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TO: Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services
SUBJECT: 2024 Community Services and Other Social Grants

Recommendations

Operating and Capital Grants

- A. THAT Council approve seven Social Innovation Project (SIP) Anti-Black Racism Grants, totalling \$101,369, from the 2024 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix A-1 for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- B. THAT Council approve, in advance of the 2025 operating budget approval, one Social Innovation Project (SIP) Food Grant to The Britannia Community Services Centre Society, totalling \$40,000, from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to support Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Networks strategic planning work, as described in Appendix B.
- C. THAT Council approve seven Organizational Capacity Building Grants totalling \$156,512, from the 2024 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix C for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- D. THAT Council approve seven Childcare Operating Grants through three grant streams totalling \$178,170 from the 2024 Social Policy Grants Operating budget – Childcare, including the recommended conditions on the grant, to the organizations listed in Appendix D-1, Appendix D-2, and Appendix D-3 for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- E. THAT Council approve seven Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants totalling \$184,843, from the 2024 Social Policy Capital Grant budget to the organizations listed in Appendix E-1, and from the 2024 Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate

budget to the organizations listed in Appendix E-2, for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" columns.

- F. THAT Council approve four Childcare Small Capital Grants totalling \$72,059, from the 2024 Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare Budget to the organizations listed in F-1, and from the 2024 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix F-2, for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- G. THAT Council approve five School Age Care Expansion Project Grants totalling \$140,735, from the 2024 VSB Community Partnership Program Capital Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix G-1, and from the 2024 School Aged Expansion Grants to the organizations listed in Appendix G-2, for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column.
- H. THAT Council approve ten Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP) Grants through two grant streams totalling \$135,000, to the organizations listed in Appendix H-1 and Appendix H-3, for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column. Source of funds is the federal Building Safer Communities Program Fund from Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada.
- I. THAT Council approve eight Hastings Legacy Fund Grants (includes six multi-year grants and two one-year grants) totalling \$377,000, from the Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve to the organizations listed in Appendix I-1 for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024-2027 Recommend" column. Disbursement of the grants is conditional on the receipt of the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Community Legacy Fund Fees from Hastings Entertainment Inc.
- J. THAT Council approve two Reframing South Vancouver grants totalling \$301,450, from the 2024 ACCS Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix J for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2024 Recommend" column to support the work described in Appendix J.
- K. THAT Council approve one grant of \$50,000, to Good Night Out Vancouver Association as described in Appendix K from the 2024 ACCS Operating Budget for Phase Two of the Last Call Project Pilot.
- L. THAT Council approve, in advance of the 2025 operating budget, one grant of \$4,150,000, to Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH) as described in Appendix L from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget, to continue implementation of VCH's *Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program*.

Current & Future Alignment of Social Grants to RTS 15892

- M. THAT Council adopt the social grants categorization structure, inclusive of five categories, based on "*Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities 2023-2026*" and direct staff to align future grants to these categories to ensure that current and emerging Council priorities are effectively and efficiently addressed (as presented in Appendix M).

Appointment of Operators and Nominal Lease/Licence Agreements

- N. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and

execute an amended licence agreement (the “Sole Food Licence”) with Cultivate Canada Society, dba Sole Food Street Farms (“Sole Food”), for an approximate 122,000 sf portion of City owned lands located at:

215 West 1st Avenue, legally described as: PID: 026-979-772; Lot 327 False Creek Plan BCP28525; and

1850 Spyglass Place, legally described as PID: 026-498-502; Lot 308, except part on Plan BCP29724, False Creek Plan BCP20723 (collectively, the “West 1st Property”);

on the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix N, and otherwise to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management, the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services, including:

Term and Renewals: the existing Sole Food Licence at the West 1st Property (which expires October 31, 2025) will be amended to allow for the proposed 1-year extension of the term to October 31, 2026 (the “Extension Term”). The extension is conditional upon the City being satisfied that Sole Food has the capacity to operate, maintain and program the facility space in accordance with the licence terms, and Social Policy and Projects staff will regularly review to ensure the quality of programming is maintained;

Total Rent: Ten dollars (\$10.00) for the Extension Term, subject to an early termination provision in favour of the City upon 6 months’ notice, and reconfiguration clause due to anticipated development of the site as set out in the Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan;

FURTHER THAT as the basic rent under the Sole Food Licence for the West 1st Property will be below the applicable market rate, Recommendation N constitutes a grant estimated at \$854,000 for the 1-year Extension Term (forgone revenue to the Property Endowment Fund).

Related Recommendations

- O. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the *Vancouver Charter*, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A to N of this report that is not otherwise a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the health and welfare of the City.
- P. THAT Council delegate its authority to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services to negotiate and execute agreements to disburse the grants described in Recommendations A to L on the terms and conditions set out herein or such other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services.
- Q. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

Recommendations A to L and N require 8 affirmative votes of all Council members under section 206 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*.

Purpose and Executive Summary

This report seeks Council approval to implement a variety of operating and capital grants, as well as one nominal lease/licence including:

- A total of \$5,489,501 disbursed through 44 grants to community social service organizations to enable the sector to provide critical programs and services to Vancouver residents and the non-profit organizations that support them;
- A total of \$397,637 disbursed through 16 capital grants to community social service organizations for social space creation; and
- Extension of an existing license of a City-owned parcel of land for urban agriculture and social enterprise.

Table 1: Summary of Grant Recommendations in this Report

GRANT STREAM	REC.	GRANT PROGRAM	NO. OF GRANTS	TOTAL \$\$ RECOMMENDED	TOTAL \$\$ REQUESTED	APPENDIX
Community Services	A	Social Innovation Project (SIP) Anti-Black Racism Grants	7	\$101,369	\$150,369	A-1
	B	SIP Food Grant ¹	1	\$40,000	\$40,000	B
	C	Organizational Capacity Building Grants	7	\$156,512	\$156,512	C
Subtotal			15	\$297,881	\$346,881	
Childcare (CC)	D	Neighbourhood Access Grant	1	\$24,684	\$24,684	D-1
		CC Capacity Building Grants	1	\$17,500	\$70,000	D-2
		CC Project Grants	5	\$135,986	\$263,208	D-3
Subtotal			7	\$178,170	\$357,892	
Capital	E	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	7	\$184,843	\$185,843	E-1, E-2
	F	Childcare Small Capital Grants	4	\$72,059	\$98,681	F-1, F-2
	G	School Age Care Expansion Projects Grants	5	\$140,735	\$142,236	G-1, G-2
Subtotal			16	\$397,637	\$426,760	
Building Safer Communities Program	H	BSCP Youth Engagement Project Grants	6	\$55,000	\$86,540	H-1
		BSCP Organizational & Youth Sector Capacity Building Project Grants	4	\$80,000	\$201,500	H-3
Subtotal			10	\$135,000	\$288,040	
Other Grants	I	Hastings Legacy Fund	8	\$377,000	\$1,172,700	I
	J	Reframing South Vancouver	2	\$301,450	\$301,450	J
	K	Good Night Out Vancouver Society	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	K
	L	Vancouver Coastal Health Authority ¹	1	\$4,150,000	\$4,150,000	L
Subtotal			12	\$4,878,450	\$5,764,150	
GRAND TOTAL			60	\$5,887,138	\$7,183,723	

¹ The recommended source of funds is the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget, as described in Appendices B and L.

Table 2: Summary - Appointment of Operators and Nominal Leases/Licences

Organization	TOTAL \$\$ RECOMMENDED	APPENDIX
Sole Food - 215 W 1st /1850 Spyglass Place	\$875,000	N
TOTAL	\$875,000	

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

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

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

The City's social development granting priorities are guided by the strategic objectives described in *Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026*. This work is further guided by the City's long-range social sustainability plan, the Healthy City Strategy (currently being refreshed).

The non-profit sector continues to feel the strain of increased demand for services, steady or decreasing levels of support from governments and other funders, and rising costs, which diminish purchasing power and ability to engage in staff recruitment and retention efforts. Staff continue to evolve grant programs to meet the needs of community groups through initiatives such as piloting expanding multi-year funding, as with the Hastings Legacy Fund Grant. Additional enhancements include engaging members of the community to provide community-based expertise to the adjudication process and supporting grantees' organizational capacity through strategic planning and support developing overall resilience. For more information on Grants Processes including adjudication see Appendix P.

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 and seeks direction on specific alignment of granting with Vibrant Vancouver priorities.

Descriptions of each grant stream and relevant context for the recommendations have been included in the Appendices. Relevant highlights include:

- **New childcare space creation:** operating and capital grants in this report will aid in the creation of 282 new childcare spaces. (*Recommendations D, F and G*)
- **Expanded opportunity for multi-year grant funding:** This year's call for applications to the Hastings Legacy Fund gave eligible programs the option to apply for up to \$40,000 of funding per year for up to three years. (*Recommendation I*)
- **Addressing local needs:** Two grants focusing on South Vancouver as a response to direction received through Council Motion [RTS 15864](#) *Addressing Ongoing Inequities by Improving Social Infrastructure and Access to Services Across South Vancouver and Marpole Neighbourhoods*. (*Recommendation J*)
- **Investing in the City's food system:** Licence/Lease Extension for Sole Foods Street Farms to continue operating the largest urban farm in Vancouver, empowering individuals with limited resources and barriers by providing jobs, agricultural training, and community inclusion (*Recommendation N*); and Innovation Grant for 13+ Neighbourhood

Food Networks to facilitate network-wide strategic planning furthering objectives of the Vancouver Food Strategy. (*Recommendation B*)

In response to RTS 15892 (October 22, 2024), staff have developed a proposed social grants alignment structure with Vibrant Vancouver strategic objectives. Should Council adopt Recommendation M, staff will align future grant decisions in the following categories (as described in full detail in Appendix M):

- Strategic Objective No. 1 – Vibrant & Diverse (Support diverse cultural communities; create vibrant public spaces);
- Strategic Objective No. 5 - Safety & Security (Invest in preventative safety and security programs);
- Strategic Objective No. 6 – Climate Emergency (Incorporate climate change adaptation and resilience measures into our work);
- Strategic Objective No. 7 – Healthy, Inclusive and Equitable (multiple priority areas); and
- Strategic Objective No. 8 – Reconciliation (Provide programs and services to support local Indigenous Peoples).

Financial Implications

Funding for grant recommendations totalling \$5,887,138 and the remaining budgets are summarized in Tables 3, 4, 5 and 6 below, according to funding source. Table 7 summarizes the estimated annual amount associated with the recommended lease term extension.

Table 3: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams and Remaining Balances
Source: **2024 Operating and Capital Budgets**

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	2024 Budget	Previously Approved	Rec'd in this Report	Balance
A, C	Community Services Grants	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget	\$7,549,221	\$7,291,340	\$257,881	\$0
D	Neighbourhood Access Grant, CC Capacity Grant, CC Project Grants	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget – Childcare	\$2,402,258	\$1,497,396	\$178,170	\$726,692 ²
E	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	Social Policy Grants Capital Budget	\$349,153	\$201,637	\$80,959	\$66,557
		Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$103,884	\$896,116
F	Childcare Small Capital Grants	Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare Budget	\$128,086	\$81,000	\$47,059	\$27
		Social Policy Grants Operating Budget	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
G	School Age Care Expansion Projects Grants	VSB Community Partnership Program Capital Budget	\$138,596	\$0	\$137,388	\$1,208
		REFM School Aged Expansion Grants	\$250,000	\$0	\$3,347	\$246,653

² Balance of Operating Impact of Capital funding for Childcare will be carried forward to next year to support the approved start-up costs for the opening of new childcare sites.

H	BSCP Org and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants	Building Safer Communities Fund - Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness	\$100,000	\$20,000	\$80,000	\$0
	BSCP Youth Engagement Project Grants	Canada (Year 2024-2025 funding)	\$100,000	\$0	\$55,000	\$45,000 ³
TOTAL			\$12,042,314	\$9,091,373	\$968,688	\$1,982,253

Table 4: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams and Remaining Balances
 Source: **2025 Operating and Capital Budgets**

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	Rec'd in this Report
B	Social Innovation Project Grants - Food	2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget	\$40,000
L	Vancouver Coastal Health Authority		\$4,150,000
TOTAL			\$4,150,000

Table 5: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams
 Source: **Reserves**

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	Total Funding Available	Year 1 2024-2025	Year 2 2025-2026	Year 3 2026-2027	Rec'd in this Report
I	Hastings Legacy Fund Grant	Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve	\$427,200	\$139,000	\$119,000	\$119,000	\$377,000
TOTAL			\$377,000				

* Disbursement of the grant if approved is conditional on receipt of the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Hastings Legacy Fund Fees from Hastings Entertainment Inc. Total available funding may vary depending on CPI adjustment and conditions.

Table 6: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams
 Source: **2024 Operating Budgets**

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	Rec'd in this Report
J	Reframing South Vancouver Grants	2024 ACCS Operating Budget	\$301,450
K	Good Night Out Vancouver Society		\$50,000
TOTAL			\$351,450

Table 7: Financial Overview of Recommended Leases

Rec	Lease/License	Estimated Grant Value Per Annum	Estimated Grant Value for Initial Term	Description
N	Sole Foods (Licence) 215 W 1st / 1850 Spyglass Place	\$875,000	\$875,000 (1 year)	Rent under the Extension Term of the Licence for the West 1st Property is proposed to be at a nominal rate, which constitutes a grant.

Legal Implications

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

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³ As the source of these funds are aligned with the Federal fiscal year, the balance of these funds will be carried over the calendar year, to be spent by March 31st, 2025.

APPENDIX A-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Social Policy Social Innovation Project (SIP) Grants - Recommended (Recommendation A)
Including Existing & New Grantees

Social Policy Social Innovation Grants support one-time projects that prototype new strategies to work toward systemic change. Funding supports historically equity-denied Black-led and Black-serving organizations to build their internal organizational capacity to better serve Black residents of Vancouver, as per recommendations from the “Addressing Anti-Black Racism and Historic Discrimination Interim Report.”

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Ethos Lab Educational Society	\$13,500	Operational Excellence and Growth Strategy	This project will implement a comprehensive performance management process for the organization while also developing a succession plan to ensure future leadership continuity.	
Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	\$10,000	Empowerment through Structure	The proposed funds will be used to strengthen Great Lakes’ organizational structure development and financial management and accounting optimization.	CONDITIONS: Funding to be used for only eligible items as outlined in the Notification Letter.
Hogan’s Alley Society	\$6,300	Developing Afrocentric and Anti-Oppressive Governance Capacity	This project will strengthen HAS’ governance capacity by engaging a governance consultant to work with board and staff, as the board transitions from a working board to a governance-focused body.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Kenya Community In BC Society	\$26,200	Strengthening Organizational Structures	This project will facilitate development of a comprehensive organizational structure to make KenBC's culture, performance, teams, communication and relationships matter by hiring a consultant to address structural organization needs and simultaneously creating internship opportunities for Black youths.	
PeerNet Association of British Columbia	\$10,000	Addressing BYI's Strategic Planning Needs	The funding will be used to support Black Youth Initiative's strategic planning for the next 5 years as well as strengthen their communications capacity.	
The Unity Centre Association for Black Cultures	\$20,000	Enhancing Institutional Capacity Building	This project will focus on strengthening organizational structures, governance, and increasing the organization's human capital to improve effectiveness and efficiency.	
Vancouver Black Therapy & Advocacy Foundation	\$15,369	We Count: The Power of Data and Development	This project funding will strengthen fundability for the organization by demonstrating impact through data and increasing the board's skills.	
Total = 7	\$101,369			

APPENDIX A-2
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Social Policy Social Innovation Project (SIP) Grants - Not Recommended (Recommendation A)

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Black Business Association of BC	\$0	Tech for enhanced service delivery	This project would directly support the sustainability and financial viability of UEL by implementing capital upgrades and technology solutions aimed at streamlining vendor services and improving operational efficiency.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Project does not meet eligibility criteria.
Support Network for Indigenous Women & Women of Colour	\$0	Scaling Impact: Give Back Boutique	The grant would enhance the capacity of an online "Give Back Boutique" social enterprise by strengthening the organizational structure and strategic capabilities to scale the enterprise.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Project does not meet eligibility criteria.
TOTAL = 2	\$0			

APPENDIX B
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Social Innovation Project (SIP) Food Grant - Recommended (Recommendation B)

One-time grant supporting strategic planning work to amplify the impact of Vancouver’s Neighbourhood Food Networks. This grant is aligned with direction received from Council on [July 24, 2024](#), to staff to develop a food systems funding strategy in line with Council’s strategic priorities.

Note: this recommendation is an advance grant. Approved funds are to be drawn from the 2025 Social Policy Operating Grant Budget.

AGENCY	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$40,000	Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Networks	This innovation grant will support strategic planning work across Vancouver’s 13+ Neighbourhood Food Networks. Funding will go towards engaging members and hiring a consultant to facilitate a network-wide planning process.	CONDITION: Release of funding subject to submission of a finalized project plan and consultant scope of work to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy & Projects.
Total = 1	\$40,000			

APPENDIX C
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Organizational Capacity Building Grants - Recommended (Recommendation C)
Including Existing & New Grantees

Organizational Capacity Building grants providing funding to non-profit organizations to help build leadership, enhance governance, encourage sector collaboration and support strategic planning.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
BC Coalition of Experiential Communities Association (BCCEC)	\$18,160	Organization capacity building	This funding will help BCCEC to increase their capacity by building administrative, report and grant writing skillsets, to be better positioned to expand programming, and to respond to emerging needs.	
Eastside Movement for Business and Economic Renewal Society DBA EMBERS	\$21,000	Organization capacity building	This funding will be used to support the organization in undergoing strategic planning. With the changing landscape of social services this grant will go toward program visioning for future service development.	
Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre	\$50,000	Restorative Justice Capacity Building	This grant will support the organization to continue its work in community safety through the establishment of the Hastings Sunrise Restorative Neighbourhood Program. Hastings Sunrise was chosen in 2023 by the Restorative Collective Vancouver to become the first restorative neighbourhood as an integral part of Vancouver becoming a Restorative City. The objective is to implement restorative approaches in the area, including the use of peace circles to address local concerns, conflict and crime and to develop a restorative justice program that is operational by the end of the year.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Second Mile Society	\$16,400	DTES Chinese Seniors Advocacy Network	This funding will support Vancouver Second Mile Society and the ongoing work of the DTES Chinese Seniors Advocacy Network. The network is a collective of staff from non-profit organizations whose individual work is oriented to supporting and fostering the well-being of low-income, Chinese residents who utilize DTES services. This Network aims to foster dialogue, relationships, and collaboration amongst its members so that they can collectively respond to emerging issues relevant to the DTES Chinese community and advocate for equitable solutions.	
Vantage Point Strategies Society	\$25,000	Investing in Non-Profit Collaboration	This project has been exploring new approaches to NPO challenges, including around shared services and deeper collaboration across the non-profit sector, including mergers, amalgamations, co-location, and other forms of strategic partnership and restructuring. Vantage Point initiated “Investing in Non-Profit Collaboration,” a project to enhance collaboration in the non-profit sector. The requested funding would go to continuing this work.	
Vantage Point Strategies Society	\$10,952	Capacity Building Bursaries	The funding will provide additional support for the Capacity Building Bursaries available to support non-profits receiving City of Vancouver grants to attend workshops, labs, training and access consultant expertise.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
West End Seniors Network Society	\$15,000	The Alliance of Seniors Centres	This grant will support The Alliance of Seniors Centres (ACS), a collaboration between the West End Seniors Network (lead organization), 411 Seniors Centre, and South Granville Seniors Centre to work together with the common goal of speaking with a unified voice to improve quality of life for older adults.	
TOTAL = 7	\$156,512			

APPENDIX D-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CHILDCARE
Neighbourhood Access Grant - Recommended (Recommendation D)

As of March 2024, both Portside and Water View Childcare Centres operated by YMCA of Greater Vancouver, have agreements with Childcare BC and are operated as \$10 a day childcare centres. This \$24,684 grant ensures continuity of childcare services for 4 full-time infant-toddler and 17 full-time 3-5 year childcare spaces at both centres, offered at no cost to low-income Downtown Eastside families.

As of September 2024, all families with children in infant-toddler spaces have transitioned to the 3-5 year programs at the respective centres. With both centres having transitioned to \$10 a day, it is anticipated that 2025 will be the final year of this grant program.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
YMCA of Greater Vancouver	\$24,684	Neighbourhood Access Grant	This funding will support making childcare spaces in the Portside and Waterview Childcare Centres at no cost for low-income families in the Downtown Eastside.	
TOTAL = 1	\$24,684			

APPENDIX D-2
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CHILDCARE
Childcare Capacity Grant - Recommended (Recommendation D)

Childcare Capacity Grants support key organizations that are integral to Vancouver’s childcare sector because of their leadership and expertise in space creation, centre management and administration, program quality enhancements and efficiencies through staffing supports and pedagogy, family support services, or policy development. City funding supports unique services that are not funded by Provincial dollars, and which directly benefit the Vancouver-based childcare sector.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia	\$17,500	Building On Strengths Childcare Project Liaison	This funding supports a multi-year project to strengthen organizational systems at childcare operations in multiple neighbourhood houses, allowing neighbourhood houses to support vulnerable families with neighbourhood-level resources.	COMMENT: One quarter of the requested amount is being recommended for 2024. The remaining requested amount will be brought to Council for approval in March 2025, to harmonize timing of intakes for this grant stream.
TOTAL = 1	\$17,500			

APPENDIX D-3
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CHILDCARE
Childcare Project Grants – Program Development (PD), Program Stabilization (PS), And
Research, Policy Development and Innovation (RPD&I) - Recommended (Recommendation D)

Funding in this grant stream supports childcare projects that focus on the creation of new childcare spaces in new or existing childcare programs by non-profit organizations (PD); stabilizing current childcare providers by supporting their sustainability (PS); or, research, service or policy innovations (RPD&I) in the childcare sector.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	GRANT STREAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	\$32,626	PD	This grant will support non-capital project expenses for the start-up of a new 95-space childcare on the roof of Henry Hudson Elementary School.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	\$10,000	PS	This grant will support the neighbourhood house to work with a consultant to identify opportunities for administrative and operational efficiencies to enhance program resilience and sustainability as the organization opens its first satellite program.	CONDITION: Release of funding subject to submission of a finalized project plan and consultant scope of work to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy & Projects.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	GRANT STREAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	\$55,196	PD	This grant will support non-capital project expenses for a new 69-space childcare on the roof of the new school facility at Eric Hamber Secondary School. The program's location will support engaging high school students interested in pursuing Early Childhood Education through volunteer opportunities and potential development of a dual-credit ECE program.	
Westcoast Family Centres Society	\$36,000	RPD&I	This grant will support engagement with non-profit childcare operators on waitlist needs and priorities, and implementation of a centralized waitlist tool.	
Westside Japanese Language Society	\$2,164	PD	This grant will provide support for permitting costs as part of a project to expand a licensed preschool childcare program for families engaged in Japanese language learning, from 12 to 14 spaces.	
TOTAL = 5	\$135,986			

APPENDIX E-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
SOCIAL POLICY SMALL-MEDIUM CAPITAL GRANTS - Recommended (Recommendation E)
FUNDING SOURCE: Social Policy Grants Capital Budget

Social Policy Capital Grants provide support for improvements to social facilities serving Vancouver residents who experience intersecting vulnerabilities and marginalization. The source of funding is Social Policy Grants Capital Budget.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	\$12,865	Grandview Elementary & Britannia Learning Garden	This grant will support the replacement of 13 garden beds at Britannia Community Center. As a Neighborhood Food Network, Grandview Woodland Food Connection (GWFC) uses this facility to provide food literacy and gardening skills for students and community members, as part of its mandate to address food security.	
PHS Community Services Society	\$38,875	Culture Saves Lives & Indigenous Health Services Location Change & Upgrade	This grant will support renovations to a relocation space for the Indigenous Hub which will offer space for healing, ceremonial, and day-to-day supports and connection for Indigenous people in the neighborhood. The Hub will be relocating due to the end of the lease on its current space part way through 2025.	
Supporting Women’s Alternatives Network (SWAN Vancouver) Society	\$4,219	Office Accessibility Upgrades	This grant will enable upgrades to the main office door, making it more accessible with an automatic button and door opener. This will improve accessibility and reduce barriers for participants, volunteers, and employees.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vantage Point Strategies Society	\$25,000	Workspace Accessibility Upgrade	This grant will support a project to install two portable meeting booths in a very big open workspace. These booths will allow for calming, focus and productivity for community members and staff who experience neurodivergence or hearing loss.	
TOTAL = 4	\$80,959			

APPENDIX E-2
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
2024 SOCIAL POLICY SMALL-MEDIUM CAPITAL GRANTS - Recommended (Recommendation E)
FUNDING SOURCE: Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate

Social Policy Capital Grants provide support for improvements to social facilities serving Vancouver residents who experience intersecting vulnerabilities and marginalization. These grant funds support retrofit upgrades to enhance resilience of social infrastructure and services (e.g., Family Centres, Neighbourhood Houses, daycares, youth centres, etc.). Retrofits will address near-term needs related to extreme heat and air quality events in facilities predominantly used by equity-denied communities and residents. The source of funding for grants listed below is Social Infrastructure Grants – Climate (allocated from the 2023-2026 Capital Plan Mid-Term Update approved on July 23rd, 2024 – [RTS 16185](#)).

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$20,074	HVAC Repair	This grant will support the repair of heat exchangers in the gym, which are presently non-operational and in need of immediate repair to enable gym facilities to be usable and safe for the community in cold weather.	
Lu'ma Native Housing Society	\$50,000	Renovation of the Aboriginal Patients' Lodge (HVAC Upgrade in the Amenity Room)	This grant will support health and safety improvements in the Lodge's amenity space, a sizable shared cultural space for ceremony, gatherings, talking circles, family and cultural activities. The project includes HVAC upgrades, grab bars in the washrooms, replacement of cabinetry and countertop, and furniture upgrades.	
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society	\$33,810	Rooftop HVAC Replacement	This grant will support replacement of the rooftop HVAC unit at the VAFCS building, which is now non-operational, and has been assessed as having reached the end of working life.	
TOTAL = 3	\$103,884			

APPENDIX F-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
CHILDCARE SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS – Recommended (Recommendation F)
FUNDING SOURCE: Small Capital Grants Budget for Non-City Owned Childcare

Funding supports infrastructure improvements (i.e. health, safety and accessibility upgrades) for licensed childcare facilities serving Vancouver residents. The source of funding for grants listed below is Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare Budget.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Atira Women's Resource Society	\$12,000	Seksik Playground Enhancement	This funding will support the installation of a canopy which will protect the area from pigeon droppings that pose a safety hazard to children using these facilities. Additional safety upgrades will also be made to the area, including installing rubber padding and railings on the stairs.	
UrbanPromise Ministries	\$25,000	Childcare Space Restoration Project at 558 Powell St	This funding will support a project to restore a licensed childcare program's space at 558 Powell St, which recently suffered a fire and severe water damage. The remediation project will include demolition and cleanup of damaged spaces, the installation of flooring and drywall to ceilings and walls, and the replacement of program supplies and furniture.	
YMCA BC	\$10,059	Sundeck Replacement at Woodward's Daycare	This funding will support a project to replace the sundeck at the Woodward's Daycare. The wood at the deck has completely rotted and needs replacement, which has been identified as a condition of licensing by Childcare Licensing.	
TOTAL = 3	\$47,059			

APPENDIX F-2
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
CHILDCARE SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS – Recommended (Recommendation F)
FUNDING SOURCE: Social Policy Grants Operating Budget

Funding supports infrastructure improvements (i.e. health, safety and accessibility upgrades) for licensed childcare facilities serving Vancouver residents. The source of funding for grants listed below is Social Policy Grants Operating Budget.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre	\$25,000	Building Structural Repairs at Eagles in the Sky Childcare	This funding will support Eagles in the Sky childcare to perform necessary repairs to their building that support the program in continuing to operate safely in their current space. The funds will be used for engineering designs, architectural drawings, fees for professional services, permits and construction expenses.	
TOTAL = 4	\$25,000			

APPENDIX G-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
SOCIAL POLICY SCHOOL AGE CARE (SAC) EXPANSION GRANTS – Recommended (Recommendation G)
FUNDING SOURCE: VSB Community Partnership Program Capital Budget

Funding supports the creation of licensed new school age childcare spaces for Vancouver families and children. The source of funding for the grants listed below is Vancouver School Board (VSB) Community Partnership Program Capital Budget.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$62,200	Cunningham School Age Care on School Ground Expansion	This funding will support South Vancouver Neighborhood House (SVNH) in developing 50 new licensed School Age Care spaces at Cunningham Elementary School to meet growing community needs.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$32,577	Waverley School Age Care Expansion	This funding will support SVNH in expanding the existing school age care program that currently operates at Waverley School, and has no spaces for kindergarteners or children with special needs. This project will increase Waverley SAC from a capacity of 30 to 44 children, to address the needs of 40 families currently on its waitlist.	
Jericho Kids' Club Child Care Society	\$19,927	Jericho Kids' Club 2 - General Gordon School Age Care Expansion	This funding will support a project to amend the existing childcare license to School Age Care on School Grounds, along with licensing additional care space, to create 32 new childcare spaces.	

Sunset Community Association	\$22,684	Sunset School Age Care Expansion at Sexsmith Elementary	This grant will support the existing school age care program at Sexsmith Elementary, allowing for purchase of program supplies required to make spaces suitable for an additional licensed 12 spaces. The program currently has a significant waitlist.	
TOTAL = 4	\$137,388			

APPENDIX G-2
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
SOCIAL POLICY SCHOOL AGE CARE (SAC) EXPANSION GRANTS – Recommended (Recommendation G)
FUNDING SOURCE: Real Estate, Environment & Facilities Management Capital Budget - School Aged Expansion Grants

Funding supports the creation of licensed new school age childcare spaces for Vancouver families and children. The source of funding for the grant listed below is Real Estate, Environment & Facilities Management Capital Budget - School Aged Expansion Grants.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Jericho Kids' Club Child Care Society	\$3,347	Jericho Kids' Club 1-Bayview School Age Care Expansion	This funding will support a project to expand program capacity from 100 to 108 seats, addressing the growing needs of the school population and local community.	
TOTAL = 1	\$3,347			

APPENDIX H-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2024 BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONAL AND YOUTH SECTOR CAPACITY-BUILDING
PROJECT GRANTS - Recommended (Recommendation H)
Including Existing & New Grantees

BSCP Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants enhance the ability of community organizations to address youth violence through staff development, strengthening collaboration between agencies, and/or improving processes and systems to ensure equitable access to early youth violence prevention services and programs. This grant stream is supported through a 4-year contribution agreement in partnership with Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	\$20,000	Community Allies for Refugee Claimant Youth	This funding will support a project to bring together staff and agencies who work with refugee claimant children and youth, to build connections, foster information and knowledge sharing, and coordinate services to provide better support (especially to unaccompanied minors).	
DUDES Club Society	\$20,000	Supporting Our Youth	The project will host a series of virtual and in-person convened conversations and workshops for local youth-service organisations that work with underserved and marginalized youth. This project will bring together NexUp staff, elders, knowledge holders and younger staff from partner organizations.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$20,000	Connected for Safety: Enhancing Youth Safety and Family Support	This project will expand staff expertise and engage families in early violence prevention efforts that foster healthier family dynamics and create a safer, more supportive environment for youth to thrive and develop positively. Training workshops and professional development sessions will focus on trauma-informed practice, non-violent communication for youth, and emotional regulation.	
Pacific Community Resources Society	\$20,000	Vancouver Mobilization and Resiliency Table	This project will support coordination of service providers to mobilize immediate multi-agency response for acute crisis interventions that provide multiple pathways to care and support for youth in crisis.	
Total = 4	\$80,000			

**APPENDIX H-2
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2024 BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONAL AND YOUTH SECTOR CAPACITY-BUILDING
PROJECT GRANTS - Not Recommended**

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	\$0	Capacity Building of KNH for westside youth community development	This grant will develop Kitsilano Neighbourhood House’s internal capacity to better understand and grow its competency in developing and implementing youth-centric programming/projects, while simultaneously strengthening networks within and beyond the local area. The project will support mutually beneficial resource sharing, while developing and strengthening operational capacity for cultural growth in support of youth priorities.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$0	South Van Youth Community of Practice	This funding will support a project that would bring together two established groups, South Van Youth Community of Practice (for community organizations/partners) and a Youth Represented Neighbourhood Action Committee (for youth participants), for an in-depth community research and dialogue on existing opportunities and barriers to grow youth engagement across multiple partner agencies in South Vancouver.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Big Sisters of B.C. Lower Mainland	\$0	My Voice, My Power - Vancouver School Board Pilot	This funding will support My Voice, My Power (MVMP), a school-based, group mentoring program designed to support youth develop skills that support gender-based violence prevention through curriculum designed to foster healthy relationships, challenge gender stereotypes, and practice the safe use of internet and online technologies.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
FENS4LIFE ASSOCIATION	\$0	F.E.N.S. (Flooding Environment of Nurturing Support) education program	This funding will support the F.E.N.S. program, which will provide violence prevention and sexual assault prevention education through confidence and awareness building.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	\$0	Pamoja kwa Vijana - Swahili for (Together for Youth)	This funding will support a project to create safer community environments for youth, strengthen coordination of positive youth development services, and reduce the impacts of serious violence on children/youth. The project will deliver youth violence prevention workshops, dialogues, training to youth mentors, development of educational resources and creation of a youth led social media campaign.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Mabuhay House Society	\$0	Tupper Greenway Community Gardening Project	This funding will support a project providing youth-centered programming for youth between the ages of 13-19 to develop tangible skills. The project is planning to bring on mentors to help cultivate the Greenway with students and use Filipino storytelling as a tool to connect youth with additional programming within the Filipino Non-Profit sector.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Multicultural Helping House Society	\$0	Violence Prevention for Newcomer Youth: Strengthening Newcomer Youth Support Systems	This funding will support delivery of violence prevention art therapy to youth, to support them in processing trauma that may lead to violence and to equip them with skills and space to work with emotions in a healthy manner. This project will support youth connecting with adult mentors, as well as incorporate workshops for newcomer parents on parenting strategies and building family relationships, through activities such as screening the film Canadian Adobo, and holding an Art Forum on Violence Prevention.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Total = 7	\$0			

APPENDIX H-3
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2024 BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROJECT GRANTS - Recommended
(Recommendation H)
Including Existing & New Grantees

BSCP Youth Engagement Project Grants support youth-led projects that increase a sense of safety and belonging. Youth Engagement Project grants engage youth as part of the adjudication process, ensuring recommended projects are aligned with youth's needs and priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	\$10,000	Bridges to Belonging	This funding will support a peer-to-peer project that engages preteens ages 10-12 in a series of monthly sessions for building strong relationships, creating opportunities for mentorship, developing communication skills and creating an inclusive and welcoming spaces through nurturing interactions with peer mentors from Mount Pleasant's youth group.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$5,000	Palarong Pinoy 2025	This funding will support a project to host an inter-school sports day celebrating and showcasing various aspects of Filipino culture. This youth-led event will incorporate traditional Filipino games and sports, booths and displays that presents Filipino heritage, and offer a variety of Filipino dishes at David Thompson Secondary.	

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$10,000	South Vancouver Play Streets: For Youth by Youth	This funding will support a project for youth to plan a series of Play Streets events that will temporarily block off high traffic neighbourhood roads to temporarily transform them into a safe public space for outdoor play, music, art, and community engagement for youth, children, families, and schools. This project will create a sense of security and familiarity for youth and middle-year children in blocks within their immediate neighbourhood.	
Dunbar Community Centre Association	\$10,000	PlaySafe	This funding supports a project that teaches youths about the significance of safety while having fun. The project will hold seasonal events around the Dunbar community that address topics such as bullying, social isolation, and new experiences versus harmful activities. The project will be led by Dunbar’s youth council.	
The Immigrant Services Society of BC	\$10,000	“Through Our Eyes: Stories of Newcomer Youth”	This funding will support a project for participants to share their personal migration journeys, highlight their unique perspectives, and create connections with other newcomer youth cross-culturally, while also promoting cultural diversity and social inclusion through videography and photography. Youth projects will be showcased during a final exhibition.	
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$10,000	Bridges to Belonging: Youth Engagement and Community Safety	This youth-led initiative will empower participants to provide insights on community needs, equity, safety, inclusion, and accessibility in the neighbourhood. Youth will participate in leadership development opportunities and contribute to the neighbourhood house strategic planning process.	
TOTAL = 6	\$55,000			

**APPENDIX H-4
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2024 BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROJECT GRANTS - Not Recommended**

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Dudes Club Society	\$0	Building Relationships, Growing Engagement	This grant will support a project to strengthen relationships with underserved Indigenous youth, by supporting staff to attend existing gatherings and community events. This project would support staff in identifying gaps in service delivery, in order to build a wrap-around program model, in collaboration with the youth who may be unfamiliar with up or otherwise hesitant to engage due to a lack of personal connection.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
SafetyFirst Friends	\$0	Safety First Friends	This grant will support Safety First Friends, a community-based project that teaches elementary school students basic first aid through workshops. The workshops would provide students with age-appropriate knowledge on how to act during medical emergencies.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
SPARK Foundation	\$0	Breaking Barriers: Empowering Change through Education and Action Conference	This grant will support a youth-focused conference to reduce barriers to education and teach participants how to leverage their unique skills to make a positive impact in their communities. The event will emphasize practical workshops, skill-building sessions, and networking opportunities, with a focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG#4, which centers on quality education.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancouver Pride Society	\$0	Beyond Our Horizons - Pride Youth Engagement & Pride Youth Advisory Committee	This funding will support an initiative to provide an opportunity for Queer Youth in the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community to be involved in Pride programming and 2SLGBTQIS+ advocacy. Through this committee, VPS hopes to gain more insight, perspective and inspiration from Queer youth communities. This initiative will create a mentorship opportunity for youth to build capacity in diversity & equity advocacy and event planning.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Total = 4	\$0			

APPENDIX I-1
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
HASTINGS LEGACY FUND (HLF) - Recommended (Recommendation I)
Including Existing & New Grantees

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

On October 22, 2024, Council approved *Municipal Grants Jurisdictional Review and Arts, Culture and Social Grant Program Refinements* report, including support for making more grants multi-year. In alignment with Council direction, the 2024 intake for HLF piloted a 3-year cycle of multi-year funding. Applicants were eligible to apply for up to \$40,000 of funding per year, for a maximum of three years.

During the adjudication process, a panel of City staff evaluated all applications according to an evaluation matrix. In addition to meeting the goals of the grant, priority was given to applications that demonstrated:

- a history of programming and proven outcomes in the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood;
- being primarily based in the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood; and
- having collaborative partnerships with organizations in the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood.

Of the 8 grants being recommended to 7 organizations, 6 organizations have ongoing funding relationships in the HLF grant stream. All recommended organizations (7) have previous funding relationships with the City. Subsequent years of funding, as applicable, will be released pending the receipt of annual report backs and/or site visits to the satisfaction of the grants team. Additional conditions are attached to grantees new to the HLF stream.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	TOTAL RECOMMEND 2024-2027	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Deep Roots, Strong Branches	\$66,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000	This funding will support a project that provides low-barrier opportunities for seniors to connect with the aim of increasing intergenerational interactions. The project will promote knowledge sharing and participation from seniors of diverse backgrounds, with focus engaging the Indigenous community, LGBTQIA2S+ community and Men's Shed, increasing social connection and understanding between diverse groups of seniors.	CONDITION: Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve.
Hastings Community Association	Movies in the Park Series - Community Connections	\$18,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	This funding will support HCA to organize yearly events for the community to build bonds in the Hastings Sunrise area. Four events will take place in neighbourhood parks: Pandora Park, Clinton Park, Burrardview Park, and New Brighton Park.	CONDITION: Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	TOTAL RECOMMEND 2024-2027	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Hastings North Business Improvement Association	Sunrise Safety Team (SST)	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	This funding will support the SST program, promoting a positive and healthy atmosphere for businesses, visitors, residents and community members. The program will provide a presence to help increase the perception of safety in the HNBIA district. This program is a partnership between the HNBIA and the HSCPC.	CONDITION: Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve.
Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre	Community Cleanup Program	\$42,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	This funding will support a year-round program that mobilizes citizens for activities such as group paint-outs and litter cleanups, to support and restore feelings of safety. The HSCPC recruits volunteers and community participants who perform tasks in groups such as locating and removing graffiti, garbage and hazardous materials.	CONDITION: Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	TOTAL RECOMMEND 2024-2027	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	Community Leadership Development	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	This funding will support a local leadership development program that deepens the capacity of community builders in the neighbourhood to strengthen community resilience.	<p>COMMENT: One-time grant for 2024.</p> <p>CONDITION: Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve.</p>
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	Eastside Youth Wellness	\$111,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	This funding will support Eastside Youth Wellness Program, a youth-led effort to create a safe space where young people build positive relationships with peers and adults. The program will foster belonging and promote healthy growth, empowering youth to thrive as valued contributors to their community through elevating youth voice, leadership, and skills development through resource sharing.	<p>CONDITION: Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve.</p>

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	TOTAL RECOMMEND 2024-2027	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Leave Out Violence (LOVE) Society BC	Media Arts Program in Hastings-Sunrise	\$5,000	\$5000	\$0	\$0	This funding will support a program that offers safe spaces for youth to nurture social justice and emotional intelligence via art. This free, after-school program in Hastings-Sunrise offers extra support to youth for self development through schools, community centres and local partnerships.	<p>COMMENT: One-time grant for 2024.</p> <p>CONDITION: Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve.</p>

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	TOTAL RECOMMEND 2024-2027	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Association for the Survivors of Torture (VAST)	VAST Support Groups Program	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	This grant will support VAST's Support Group program which enhances access to services for newcomers and marginalized communities by providing orientation for service providers and connecting them with VAST group support initiatives. This project's initiatives provide support for Latino families, trauma-informed yoga, and expressive arts therapy, fostering stronger connections and promoting community safety for all residents.	<p>COMMENT: New grantee to HLF stream.</p> <p>CONDITION: Funding in 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 subject to submission of 2024-2025 report back, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy. Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve.</p>
Total = 8		\$377,000	\$139,000	\$119,000	\$119,000		

**APPENDIX I-2
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
HASTINGS LEGACY FUND (HLF) - Not Recommended**

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
DUDES Club Society	\$0	Building Community Capacity	This grant will support a program that seeks to build community capacity in the Hastings Sunrise area, to respond to the acute wellness and safety needs of Indigenous men and youth.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	\$0	KUJENGA NA KUSUDI - Swahili means "Building from Purpose"	This funding will support an initiative which provides essential resources such as hot meals, harm reduction supplies, and warm clothing to vulnerable populations, including seniors, at-risk youth, and people with disabilities. The KUJENGA NA KUSUDI program addresses issues in the Hastings-Sunrise area such as racism, food insecurity, homelessness, mental health challenges, and drug abuse.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Indigenous Wellness Training Society	\$0	Cultural Wisdom Exchange	This funding will support a program for Indigenous families in Vancouver that offers culturally grounded services in education, health, and community connection. IWTS, in close consultation with local knowledge keepers, focuses on strengthening community ties, promoting wellness, and empowering families to thrive in a way that honours traditions.	<p>NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.</p> <p>Organization is eligible for Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grants.</p>
Learning Disabilities Society of Greater Vancouver (LDS)	\$0	Hastings-Sunrise Bursary Fund	This funding will contribute to LDS' Hastings-Sunrise Bursary Fund, which offers financial assistance to neurodivergent learners in the Hastings-Sunrise area. This bursary enables recipients to access to LDS' evidence-based programs that support learners from early childhood through adulthood.	<p>NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.</p>

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Native Education College (NEC)	\$0	Identity and Cultural Connections	This funding will support a program which provides Cultural and Identity workshops with facilitators and Elders, which incorporate skateboarding as a physical outlet.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Saint James Music Academy	\$0	Outreach Program at Thunderbird Elementary	This funding will support a program that provides access to music education in Vancouver's Public Schools, at no cost to the school or school board. The program utilizes music as a tool to help students calm their nervous systems, build self-esteem, and create together.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) - Metro Vancouver	\$0	YWCA Sandy So Vista: Community Development Coordinator	This funding will support a YWCA Community Development Coordinator, who would provide support to women in need and their children living at YWCA Sandy So Vista housing community in the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood. The Community Development Coordinator connects residents in the 14 deeply affordable units with community resources and provides holistic services that help women move toward economic independence.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Total = 7	\$0			

APPENDIX J
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
REFRAMING SOUTH VANCOUVER GRANTS - Recommended (Recommendation J)

Funding related to Council Motion RTS 15864 ([June 28, 2023](#)), directing staff to work with two neighbourhood houses in South Vancouver, to identify support for the refinement and prioritization of potential actions addressing the needs for increased services for the area. This grant builds on funding awarded in December 2023 for similar initiatives.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Marpole Neighbourhood House	\$131,450	Reframing Marpole Project: 2025-2026	The Reframing Marpole project continues to identify and support the voices of equity deserving populations in the neighbourhood. Year two work will expand on this by continuing to host engaging and inclusive opportunities for community to come together through a variety of activities, workshops and events related to needs in the area. This funding will support the Community Developer and Community Navigator positions to carry out implementation of programs and strategies related to the ongoing needs in the community.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$170,000	Reframing SouthVan Project: 2025-2026	This funding will provide continued support for the Council Motion “Addressing ongoing inequities by improving social infrastructure and access to services across South Vancouver and Marpole Neighbourhoods”. This grant will support the ongoing work of 2 Community Navigators and community engagement costs for this initiative.	
TOTAL = 2	\$301,450			

**APPENDIX K
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
ONE-TIME PROJECT GRANT - Recommended (Recommendation K)**

The Last Call Pilot project delivered its aim to support voluntary service industry business participants in strengthening their gender safety policies, programs and procedures. Learnings from this pilot project have deepened knowledge on how best to position future work to enhance gender safety for the service industry, while providing a year of free training, data collection and support for gender violence prevention for local businesses. This continuing work currently aligns with Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Objective No.5 – Safety and Security, as a unique gender safety initiative.

AGENCY	2024 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Good Night Out Vancouver Association	\$50,000	Last Call Project	This funding will support Phase two of the Last Call Pilot Project, which will build upon key learnings and recommendations from the hospitality industry sexual violence prevention pilot project, working with stakeholders and businesses to create and implement a sexual violence prevention audit.	COMMENT: One-time grant.
Total = 1	\$50,000			

APPENDIX L
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
ONE-TIME PROJECT GRANT - Recommended (Recommendation L)

The Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Program, led by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), was initiated through a Council motion on November 22, 2022 entitled [Enabling the Requisitioning and Hiring of 100 New Police Officers and 100 Mental Health Nurses](#) (Member's Motion B.5). The framework for the program was approved by Council in February 2023, and Council received a report on the program's progress on February 6, 2024, at which time a grant was approved by Council ([RTS 16098](#)) to begin implementation of Phase One of the VCH's Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program. A subsequent update on the progress of the program implementation was presented to Council on October 23, 2024.

The Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancement Framework guides the implementation of interdisciplinary mental health crisis response services and supports through the hiring of 55 new health care workers to:

- Expand the City's police-health partnership programs;
- Create new teams to provide non-police, health-led crisis response; and,
- Strengthen crisis supports to Indigenous community members.

Program details:

- Operations Command Centre Liaison Nurse (OCCLN): Police-Health Partnership – embeds mental health nurses in the VPD 911 call centre to triage calls and enables redirection of some 911 calls to VPD mental health response units (Car 87/88) and/or to non-police response teams.
- Car 87/88: Police-Health Partnership – operationalizes a model of nurses working alongside VPD officers deployed to mental health responses.
- Mobile De-Escalation Team (MoDe): Health, non-police response – receives and responds to calls from supportive housing, shelters, social service sites, Car 87/88 and the OCCLN, and provides support, connection and referral to services, and/or outreach, as appropriate.
- Indigenous Crisis Response Team (ICRT): Health, non-police response – provides Indigenous-specific holistic non-police crisis response, to provide culturally safe mobile mental health and wellness crisis response services, with calls typically originating from other Indigenous service providers in the community.

To date, VCH has hired 35 new health workers (64% of target) and continues to recruit skilled and qualified staff, with a thoughtful and phased approach. The aim is for complete recruitment by mid-2025. See Tables 1 and 2 (below) for a breakdown of the forecasted number of staff for 2025 for each partnership/team, and the anticipated expenses.

As presented in Table 3, staff recommend that Council approve a grant to Vancouver Coastal Health Authority in the amount of \$4,150,000 for 2025 to continue implementation of VCH's

Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program, with funding disbursed in accordance with the terms and conditions that are consistent with this report to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects.

Table 1. 2025 Forecast Staffing for Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program

Staffing (in FTE)	CAR 87/88 / OCCLN	MoDe	ICRT	Total
# of Current Staff	12	14	9	35
# of Staff remaining to Hire	2	18	0	20
Total Staffing Complement	14	32	0	55

Table 2. 2025 Forecast Budget for Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program

Budget Line Item	CAR 87/88 / OCCLN	MoDe	ICRT	Total per line
Staffing Salaries & Benefits	\$ 2,536,000	\$ 3,550,000	\$ 1,218,000	\$ 7,304,000
Community Engagement	-	-	-	\$ 20,000
Other Non-Labour Expenses	-	-	-	\$ 292,000
Total Budget (Forecast)	\$ 2,536,000	\$3,550,000	\$1,218,000	\$ 7,616,000

Table 3. 2025 Funding Recommendation for RTS 16145

Funding Item	Total per line
2024 Grant Funding Remaining (forecast)	\$ 3,466,000
2025 Grant Recommendation	\$ 4,150,000
Total Funding	\$ 7,616,000

APPENDIX M
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Priority Alignment to Social Policy Grants (Recommendation M)

The City's social development granting programs are guided by the strategic objectives described in *Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026*. This work is further guided by the City's long-range social sustainability plan, the Healthy City Strategy (currently being refreshed). In response to RTS 15892 (October 22, 2024), staff have developed a proposed structure to align social grants with Vibrant Vancouver strategic objectives. Should Council adopt Recommendation M, staff will align future grant decisions with the Objectives and Priority Outcomes in Table 1.

Table 1: Strategic Objectives and Priority Outcomes (as presented in Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities 2023-2026) for ongoing alignment with social grants.

Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Objective	Vibrant Vancouver Priority Outcomes	Examples of Key Aligned Work
1 – Vibrant and Diverse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support diverse cultural communities • Create vibrant public spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Closing the Gap: Invest in the City's Food System to Increase Food Access and Support a Resilient, Equitable and Sustainable Food System for All⁴ – Addressing Ongoing Inequities by Improving Social Infrastructure and Access to Services Across South Vancouver and Marpole Neighbourhoods⁵
5 - Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in preventative safety and security programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Advance the City's youth violence prevention strategy – Advance restorative city initiatives – Advance a number of gender safety initiatives

⁴ On [July 24th, 2024](#), Council passed a motion directing staff to explore and develop a food systems funding strategy in line with Vibrant Vancouver, including an examination of increasing Social Grants Operating funding and the creation of an Indigenous Food Systems grant.

⁵ On [June 28th, 2024](#), Council passed a motion directing staff to bring recommendations to Council to address historic under resourcing of neighbourhoods across South Vancouver and Marpole, including consideration of grants and investments relating to food security, parks and public space amenities.

Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Objective	Vibrant Vancouver Priority Outcomes	Examples of Key Aligned Work
6 - Climate Emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate climate change adaptation and resilience measures into our work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Change Adaptation Strategy⁶
7 - Healthy, Inclusive, Equitable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Province and other partners to address the mental health and addiction crisis • Do our part to ensure we have sufficient childcare options for Vancouver families • Work to ensure Vancouver's cultural communities feel included and respected • Ensure Vancouver is a seniors-friendly, accessible city • Do our part to ensure Vancouver residents are physically and mentally healthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Framework⁷ - Take coordinated action to reduce drug poisoning deaths - Implement the City of Vancouver's Childcare Strategy - Leverage Vancouver School Board partnership to deliver childcare - Implement the City's Equity Framework - Finalize an anti-racism/anti-hate action plan - Finalize a TGD2S+ safety and inclusion action plan - Implement the City's Accessibility Strategy - (Upcoming) Older Persons Strategic Framework⁸
8 - Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide programs and services to support local Indigenous Peoples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support community-identified urban Indigenous priorities

⁶ As part of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy refresh approved by Council on [July 23rd, 2024](#), the 2023-2026 Mid-Term Capital plan update allocated funding to support extreme weather and air-quality resilience upgrades in civic and social infrastructure facilities. The MTC plan update was approved by Council on July 23rd, 2024 ([RTS 16185](#)).

⁷ Approved by Council in February 2023 ([RTS 15510](#)).

⁸ Alignment to upcoming Older Persons Strategic Framework that will be brought to Council in early 2025.

APPENDIX N
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Sole Food Street Farms

215 W 1st Avenue and 1850 Spyglass Place: Extended Term of Licence Agreement with Sole Food Street Farms (Recommendation N)

In alignment with the Vancouver Food Strategy and other City plans and strategies, this report seeks approval to extend the term of the licence by one year for portions of City-owned property at 215 West 1st Avenue and 1850 Spyglass Place (collectively, the “West 1st Property”) to Cultivate Canada Society, dba Sole Food Street Farms (“Sole Food”) for urban farm use. Sole Food provides residents who have limited resources with paid training and employment to grow fruits and vegetables for distribution to markets, restaurants, and non-profit organizations and promote healthy and green development in Vancouver.

Context

Sole Food was established in 2009 and has operated the largest and most productive urban farm in Vancouver on the West 1st Property since 2017. Their current licence agreement for a portion of this Property Endowment Fund property, at nominal rate of \$10/term, is set to expire on October 31, 2025.

Sole Food’s mission is to empower individuals with limited resources and barriers to traditional employment by providing jobs, agricultural training, and inclusion in a supportive community. Since 2009, Sole Food has provided 265 low barrier jobs and produced over 1,000,000 lbs of fresh nutritious produce through their social enterprise model and innovative growing model using movable raised garden beds. In 2023, Sole Food’s social return on investment was calculated to create a positive benefit of \$5.77 for every \$1.00 paid to low-barrier positions. The nominal rate licence agreement allows Sole Food to leverage approximately \$500,000 annually in additional funding to support their programmatic efforts.

The 2.8 Class B urban farm operation at the Site 1A West 1st Property includes raised garden beds, three greenhouses, an urban orchard, organics management, a temporary office, and produce processing and storage infrastructure. Sole Food regularly collaborates with adjacent Hummingbird Place temporary modular housing (operated by PHS Community Services Society) to provide access to community engagement and employment opportunities for residents of the building. In addition, Sole Food provides educational tours to the public, school groups, visiting government officials and others interested in the value of urban agriculture and social enterprise. As an urban farm whose operational plans are linked to the annual growing season, early confirmation of a licence extension to 2026 will provide Sole Food with necessary operational certainty to enable near-term planning. If the recommendation is approved, the expiry date of the existing Sole Food licence will be amended accordingly, and Sole Food would continue to temporarily activate the West 1st Property until the initiation of anticipated development of the Property as set out in the Southeast False Creek Official Development Plan (SEFC-ODP). The recommended extension aligns with SEFC-ODP policy to allow for interim

uses that do not require permanent structures, and which will not hinder future site development.

Financial

The rent under the Licence for the West 1st Property is proposed to be at a nominal rate, which constitutes a grant valued at approximately \$854,000 for the 1-year term of the licence extension (forgone Revenue to PEF). Sole Food's farm area exceeds the maximum permitted by the Urban Farm Guidelines but is enabled via a relaxation granted by the Director of Planning as permitted by section 11.37.1 of the Zoning and Development Bylaw. The size relaxation is granted because the West 1st Property is City owned and therefore will not result in any taxation impact.

Sole Food Farm Licence Area at the West 1st Property Total Area: approximately 1.1 hectares (122,000 ft² or 2.8 acres)



APPENDIX O

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Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Grant recommendations in this report are guided by a range of Council authority and previous decisions:

- Municipal Grants Jurisdictional Review and Arts, Culture and Social Grant Program Refinements: [October 22, 2024](#)
- Mental Health & Substance Use: Motion from Council ([November 22, 2022](#), Member's Motion B.5); Phase One progress report and grant ([February 6, 2024](#)); Program Implementation report ([October 23, 2024](#))
- Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026: [October 31, 2023](#)
- Healthy City Strategy: [October 29, 2014](#); refresh initiated [May 8, 2024](#)
- Accessibility Strategy: [July 19, 2022](#); Multi-Year Action Plan: [June 14, 2024](#)
- 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](#)
- 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](#)
- City of Reconciliation: [July 8, 2014](#)
- Community Services Grants: March 7, 1978

Municipal Grants Jurisdictional Review and Arts, Culture and Social Grant Program

Refinements: Responding to Council direction, staff worked with an external consultant to review municipal granting programs in six jurisdictions. Upon receiving the report, Council further directed staff to take action to prioritize strategic alignment, improve participation of community members, and support non-profit organizations through multi-year funding programs, in future granting processes.

Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program: The Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Program, led by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), was initiated through a Council motion on [November 22nd, 2022](#) entitled Enabling the Requisitioning and Hiring of 100 New Police Officers and 100 Mental Health Nurses (Member's Motion B.5). The framework for the program was approved by Council on [February 14th, 2023](#), and Council received a report on the program's progress on February 6, 2024, at which time a grant was approved by Council ([RTS 16098](#)), to begin implementation of Phase One of the VCH's Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program. A subsequent update on the progress of the program implementation was presented to Council on [October 23rd, 2024](#).

Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026: On [October 31st, 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 as supporting staff in making recommendations to Council resource allocation decisions.

Healthy City Strategy: On [October 29th, 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. On [May 8th, 2024](#), Council directed staff to begin a process to refresh the strategy; this work is presently underway.

Accessibility Strategy: On [July 19th, 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. On [July 9th, 2024](#), Council received a report on the implementation of the Multi-Year Action Plan (MYAP) for the Accessibility Strategy.

City of Vancouver's Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy: On [November 14th, 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 and 5-Year Action Plan: On [October 25th, 2022](#), the UNDRIP Task Force provided its final recommendations to Council. In March 2021, Council unanimously adopted a motion to create an UNDRIP Task Force that would recommend actions to implement UNDRIP at the City. Council unanimously endorsed the UNDRIP 5-year Action Plan on [June 25th, 2024](#).

Implementation of Recommendations from the National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: On [July 19th, 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. This work is ongoing and next steps will be presented to Council in the future by Indigenous Relations.

Capital Plan: On [June 29th, 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 8th, 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. A Phase 1 implementation update was received by Council on [November 29th, 2023](#).

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 9th, 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 20th, 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. Council received an update on the Equity Framework implementation on [July 9th, 2024](#).

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

City of Reconciliation: On [July 8th, 2014](#), Council adopted the framework which has three foundational components that further strengthen the City’s 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. On [July 24, 2024](#), Council passed a motion directing staff to develop a food systems funding strategy in line with Council’s strategic priorities.

Community Services (CS) Grants: On March 7th, 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 P
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
General Application Process for Social Policy Grants

All social development 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.⁹

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. (Select grant streams may incorporate community members in the adjudication process. Prior to adjudications, City staff will provide training and guidance to community reviewers on the review process. Input from community reviewers is integrated into proposed funding recommendations.) Follow up is conducted with applicants where additional information or clarification is required. All applications are reviewed using a range of criteria including:

- **Strategic alignment** with Council and City priorities and the goals of the Healthy City Strategy;

⁹ 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.

- **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.