to be rolled out to approved \$10 a day centres, focusing on facility and program costs, wage enhancements and benefits for educators, as well as professional development.
 - Childcare operators report that the City’s funding helps provide additional support for children and families facing barriers and with additional needs; these resources and wrap around services are not covered by the \$10 a day funding.

As a consequence of these challenges, securing funding has become increasingly competitive for NPOs, and many community organizations remain uncertain about their long-term futures. Financial investments in the sector will support overall capacity and ability to deliver services.

Grants Process

City staff generally recommend grant applications received through a public open call. Grant applications and deadlines are posted on the City’s website. An adjudication committee made up of cross departmental staff evaluate grant applications and make recommendations to Council. Using grant program-specific criteria, the adjudication panel ensures organizations meet required eligibility criteria. Staff evaluate alignment with City priorities, impact on the community, financial accountability, and organizational capacity to undertake the work. Further detail is provided in Appendix M.

For Childcare Enhancement Grants, allocations are based off a combination of formulas such as: the Full Time Equivalent Space Measure, demonstrated demographic vulnerabilities, and financial standing. Additional details are publicly available on the City’s [website](#).

At times, City staff recommend a direct award grant whose application was not received through an open call. Direct award grants are 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

1. *Recommendation A: Core Support Grants (\$701,292) (Appendix A-1)* Core Support Grants fund the direct delivery of social services to individual residents, as well as support non-profits to improve their ability to deliver social services, address social issues, enhance belonging, safety and security, and navigate change.
2. *Recommendation B: Childcare Enhancement Grants (\$998,675) (Appendix B-1)* Childcare Enhancement Grants provide operating supports to licensed programs that demonstrate working with the highest-need families. Grants provide additional staffing to ensure program safety, support for food insecure families, and neighbourhood program coordination.
3. *Recommendation C: Childcare Reserve Grants (\$514,800) (Appendix C)* Childcare Reserve Grants offset the high cost of operating infant/toddler spaces resulting from the

required staff-to-child ratio. Source funding is the result of a reserve built on past developer contributions in high-density developments. This funding is restricted to specific sites where Community Amenity Contributions were a condition of rezoning.

4. *Recommendation D: Childcare Project Grants: Research, Policy Development and Innovation (RPD&I) and Program Development (PD) (\$131,620) (Appendix D)* Childcare Project Grants support special projects that improve practice in the field of early learning and care or develop new programs or expanding existing licensed group childcare or school age care programs operating within the city of Vancouver.
5. *Recommendation E: Social Policy Small Childcare Capital Grants (\$81,000) (Appendix E-1)*. Small Childcare Capital Grants fund projects for licensed childcare facilities to comply with health and safety regulations, licensing requirements to enhance health, safety and accessibility for children and families including those from equity-denied communities.
6. *Recommendation F: Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants (\$137,637) (Appendix F-1)*. Small-Medium Capital Grants provide funding support for social non-profits with carrying out infrastructure improvements to enhance health & safety, accessibility, and food security for Vancouver residents who experience intersecting vulnerabilities and marginalization.
7. *Recommendation G: Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants from the Building Safer Communities Program totalling (\$20,000) (Appendix G-1)* Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants provide funding support for a capacity building project that enhances the ability of community organizations to address youth violence through staff development, strengthening collaboration between youth serving agencies, and/or improving processes and systems to ensure equitable access to early youth violence prevention services and programs.
8. *Recommendation H: Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium & Annex (\$343,194) (Appendix H)* The Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium & Annex grant is a unique arrangement with Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) provides them with a direct award for a gymnasium and the Collingwood Annex. In combination, the two facilities serve thousands of residents each year. CNH submits operational and financial reports each year for review by Social Policy and Park Board staff.
9. *Recommendation I: Social Responsibility Fund (SRF) (\$135,732) (Appendix I)* SRF grants support short-term projects located within neighbourhoods surrounding the Parq Casino, including the DTES/Strathcona, Mount Pleasant, and Downtown, with provisions for projects occurring in other parts of Vancouver.
10. *Recommendation J: Social Innovation Projects Food Grant (SIP) (\$40,000) (Appendix J)* This SIP grant supports strategic planning work between social enterprises and businesses to develop an equitable food business incubator initiative. The work will increase the capacity and readiness to access grants and space opportunities to support newcomer women entrepreneurs and IBPOC owned/led food businesses.
11. *Recommendation K: Building Safer Communities Community Based Research Grants Report Back (\$150,000) (Appendix K)* Fifteen (15) report backs on funding approved by Council in 2022, totaling \$150,000.

Financial Implications

Funding for grant Recommendations A-J, totalling \$3,103,950 and the remaining budgets are summarized in Tables 2 and 3 below. Staff will return to Council in November with recommendations for the remaining 2024 Social Policy Operating/Capital Grants funding.

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

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	2024 Budget	Previously Approved	Rec'd in this Report	Balance
A, J	Community Services Grants, Social Innovation Project Grants	Social Policy Operating Grant Budget	\$7,549,221	\$6,550,048	\$741,292	\$257,881
B, D	Childcare Enhancement Grants, Childcare Project Grants	Social Policy Operating Grant Budget – Childcare	\$2,402,058 ²	\$367,101	\$1,130,295	\$904,655 ³
E	Childcare Small Capital Grants	Small Capital Grants for Non-city Owned Childcare budget	\$100,000	\$0	\$81,000	\$19,000
F	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	Social Policy Capital Grants Budget	\$349,153	\$64,000	\$137,637	\$147,516
G	BSCP Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants	Building Safer Communities Fund - 4 Year Contribution Agreement with Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada (Year 2024-2025 funding)	\$100,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$80,000
H	Collingwood	2024 General Government Operating Budget	\$303,194	\$0	\$303,194	\$0
	Gymnasium & Annex	Social Policy Operating Grant Budget	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
TOTAL			\$10,843,626	\$6,981,149	\$2,453,418	\$1,409,059

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

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	Rec'd in this Report
C	Childcare Reserve Grants	Childcare Reserve	\$514,800
I	Social Responsibility Fund	Edgewater Social Responsibility Fund	\$135,732
TOTAL			\$650,532

Legal Implications

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

* * * * *

APPENDIX A-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Core Support Grants (CSG) Recommended (Recommendation A)
Including Existing & New Grantees

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

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Access Pro Bono Society of British Columbia	\$17,000	Residential Tenancy Program	Offers free legal assistance and representation to low-income Vancouver tenants contending with legal issues that imperil their housing security.	
Asian Environmental Association DBA Hua Foundation	\$30,000	Core Services	A responsive incubation program to address the limited capacity, cycles of burnout, and lack of infrastructure and opportunities for racialized youth and grassroots organizations involved in social service and systems change work.	
Atira Women's Resource Society	\$10,152	Intergenerational Mentorship Program	Connects women from neighbouring Atira housing programs to foster cross-generational relationships and social inclusion based on Indigenous family support and care traditions.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Avalon Recovery Society	\$20,000	Vancouver Women's Centre	The Vancouver Women's Centre is a safe haven and community hub for women with lived experience of addiction and trauma. The Centre provides caring, peer support programs, as women work to develop mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness for themselves and their families.	
Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver	\$25,000	Community Mentoring Program	This relationship-based program connects male-identifying, gender-fluid and non-binary children, who are aged 7-14, with a positive male-identifying role model.	COMMENT: Increase of \$5,000 from 2023 grant.
Big Sisters of B.C. Lower Mainland	\$30,000	Core Services	Big Sisters provides mentoring programs to help girls, transgender, non-binary and gender-diverse youth (ages 7 to 17) realize their full potential.	
Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC	\$52,348	BGC Services in Vancouver	BGC's three Clubs in Vancouver (Fraserview, Kimount, and Kivan) provide after-school and evening programs, and day camps during school breaks.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Canadian Mental Health Association, Vancouver-Fraser Branch	\$15,000	Chinese Seniors Wellness Program	Engages elderly Chinese participants in meaningful, productive activities with peers who have similar life and cultural experiences.	
Canadian Paraplegic Association (B.C.) DBA Spinal Cord Injury BC	\$48,000	Information Services Program	Helps people access vital information and wayfinding relevant to living well with a spinal cord injury.	
Dignity Seniors Society	\$12,500	Core Services	Provides tailored information to support 2SLGBTQ+ seniors in collaboration with other seniors and 2SLGBTQ+ organizations. Advocates for systemic change that will improve the lives of 2SLGBTQ+ seniors and provides training on 2SLGBTQ+ seniors needs to service providers.	
DUDES Club Society	\$15,000	Core Services	Enables the community of staff, partners, and participants to create and hold the space necessary to expand their proven model of men's health & wellness.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education Society/ Equitas – Centre International d'Education aux Droits Humains	\$30,000	Building Inclusive Vancouver Communities	Builds the capacity of child and youth serving organizations through human rights education trainings that will strengthen their ability to engage young people facing barriers to participation.	
First United Church Community Ministry Society	\$35,000	Community Help Desk	The Help Desk provides frontline support to people who are low-income and/or experiencing homelessness in the Downtown Eastside through outreach, phone and mail, ID clinic, and informed referral services.	
Greater Vancouver Law Students Legal Advice Society DBA Law Students' Legal Advice Program	\$29,352	Core Services	Provides free legal services and representation to low-income and marginalized individuals across Vancouver.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Japanese Community Volunteers Association DBA Tonari Gumi	\$20,000	Core Services	Provides a supportive safe space for Japanese Canadians by connecting newcomers with established members of community, providing emotional support, and a variety of other services.	
Jewish Family Service Agency of Vancouver	\$16,120	Services for Seniors	Seniors Outreach Counsellors assist seniors to navigate aging through advocacy, community programming, information and referral.	
Justice Education Society of British Columbia	\$27,004	Ask JES Multilingual Legal Help	A multilingual service that aims to enhance access to justice and BC courts for those with limited English proficiency.	
Network of Inner City Community Services Society	\$32,028	Roving Leaders	A flexible, inner city, community-based outreach program that connects, engages and supports youth and their families through attachment-based work.	COMMENT: Increase of \$628 from 2023 grant.
Pacific Immigrant Resources Society	\$83,392	Core Services	Delivers accessible, inclusive, low-barrier and trauma-informed programs and services for immigrant and refugee women and their children.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
PHS Community Services Society	\$30,000	Community Managed Alcohol Program (CMAP)	CMAP is a culturally safe and legal community space which provides harm reduction for people with severe alcohol use disorder.	
REACH Centre Association DBA REACH Community Health Centre	\$22,980	Multicultural Family Centre Drop In	Cross cultural health promoters provide drop-in hours at REACH, during which community members obtain assistance with accessing and navigating complex community services.	
Renfrew/ Collingwood Seniors Society	\$22,528	Core Services	Provides opportunities for seniors to socialize, build long-lasting friendships, share a meal and partake in engaging activities.	
Seniors Services Society of BC	\$32,888	Vancouver Seniors Housing Outreach Services Program	Provides one-on-one services to Vancouver seniors who are at risk of becoming homeless.	
Support Network for Indigenous Women and Women of Colour	\$10,000	Core Services	Provide services to address social determinants of health for low-income Black women, Indigenous women, and women of colour in Vancouver.	COMMENT: Reduction of \$10,000 from 2023 grant.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The KidSafe Project Society DBA KidSafe	\$35,000	Core Services	Provides vulnerable children with the safety, supervision, nutritious meals and educational programming they need when schools close for winter, spring and summer break.	
TOTAL = 25	\$701,292			

**APPENDIX A-2
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Core Support Grants (CSG) Not Recommended**

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
African Stages Association of BC	\$0	Core Services	Program will develop and implement a storytelling program specifically designed to promote cognitive and social development among seniors in the community.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Atira Women's Resource Society	\$0	Enterprising Women Making Art - Peer Employment Program	Program provides employment training to women from the DTES, providing them with income-generating opportunities.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
BC Indigenous Housing Society	\$0	Tenant Support Worker	Funding would support Supportive Housing Worker to attend 5 Housing buildings, to assist the demographic of the building, e.g., elders, women, and SRO residents, with paperwork for CPP, Medical, shopping, assistance getting to appointments, light housekeeping, pest control, etc.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Dress for Success Vancouver	\$0	Core Services	Dress for Success Vancouver empowers women and gender-diverse individuals in Vancouver into good jobs, financial independence and personal success through full and fulfilling employment.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Eastside Movement for Business and Economic Renewal Society (EMBERS) DBA EMBERS Eastside Works	\$0	Eastside Works	Low-barrier income generation hub located in Vancouver's DTES which provides employment and wrap-around services to the most vulnerable so that they may reintegrate back to work.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities. Conversations with organization currently underway to identify potential alignment with other funding opportunities.
Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society	\$0	Sustainable Opportunities for Youth Leadership (SOYL)	Youth-focused, 6-week summer program which brings a diverse (racialized, vulnerable, new immigrants, or have disabilities) group of teenagers in a format for trust-based relationships to develop leadership, mentorship, and life skills.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Gallery Gachet Society DBA Gallery Gachet	\$0	Core Services	An artist-run centre and community space located in Vancouver's DTES. The gallery hosts exhibitions, workshops, and programming events that respond to the DTES's social conditions.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Ineligible as agency is existing Multi-Year Funding grantee.
Association of Neighbour-hood Houses of BC DBA Gordon Neighbor-hood House	\$0	West End-Downtown Neighborhoods of Care	The Neighbourhoods of Care program mobilizes local volunteers to bridge service gaps and build strong local programming for seniors and families.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Kerrisdale Oakridge Marpole Crime Prevention Society DBA Kerrisdale Oakridge Marpole Community Policing Centre	\$0	Core Services	Focuses on crime prevention and community building programs within Vancouver, covering 1/4 of the city's catchment.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Kickstand Community Bikes Society DBA Kickstand Community Bikes	\$0	Core Services	Kickstand is a non-profit community bike workshop offering space and support for all to repair bikes. With volunteer mechanics, tools, and education, it provides a low-cost, inclusive environment, accommodating those with financial needs.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Kids Up Front Foundation Vancouver	\$0	Core Services	Organization promotes social inclusion by transforming empty seats into unforgettable experiences by offering tickets to arts, cultural, and sporting events to almost one-hundred child-serving organizations in Greater Vancouver.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Multi-cultural Helping House Society	\$0	Cultivating Connections and Engagement among Vancouver newcomers and Vancouverites especially youth and seniors	Providing accessible & equitable community connection services to all Vancouver newcomers, including youth and seniors to integrate, engage and thrive, leading to better outcomes for the City of Vancouver.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
PALS Adult Services Society	\$0	Core Services	PALS Adult Services Society (PASS) supports individuals with autism and other neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families by providing comprehensive programs, services, and housing options. PASS Daily is an innovative program for autistic adults with high support needs.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Potluck Café Society	\$0	Core Services	Mission of Potluck Café Society is to transform lives by providing employment and hands-on training to members of the community who face barriers to traditional employment, and providing healthy, nutritious food for people living in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities. Received an SRF grant in 2023.
South Granville Seniors Centre	\$0	Core Services	South Granville Seniors Centre (SGSC) offers over 40 programs and services that promote health, well-being, and independent lifestyles for seniors in the Fairview/South Granville area.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Ineligible as agency is already receiving funds as part of the March 2024 CSG report cycle.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Black Library Foundation	\$0	Core Services	Provides access to free information, community resources, including a safe community space, and an affordable venue for BIPOC and queer community events.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancouver Venture For Diversity Society	\$0	Core Services	Work includes workshops designed to address inequities of Indigenous Peoples & provide support to ensure equitable access to services, opportunities and reduce social, physical, economic & systemic discrimination such as Elders, Indigenous youth, foster children in care & those facing trauma as a result of colonization.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancouver Women’s Health Collective Society	\$0	Core Services	VWHC offers health-focused drop-in services, prioritizing accessibility and equity for women (cis & trans), non-binary, Two Spirit, and gender non-conforming individuals.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Ineligible as agency is already receiving funds as part of March CSG report cycle.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Working Gear Clothing Society	\$0	Working Gear Barbershop	Working Gear removes the final barriers to employment, allowing the city's most vulnerable to access employment with safe, proper fitting personal protective gear including quality steel toe boots.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
TOTAL = 19	\$0			

**APPENDIX B-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Enhancement Grants Recommended (Recommendation B)
Including Existing & New Grantees**

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMENDATION	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM ²	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia - DBA Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	\$34,030	Beaconsfield Out of School Care	35	Yes		
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia - DBA Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	\$26,396	Queen Alexandra Out of School Care	25	Yes		
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia - DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	\$27,000	FHNH's Nootka School Age Child Care	50			

² See Table B.2b.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM ²	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia - DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	\$27,000	Kids World	76			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia - DBA Gordon Neighbourhood House	\$27,000	GNH Out of School Care Program	40			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	\$16,764	MPNH Preschool	20	Yes		
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	\$27,000	Before and After School Care (Nightingale Elementary School)	44			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia - DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	\$24,427	3-5 Daycare	16			

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMENDATION	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM ²	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbour-hood Houses of British Columbia - DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$34,313	Poppins Preschool & SVNH Out of School Care	60	Yes		
Atira Women's Resource Society	\$34,313	Seksik Early Care & Learning Centre	24	Yes		
Brant Villa Day Care Society	\$25,445	Learning Tree Day Care - Food Supplement Program	25		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$34,313	Britannia Out of School Care	70	Yes	Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$6,301	Britannia Preschool	20		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$20,356	Eagles In the Sky Out Of School Care	40		Yes	CONDITION: Funding must be targeted to supporting families in the OSC program with multiple barriers.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM ²	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$27,000	Grandview Terrace Child Care Centre – for 3 programs	25 (Program I) 45 (Program II) 24 (Program III)		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$27,000	Mount Pleasant Child Care Society – for 2 programs	12 (Toddler Program) 25 (3-5 Program)		Yes	COMMENT: Program funded in 2024 due to organizational transition to a new site. Future funding to be evaluated based on the organization's continuity plan.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$34,313	Duke Street Early Learning and Care Centre	32	Yes	Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$16,679	Graham Bruce School Age Program	30			COMMENT: new program receiving this grant.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$31,740	Grenfell School Age Program	32	Yes		

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMENDATION	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM ²	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$32,758	Sarah House ELCC	25	Yes	Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$19,847	Kiwassa in Norah Davis (KiND) & Kiwassa OSC	26			
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$25,191	Kiwassa Longhouse Out of School Care	33			
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society	\$6,301	Play and Learn Preschool Program	20		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
McGregor Child Care Society	\$27,000	McGregor Child Care - 3-5 Program	25			CONDITION: Funding provided in two installments, with the second payment based on a review of financial information plus evidence that the program is actioning items outlined in its sustainability plan to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM ²	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association	\$14,826	3 programs (3 Corners, Our House, Preschool)	49 (0-3) 40 (Preschool) 65 (School Age)			CONDITION: New programs receiving this grant. Funding must be targeted to supporting families in the OSC program with multiple barriers.
The Shannon Day Care Society	\$27,000	3-5 Program	25			
South Vancouver Family Place Society	\$12,209	Kids Care Preschool	30			
Strathcona Community Centre Association (1972)	\$34,313	Strathcona OSC #1 and #2	174	Yes	Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Strathcona Community Centre Association (1972)	\$12,602	Strathcona Community Centre Preschool	40		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Sunset Child Care Society	\$27,000	Sunset Child Care Society	25			
Sunset Community Association	\$34,313	Sunset Early Learning Day Program	24	Yes		
Sunset Community Association	\$28,686	Sunset Out of School Care	28	Yes		

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM ²	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Sunset Community Association	\$27,000	School Age Child Care @ Sexsmith	48			
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	\$30,213	Little Mountain Child Development Centre (CDC)	15	Yes		
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	\$27,000	Little Mountain Out of School Care (LMOSC)	68			
Thunderbird Neighbourhood Association	\$6,301	Preschool	20		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
UrbanPromise Ministries	\$12,209	Promise Vancouver Out-of-School Programs	20			CONDITION: Grant to be released upon receipt of a copy of organization's 2023 Financial Statement, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA Metro Vancouver)	\$34,313	YWCA Crabtree Corner	24	Yes		
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA Metro Vancouver)	\$32,758	YWCA Emma's	25	Yes	Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM ²	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA Metro Vancouver)	\$25,445	YWCA Citygate	25		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
TOTAL = 40	\$998,675		1644			

**APPENDIX B-2
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Enhancement Grants Not Recommended
Including Existing & New Grantees**

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10aDay CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Britannia Community Services Centre	\$0	Eaglets Daycare	25		Yes	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program did not meet enrollment criteria for this grant and does not meet financial need requirement.
McGregor Child Care Society	\$0	McGregor Child Care – Infant-Toddler	12			NOT RECOMMENDED: Program ineligible because did not meet the enrollment criteria for this grant. Funding for McGregor's 3-5 Program is recommended above.
TOTAL = 2	\$0					

APPENDIX B-3
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Enhancement Grants Additional Information

The Childcare Enhancement Grant is the City of Vancouver’s largest grant stream supporting childcare operations, supporting neighbourhood-based operators working with vulnerable communities.

The Provincial childcare context continues to evolve, and new Provincial funding supports are primarily aimed at reducing parent fees for all; however, enhancements related to program access or supports for the most marginalized families remain limited. While funds flowing through the Province through the Federal-Provincial bilateral agreement signed in 2021 support reductions in parent fees, wage enhancements and fee subsidies for families with low socio-economic status, many barriers remain for families relying on childcare in Vancouver.

The Childcare Enhancement Grant provides supports to programs in neighbourhoods that serve a high concentration of families with multiple and intersecting vulnerabilities, to ensure families are connected to support services, have the resources to address inclusion for specific cultural communities, and to address basic needs such as enhanced food programs. Examples of services not supported by Provincial \$10 a day program funding include: enhanced staffing above the educator/child ratio when working with many children with behavioural challenges or extra needs; bridge funding for families facing financial hardship in emergency situations; service coordination with other child and family programs to support at-risk families; and participation of Indigenous Elders/Knowledge Keepers in programs.

City staff are in their second year of collecting information on how the Childcare Enhancement Grant is used by \$10 a day centres and other programs and will be analyzing and using this information to address grant eligibility and the adjudication process for 2025 and beyond.

Grant Eligibility & Recommendation Process

The following table provides an overview of the Enhancement Grant’s features relating to eligibility of childcare programs and how amounts have been allocated.

Table B.2b – Recap of 2024 Enhancement Grant features

Grant Feature	Description	Impacts on recommended programs and/or amounts
Base Grant	Identifies programs that enroll a high number of children in 3 or more of the eligibility categories (see below) AND organization demonstrates sufficient financial health and administrative capacity.	Eligible programs are allocated funds according to a funding formula, to a program maximum of \$27,000. Funding formula is based on licensed spaces and staff hours required for delivering services. See Childcare Enhancement Grant info guide for more information.
Focus Programs	Identifies programs reporting the highest enrollment demographics of children with additional needs through a weighted scoring process.	Programs scoring highest in a weighting of the specific criteria for program eligibility categories (listed below), receive an additional \$7,313 to provide additional supports. (15 programs recommended: 14 returning grantees from 2023, 1 new grantee for 2024)
Weighting of \$10aDay programs	Allocation for \$10aDay sites use same funding formula but scales base amount to 2/3 (with the same funding cap per program). Some programs may reach the cap due to program size even with scaling applied.	Provides additional grant resources to spread across NON-\$10aDay programs.

The eligibility categories are:

1. Children from single parent families;
2. Children receiving the Provincial Childcare Subsidy (a measure of low income);
3. Children involved with Ministry Protection;
4. Indigenous Children;
5. Children from new refugee or immigrant families (in Canada less than 5 years);
6. New immigrant/refugee families who are unable to access Provincial subsidy programs because of their residency (another measure of low income);

7. Children with extra support needs, but who do not receive designated funding through the Supported Child Development Program;
8. Children who speak a language other than English at home.

Comparison of 2023 and 2024 Applications with respect to \$10 a day

Applications from \$10 a day centers have remained consistent. Of the 48 applications for 2024 grant, 18 programs are \$10 a day centres. (In 2023, 16 programs were \$10 a day centres among 51 applications). This includes 7 programs that became \$10 a day sites between the 2023 and 2024 application periods. In 2024, six childcare programs that received grants in 2023 chose not to apply in the 2024 round of grant funding (of which 5 programs are \$10 a day centres).

General Statistics

City-wide, as of March 2024, there are roughly 3,450 spaces (all ages and license types) in 81 \$10 a day ChildcareBC sites and centres, out of a total 15,400 spaces in the city (all ages and license types). To date, \$10 a day spaces constitute roughly 22.4% of licensed spaces. This year, 517 spaces in Vancouver have been announced to date for 2024 by ChildcareBC – making up 31.5% of the \$10 a day spaces announced so far in 2024 province-wide.³

³ Childcare BC announcements in February and March 2024.

APPENDIX C
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Reserve Grants Recommended (Recommendation C)
Including Existing & New Grantees

AGENCY & CHILDCARE CENTRE	2024 RECOMMEND	2023 GRANT	# I/T ⁴ SPACES	\$10 a day	COMMENTS / CONDITIONS
1. Library Square			12	Yes	
2. Dorothy Lam			24		
3. Quayside			24		
4. Shaw Tower			12		
5. Bayshore Gardens			24		
6. Sapphire			12		
7. International Village			24		
8. Sea Star			24		
9. Atelier			12		
10. The Junction			12		
11. The Mark			12		
12. West Village			24		
13. The Charleson			12		
Subtotal - VSOCC⁵	\$376,200	\$376,200	228		

⁴ Infant/ Toddler Spaces

⁵ Vancouver Society of Children’s Centres

AGENCY & CHILDCARE CENTRE	2024 RECOMMEND	2023 GRANT	# I/T 4SPACES	\$10 a day	COMMENTS / CONDITIONS
14. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society – Infant and Toddler Program	\$39,600	\$39,600	24	Yes	
15. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society – Terry Tayler	\$19,800	\$19,800	12	Yes	
Subtotal – Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$59,400	\$59,400	36		
16. Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association (MPCCA) - 3 Corners Child Care	\$39,600	\$39,600	24		
17. YWCA – Leslie Diamond	\$39,600	\$39,600	24	Yes	
Subtotal - Other Childcare Providers	\$138,600	\$138,600	84		
TOTAL = 17	\$514,800	\$514,800	312		

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

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

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

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

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

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

In this round, 17 childcare programs applied and are eligible for the grant. The reporting provided by both \$10aDay centres and non-\$10 a day programs will be analyzed as part of a larger project to review funding allocations and eligibility criteria across all Childcare grant streams for 2025.

APPENDIX D
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Research, Policy Development & Innovation (RPD&I) and Program Development (PD) Grants
Recommended (Recommendation D)
Including Existing & New Grantees

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$31,250	PD	Project supports non-capital costs of a new 50 space school age care program at Cunningham Elementary School.	
Jericho Kids' Club Child Care Society	\$1,500	PD	Project supports non-capital and program supplies costs of expanding school age care program at General Gordon Elementary School from 60 to 92 spaces (32 new spaces).	
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$32,000	RPD&I	Funding to support Phase 3 of a project to examine the administrative capacity and sustainability of the Britannia Hub of Childcares.	CONDITION: Release of funding subject to submission of a finalized project plan, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
West End Community Centre Association	\$66,870	RPD&I	This grant will support a centralized childcare model across a network of Community Centre Associations under the umbrella of the Association President’s Group. The primary focus will be to build on past success in expanding the role of the CCA Childcare Resource Manager, sharing management best practices and general policy development, creating efficiencies in administration, and coordinated professional development opportunities.	COMMENT: Future funding contributions from Social Policy will be contingent on confirmation and consideration of leveraged funding from other sources.
TOTAL = 4	\$131,620			

These grants support small projects that will: 1) undertake research, policy development and innovative projects that improve practice and/or address key issues in early learning and care; and 2) develop new programs or expand existing licensed group childcare or school age care programs operating within the city of Vancouver.

These project grants have an open and rolling application process. Interested applicants are invited to discuss their project idea with a planner. Projects aligning with the City’s childcare strategy are invited to submit an application.

**APPENDIX E-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Small Capital Grants Recommended (Recommendation E)**

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

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association	\$21,000	Playground re-build capital project	The daycare playground structure is at end of life. The daycare centre needs to demo and rebuild a new structure to promote the physical health, wellness and active play of the children in their programs and maintain the health and safety of the children.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	\$17,337	Accessibility/ inclusion preschool & awning replacement	Seeking a grant to improve accessibility for children with mobility challenges and replacement of awning in playground space shared by daycare, preschool, and after school care.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	\$15,000	Safety (Stairs) replacements	Safety repairs in the outdoor space required by childcare licensing, including replacement of the staircase leading to the playground shared by daycare, preschool and out-of-school care programs.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$15,000	Climber replacement (Collingwood preschool)	Building a playground structure to meet modern health and safety standards to ensure children in the Preschool Program can play in a safe and stimulating environment to encourage age-appropriate development and active play.	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$10,000	Climber re-build (Sarah House Early Learning and Care Centre)	Build a playground structure to expand and enhance opportunities for gross motor, imaginative and social development play for children who attend the Sarah House ELCC.	
Westside Japanese Language Society	\$2,663	Partition Wall Removal	Remove a partition wall to expand the activity space in the semi-basement preschool and create a more open and lighter environment. This will increase childcare availability from 12 to 14 children.	
TOTAL = 6	\$81,000			

**APPENDIX E-2
SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Small Capital Grants Not Recommended**

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

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
St James Community Square Society	\$0	Childcare Outdoor Play Space Improvement Project (Planning)	The outdoor play spaces allocated to the St James Daycare and Donguri Pre-school are considered suboptimal by many, including Provincial Licensing. The project would improve them, using modern and natural elements, and by providing safe, barrier-free access. This project will fund detailed planning for improvements to these outdoor Childcare play spaces.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
TOTAL = 1	\$0			

**APPENDIX F-1
SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2024 Social Policy Small- Medium Capital Grants Recommended (Recommendation F-1)**

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

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Kettle Friendship Society	\$25,000	Critical Washroom and Shower Upgrades at the Kettle Mental Health Drop-In Centre	This project will include complete renovations for three washrooms, including one accessible washroom with a shower at the Kettle Mental Health Drop-In Centre at 1725 Venables Street to improve the overall health, safety, and accessibility of the facility.	
DUDES Club Society	\$25,000	Revitalizing the 1318 Frances ClubHouse	Men and youth attend the ClubHouse on a regular basis to access peer connection, and a safe and accessible community, where they can exercise self-determination, be seen, and support each other. Using their input and guidance, the project aims to tailor the space to reflect their values, voices, and needs.	
Mt. Pleasant Family Centre Society	\$10,300	Exterior Painting of Mount Pleasant Family Centre	Exterior repainting and rejuvenating of Mount Pleasant Family Centre at 2910 St. Georges Street.	COMMENT: Funding to be used for exterior wall painting.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
West Side Family Place Society	\$5,057	WSFP Office Conversion	This project would create an additional workspace to allow family support staff to conduct one-to-one support sessions, and staff to hold private meetings, interviews and zoom calls. This project would also centralize toy lending library materials, and free up additional program space.	
B.W.S.S.: Battered Women's Support Services Association	\$22,280	BWSS Kitchen Renovation	The BWSS Kitchen provides a minimum 200 kitchen visits per week, this high traffic kitchen has become outdated. This renovation ensures compliance with health and safety regulations and the continuation of safe, social spaces for women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ Vancouver residents while receiving supports at BWSS's secure location.	
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$30,000	Kiwassa Critical Cold Storage Infrastructure Improvement	This project will install a walk-in cooler/freezer and purchase equipment to enable the Food Program to continue meeting the growing community need for food support. These upgrades will provide the solid foundation necessary to extend the successes of Kiwassa food programs as well as develop program sustainability through social enterprise.	CONDITION: 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.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Food Stash Foundation	\$20,000	Food Redistribution Expansion Project	In 2023, the Food Stash Foundation replaced the diesel-fueled refrigeration unit on one of the 3 food rescue vehicles with an Electric Refrigeration Unit, avoiding 12.7 tonnes of CO2-eq. To sustainably expand operations to rescue and distribute more food, the organization hopes to purchase an electric refrigeration unit for another of their (unrefrigerated) vehicles.	
TOTAL = 7	\$137,637			

**APPENDIX F-2
SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2024 Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants Not Recommended**

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

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Latincouver Cultural & Business Society	\$0	Latin Plaza Hub Renovation	The Latin Plaza Hub Renovation is an initiative to improve the organization’s space’s accessibility and reach. The goal is to expand the delivery of community programs and services, building upon objectives of community engagement and inclusivity by expanding programming to larger audiences and underrepresented communities in Vancouver.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization does not meet eligibility criteria.
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	\$0	Directions Youth Services Capital Project	This is a small capital project to replace worn and damaged furniture and mattresses at Directions Youth Services sites to comply with the Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) report recommendations.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vantage Point Strategies Society	\$0	Facilities Upgrade Project - Workspace Accessibility Upgrade	Project to purchase private booths that will allow better, more flexible work options for staff and volunteers, allowing for better focus for mental health and those with noise sensitivities. Project will create a more inclusive environment with quiet spaces for work in an open plan office.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC	\$0	Replacement of Boilers at Fraserview Club	The project will provide for the supply and installation of two new boilers and one new indirect storage tank, to replace aging equipment at the Fraserview Club.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but grants budget is limited, and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
TOTAL = 4	\$0			

**APPENDIX G-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2024 Building Safer Communities Program Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants
Recommended (Recommendation G)**

Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants support non-profit agencies to improve their ability to deliver youth violence prevention programs.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
ShEvalesco Female Empowerment Association	\$20,000	SAFE Minds: Upstream Violence Prevention Through Community Capacity Building	The SAFE Minds program provides upstream, trauma-informed violence prevention programming for pre-teens ages 9-12 while increasing the capacity of Vancouver-based youth-serving organizations to provide this critical programming. Community partners will be empowered with the training, resources and materials required to facilitate the SAFE Minds curriculum, fostering community, connection and impact.	
TOTAL = 1	\$20,000			

**APPENDIX G-2
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2024 Building Safer Communities Program Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants
Not Recommended**

Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants support non-profit agencies to improve their ability to deliver youth violence prevention programs.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Afro Van Connect Society	\$0	The Black Space Symposium & Summit	The Black Spaces Symposium and summit unites artists, activists, professionals, and educators within the African Descent community to honour our heritage, inspire the future, and build strong safe community engagements.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing the priorities of the City’s Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy
Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC	\$0	BGC Services in Vancouver	BGC engages at-risk kids and youth in three community-based clubs with developmentally and culturally appropriate programs, with a strong emphasis on mentorship and support to overcome any exposure to poverty, violence, crime, substance abuse, gang activity, exploitation, and other negative influences	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing the priorities of the City’s Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy
TOTAL = 2	\$0			

**APPENDIX H
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium & Annex Direct Award Recommended (Recommendation H)**

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$303,194	Gymnasium operating	The City has a unique arrangement with Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) that provides them with funding for a gymnasium, thus reducing operating costs while at the same time facilitating greater community input into the programming offered at the site. The facility serves thousands of local residents each year. CNH submits operational and financial reports each year for review by Social Policy and Park Board staff.	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$40,000	Annex operating	In September 2018, Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) added a 10,250-square-foot community amenity space at Boundary Road and Vanness Street, about three blocks from the existing 25,000-square-foot CNH facility on Joyce Street. It includes five types of spaces including a dividable multi-purpose room, a full commercial-grade kitchen, a community arts room, a children’s activity room and office space.	
TOTAL = 2	\$343,194			

Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) Gym and Annex

The Collingwood Neighbourhood House gymnasium was part of the 1995 Collingwood Village Amenities, a comprehensive city plan to support the establishment of city funded services as part of the approved Collingwood Village development. The development of a gymnasium and recreation program was a community priority identified by the Joyce Street Area Planning Committee. Under this plan, the Collingwood Neighbourhood House assumed responsibility for managing the gymnasium/recreation program on the understanding that the Society would receive City funding to support these operations at a comparable level to that provided to similar operations. The gym/recreation program was one component within a multi-service facility that included other community amenities, such as licensed childcare facilities, settlement services, family and social services, community development, park space, and an elementary school.

Previous Council Decisions

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

APPENDIX I
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Social Responsibility Fund Grants Recommended (Recommendation I)

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

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Dugout Drop-in Centre Society	\$120,000	Transitional Programming Support	Support as the Dugout transitions to a new space at the end of their lease in 2025. This grant of up to \$120,000 will include supplementary operational costs during the first year and holding costs during the renovation period. Over the first year, Dugout staff is expected to mobilize their fundraising and partnership efforts to create a sustainable operating model to cover ongoing operating costs in this space	COMMENT: One-time grant. CONDITION: Release of funding subject to submission of a signed lease agreement, finalized project plan and occupancy, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Lookout Housing and Health Society	\$15,732	Moccasin Mafia Studio Space	Providing 50% of funding towards retaining existing studio space for Moccasin Mafia to continue critical community work supporting Indigenous community members in the DTES and across Vancouver for all 3 years of the 3-year lease.	COMMENT: Funding to be released upon receiving confirmation of 3-year lease.
TOTAL = 2	\$135,732			

APPENDIX J
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Social Innovation Program (SIP) Food Systems Grant Recommended (Recommendation J)

This grant supports strategic planning work between social enterprises and businesses to develop an equitable food business incubator initiative. This grant seeks to increase the initiative’s collective capacity and ‘project readiness’ to access grants and space needed to support newcomer women entrepreneurs and IBPOC owned/led food businesses.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Flavours of Hope Society	\$40,000	Equitable food business incubator initiative	<p>The project aims to: Establish partnerships and leadership team needed to co-create operational models and sustainable business strategies aimed at low-barrier income generation through a community and strengths-based approach.</p> <p>Develop operations and financial model(s) that supports shared access to and maintenance of a commercial kitchen, retail space, and other relevant infrastructure.</p> <p>Identify strategy and opportunities to apply for funding and space opportunities to fulfill their collective vision.</p> <p>Develop model to provide skill building and learning opportunities for folks facing multiple-barriers to employment/entrepreneurship, including business coaching, marketing, kitchen and equipment access, connections with distributors, and support to help business scale their operations.</p> <p>Develop an evaluation plan to measure the social and economic success of the food business incubator initiative.</p>	<p>CONDITION: 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 & Projects.</p>
TOTAL = 1	\$40,000			

APPENDIX K
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Report Back on One-Time Community Based Research Project Grants of 2022 Building Safer Communities Fund
(RTS 14827)

A report back on funding approved by Council in December 2022 for a combined total of \$150,000 in one-time grants under the Social Policy Building Safer Communities Fund to organizations and projects.

AGENCY	2022 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$10,000	Youth Creating Safer Communities (YCSC) - "From the Youth, For the Youth"	Using community-mapping tools and community-based research techniques, the program gained insight on the youth's perception and experience with safety in the community. The program's aim is to provide early education to Middle Years Aged youth (targeting Grade 5-8) to aid in the prevention of youth involvement with crime, violence and other dangerous activities in Vancouver's Grandview Woodlands Community.	
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$10,000	Exploring opportunities for youth-led health promotion strategies in the context of mental health and substance use policy and planning in Vancouver	This research project engaged youth with lived and living experience (YWLLE) of substance use in exploring approaches to mental health and substance use that promote youth safety, belonging and self-determination.	

AGENCY	2022 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$10,000	C.R.A.V.E. Project (Collingwood-Renfrew Anti-Violence Education)	The project provided space for young people to talk about safety and connection by sharing about experiences places, events, and issues in the Renfrew-Collingwood community. The connections developed and knowledge gained informed programming and services in the neighborhood.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia (Gordon Neighbourhood House)	\$10,000	By Us, For Us: Advancing Youth-Driven Violence Prevention Strategies in the West End-Downtown Peninsula	The project focused on generating youth visions for optimal wrap-around violence prevention services, including mental health support, housing, education, and community connections. Through its activities youth developed youth-driven recommendations for ways that violence prevention services can reflect youth voices, strengths, and needs in the West End-Downtown Peninsula.	
Hastings Community Association	\$10,000	Hastings Youth Skateboarding Committee (HYSC)	The Hastings Youth Skateboard Committee (HYSC) explored how to create safe and inclusive spaces for youth in the skateboarding community and engaging in discussion about the culture, ownership and accountability in skateboarding.	

AGENCY	2022 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The KidSafe Project Society	\$10,000	KidSafe Project BSCF Initiative	Through the BSCF project, KidSafe looked to identify what factors positively impact at-risk children’s growth and development in trauma-informed programs, specifically when schools are closed. How does early intervention with place-based and informal learning environments affect a child’s ability to feel connected to their community and thrive?	
M.O.S.A.I.C. Multi-Lingual Orientation Service Association for Immigrant Communities	\$10,000	Youth Projects – Explicit Youth Dialogues	The Explicit Youth Dialogues project worked with youth allies to build and provide a safe space for all youth to engage and dive deep into meaningful dialogues related to the underlying factors of youth violence and from the perspective of immigrant and refugee youth.	
Progressive Inter - Cultural Community Services Society (PICS)	\$10,000	Progressive Data	PCIS’ proposed Progressive Data research project assessed the nature and scope of Vancouver youths’ sense of safety and belonging in the city. The research helped identify factors that are needed to enable a stronger sense of belonging and safety among youth in Vancouver.	
Red Fox Healthy Living Society	\$10,000	Red Fox Middle Years Mentorship Pilot Project	The project looked into the impact of leadership programs and mentorship on youth who face barriers in terms of fostering resiliency and prosocial behaviour.	

AGENCY	2022 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
SCY Society for Children and Youth of B.C.	\$10,000	Safety Circles: Deep listening with Youth	Through this project youth facilitators led deep-listening circles with their peers surrounding the question of how youth can be supported to build a stronger sense of belonging and safety in the city.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia (South Vancouver Neighbourhood House)	\$10,000	Deep Dive Dialogue	The project assessed the trends and needs of youth living in South Vancouver through qualitative research and focus groups. It provided a more comprehensive understanding on how meaningful social connections and physical space are crucial in the prevention and intervention of violence.	
Thunderbird Neighbourhood Association	\$10,000	Youth Incentive Program	The purpose of the research project was to develop strategies that help youth build connections and healthy relationships with other youth; deepen their sense of belonging in their community; encourage them to volunteer within their communities; and to help them build life skills and create goals for their futures.	
Trout Lake Vancouver Community Centre Association	\$10,000	Youth Belong Initiative at Trout Lake	The vision of this project was to engage youth in the Trout Lake community to lead in the research and engagement of their peers to determine the factors needed to ensure a sense of belonging and safety. The goal will be to keep youth positively engaged and involved in the community.	

AGENCY	2022 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Simon Fraser University	\$10,000	Taking Stock of Youth-Serving Programs in Vancouver	The purpose of the proposed project is to take stock of the mandates, goals, mission statements, and operations of youth-serving community programs in Vancouver that focus on youth violence prevention.	
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (VACFS)	\$10,000	Indigenous Youth Recreation	This project seeks to study the ways in which the revitalization of Indigenous culture and resiliency through land-based physical activity programs and leadership development can facilitate violence prevention within Vancouver's urban Indigenous, middle-childhood population.	
TOTAL = 15	\$150,000			

APPENDIX L
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Council Authority/Previous Decisions

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

- Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026: [October 31, 2023](#)
- The City of Vancouver Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy: [October 18, 2023](#)
- Implementation of Recommendations from the National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: [July 19, 2022](#)
- Accessibility Strategy: [July 19, 2022](#)
- Making Strides: Vancouver's Childcare Strategy: [June 8, 2022](#)
- Spaces to Thrive: Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy: [December 9, 2021](#)
- Equity Framework: [July 20, 2021](#)
- Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grants: [July 25, 2017](#)
- Streetohome Foundation: [May 17, 2017](#)
- City of Reconciliation: [July 8, 2014](#)
- Healthy City Strategy: [October 29, 2014 \(Currently being refreshed\)](#)
- Greenest City Grants: [adopted in 2012 and revised in 2020](#)
- Community Services Grants: March 7, 1978

Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026: On [October 31, 2023](#), Council approved a framework designed to outline Council's key priorities from 2023-2026. The document conveys Council's priorities to the public, as well and supporting staff in making recommendations to Council resource allocation decisions.

City of Vancouver's Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy: On [November 14, 2023](#), Council adopted this youth-focused strategy which outlines a comprehensive approach to enhancing the safety and wellbeing of youth in Vancouver. The adoption of the *Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy* and the approval of the *Building Safer Communities Granting Program* provides the framework required to fulfill the City's obligations under the contribution agreement with Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada to support community-based violence prevention programming in the City. The policy and funding framework focus primarily on early violence prevention efforts that promote individual and community well being,

safety and belonging in the City. The strategy sets out a plan to create safe spaces and empowers young people and communities to develop and implement solutions.

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.

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 26th, 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.

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

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

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. Council has approved the refresh of the strategy, which is underway.

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.

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

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

APPENDIX M
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
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.⁶

Exceptions to the above may be approved at the discretion of the Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects. All applicants are reviewed in detail by City staff and brought to a staff committee that makes funding recommendations to Council. Follow up is conducted with applicants where additional information or clarification is required. All applications are reviewed using a range of criteria including:

⁶ 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.

- **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;
- **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.