

#### COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services

SUBJECT: 2025 Community Services and Other Social Grants

#### Recommendations

#### Operating and Capital Grants

- A. THAT Council approve 38 Core Support Grants totalling \$1,669,403 from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix A-1 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- B. THAT Council approve seven Social Responsibility Fund Grants totalling \$88,280 from the 2025 Edgewater Social Responsibility Fund to the organizations listed in Appendix B for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- C. THAT Council approve 33 Multi-year Funding Grants totalling \$6,726,648 from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget (\$2,242,216), the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget Childcare (\$135,000); the 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget (\$2,242,216), the 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget Childcare (\$135,000); and, the 2027 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget (\$2,242,216), and the 2027 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget Childcare (\$135,000) to the organizations listed in Column 1 of Appendix C in the amounts recommended for each organization in Column 2 of Appendix C.
- D. THAT Council approve 11 Neighbourhood Organization Grants totalling \$1,339,693 from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating budget (\$1,229,693) and the 2025 Vancouver Emergency Management Agency Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction Budget (\$110,000) to the organizations listed in Appendix D for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "Total 2025 Recommend" column.

- E. THAT Council approve nine Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grants totalling \$245,000, \$160,000 from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget and \$85,000 from the 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix E-1 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column and the "2026 Recommend" column.
- F. THAT Council approve one Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Grant and two Reconciliation Project Grants totalling \$120,000 from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix F for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- G. THAT Council approve eight Childcare Operating Grants totalling \$471,227 from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget Childcare, including the recommended conditions on the grants, to the organizations listed in Appendix G-1 and G-2 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- H. THAT Council approve eight Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP) Grants totaling \$70,000 to the organizations listed in Appendix H-1 for the amounts in the "2025 Recommend" column;
  - FURTHER THAT following the dissolution of The KidSafe Project Society ("KidSafe"), Council approve the reallocation of the \$80,000 previously approved for KidSafe to the BSCP Youth Violence Prevention Program Grants, to be distributed to the organizations listed in Appendix H-4 for the amounts recommended in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- I. THAT Council approve six Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants totaling \$100,555, from the 2025 Social Policy Capital Grant budget to the organizations listed in Appendix I, for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2025 Recommend" columns.
- J. THAT Council approve three Childcare Small Capital Grants totaling \$106,620 from the 2025 Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix J-1, and from the 2025 Social Infrastructure Grants Climate budget to the organizations listed in Appendix J-2, for the amounts recommended for each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- K. THAT Council approve seven Greenest City Grants totalling \$289,586 from the 2025 Other Grants - Greenest City Grants Budget (Sustainability Division) to the organizations listed in Appendix K-1 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- L. THAT Council approve one Grant of \$150,000 from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to Streetohome Foundation for 2025 and as further described in Appendix L.
- M. THAT Council approve three Extreme Heat Resilience Grants totalling \$40,000 from the 2025 Vancouver Emergency Management Agency's Seasonal Extreme Heat Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix M for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "Total 2025 Recommend" column.

#### Other Applicable Recommendations

- N. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deems any organization listed in Appendix A to M 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.
- Ο. 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 M 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.
- Ρ. 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 M require at least 2/3 affirmative votes of all Council members under section 206 (1) of the Vancouver Charter.

### **Purpose and Executive Summary**

This report seeks Council approval to implement a variety of operating and capital grants including:

- A total of \$6,805,525 disbursed through 132 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; and,
- A total of \$207,175 disbursed through 9 capital grants to community social service organizations for social space infrastructure.

Table 1: Summary of Grant Recommendations in this Report							
GRANT STRFAM	REC.	GRANT PROGRAM	NO. OF	TOTAL			

GRANT STREAM	REC.	GRANT PROGRAM	NO. OF GRANTS	TOTAL \$\$ RECOMMENDED	TOTAL \$\$ REQUESTED	APPENDIX
Community Services	A, D, F	Core Support, NOG, MMIWG	52	\$3,129,096	\$6,015,506	A-1, D-1, F
Social Responsibility Fund	В	Social Responsibility Fund	7	\$88,280	\$266,460	В
Multi-Year Funding	С	Multi-Year Funding	33	\$2,242,216 <sup>1</sup>	\$2,516,392	С
Indigenous Healing and Wellness	E	Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grants	9	\$245,000	\$641,823	E-1
Subtotal			101	\$5,704,592	\$9,440,181	
Childcare	CC Capacity Building Grants		4	\$341,880	\$399,775	G-1
(CC)	9	CC Project Grants	4	\$129,347	\$140,347	G-2
Subtotal			8	\$471,227	\$540,122	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> \$2,242,216 represents one-year of multi-year grants totaling \$6,726,648.

Building Safer		BSCP Organizational & Youth Sector Capacity Building Project Grants	4	\$25,000	\$95,500	H-1
Communities Program	Н	BSCP Youth Engagement Project Grants	6	\$45,000	\$45,000	H-3
		BSCP Youth Violence Prevention Program Grants	2	\$80,000	\$80,000	H-4
Subtotal			12	\$150,000	\$220,500	
Capital	I	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	6	\$100,555	\$137,808	I
	J	Childcare Small Capital Grants	3	\$106,620	\$117,540	J-1, J-2
Subtotal			9	\$207,175	\$255,348	
Greenest City Grants	K	Greenest City	7	\$289,586	\$1,896,834	K-1
Streetohome	L	Streetohome Foundation	1	\$150,000	\$150,000	L
Vancouver Emergency Management Agency's Seasonal Extreme Heat Budget	М	Extreme Heat Resilience Grants	3	\$40,000	\$40,000	М
Subtotal			11	\$479,586	\$2,086,834	
		GRAND TOTAL	141	\$7,012,580	\$12,542,985	

#### **Council Authority/Previous Decisions**

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

#### **City Manager's Comments**

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

#### **Context and Background**

Guided by direction from *Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026* (Appendix O) and the City's long-range social sustainability plan, the *Healthy City Strategy* (Appendix N), the Social Policy grant program supports the delivery of social services across Vancouver through non-profit partners.

The non-profit sector continues to face the concomitant mounting pressures of increased demand for services, and steady or decreasing levels of support from governments and other funders. Additionally, rising costs have diminished organizations' purchasing power and ability to engage in staff recruitment and retention efforts. Notably, budget cuts to senior-level government grant programs have resulted in reduced funding to immigration, refugee, and the asylum-seeking support sector. Impacted organizations are reducing services significantly.

While the overall City budget for social grants remains stable in the 2025 cycle, the total amount of social grant awards proposed in 2025, including this report, for new and returning applicants

is lower as compared to prior years. This reflects the Council-directed allocation of \$1 million from the City's Social Policy 2025 Grants operating budget to continue low-barrier employment micro-cleaning initiatives in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) administered by Engineering through Project Hope.

#### **Discussion**

This report seeks Council approval for a range of grants designed to strengthen the supports available to Vancouver residents and those of equity-deserving groups in alignment with priority areas as outlined by Vibrant Vancouver (Appendix O).

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

- **Expansion of Multi-Year Grants Program:** This year's call for applications includes significant proposed expansions to the Multi-Year Grants funding with a focus on seniors' serving programs. Inflationary increases were not included (*Recommendation C*).
- Neighbourhood House support: Neighbourhood Organization Grants continue to support core operations for key service providers in every neighbourhood across the city and included additional support from VEMA for heat preparedness programming.
- Indigenous Healing and Wellness: Nine organizations from the Indigenous Healing and Wellness grant stream are recommended to be onboarded into multi-year funding grant relationships. Community adjudicators, including Elders and Knowledge Keepers, participated in the IHW adjudication and decision-making process (Recommendation E).
- Capital Grants: The Small-Medium Capital Grants (SMCAP) support ongoing City climate resiliency initiatives (*Recommendation J*).
- Greenest City Grants: GCGs continue to offer grants for place-based, community-driven initiatives that help to advance climate action, including the City of Vancouver's Climate Emergency Action Plan and Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, while advancing equity in our city.

The recommendations reflect decreased grant amounts relative to last year for some organizations whose services are outside of the core focus of these grant programs (legal, rent and immigrant support services). Additionally, no Organizational Capacity Building grants were recommended through this intake.

#### **Financial Implications**

Funding for grant recommendations totalling 7,012,580 and the remaining budgets, to be allocated in 2025, are summarized in Tables 2-5 below, according to funding sources.

Table 2: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams and Remaining Balances Source: 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of Funding	2025 Budget	Previously Approved	Rec'd in this Report	Balance
	A, C, D, E, F Community Services Grants	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget	\$6,759,484	\$370,413	\$5,286,312	\$1,102,759
D, E,		Social Policy Grants Operating Budget - Childcare	\$135,000		\$135,000	\$0
		Vancouver Emergency	\$110,000		\$110,000	\$0

		Management Agency (VEMA)				
G	CC Capacity Building Grants, CC Project Grants	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget – Childcare	\$2,304,496	\$0	\$471,227	\$1,833,269
К	Greenest City Grants	Greenest City Grants Budget (Sustainability)	\$289,586	\$0	\$289,586	\$0
L	Streetohome	Social Policy Operating Grants	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
I	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	Social Policy Grants Capital Budget	\$540,318		\$100,555	\$439,763
J-2	Childcare Small Capital Grants	Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate	\$756,116	\$0	\$96,960	\$659,156
J-1	Childcare Small Capital Grants	Small Capital Grants for Non-city Owned childcare Budget	\$100,027	\$0	\$9,660	\$90,367
TOTAL			\$11,145,027	\$370,413	\$6,649,300	\$4,125,314

Table 3: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams – Social Responsibility Fund Source: **Reserves** 

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of Funding	Rec'd in this report	Balance
В	Social Responsibility	Edgewater Social Responsibility Fund	\$88,280	\$1,039,750
TOTAL			\$88,280	\$1,039,750

Table 4: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams – Multi-Year Funding Source: 2026, 2027 Operating Budget

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of Funding	2026	2027	Total
С	C Community Services Grants	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget	\$2,107,216	\$2,107,216	\$4,214,432
		Social Policy Grants Operating Budget - Childcare	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$270,000
E	Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grant	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget	\$85,000	-	\$85,000
TOTA	L		\$2,327,216	\$2,242,216	\$4,569,432

Table 5: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant funded by BSCP Contribution agreement

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	BSCP Funding	Previously Approved	Rec'd in this Report	Balance
Н	BSCP Org and Youth Sector	Building Safer Communities	\$50,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000

	Capacity-building Project Grants	Fund - Public Safety and				
	BSCP Youth Engagement Project Grants	Emergency Preparedness Canada	\$100,000	\$55,000	\$45,000	\$0
	BSCP Youth Violence Prevention Program Grants		\$850,000	\$850,000	\$80,000	\$0
TOTAL		\$1.000,000	\$905,000	\$150,000	\$25,000	

Total Recommended in this report includes \$80,000 that was reallocated from previously approved in prior years.

## **Legal Implications**

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

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# APPENDIX A-1 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Core Support Grants (CSG) Grants – Recommended (Recommendation A-1) Including Existing & New Grantees

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

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Black Women Connect Vancouver Society	CORE	\$30,000	Black Women Connect Vancouver (BWCV) inspires and empowers Black women and girls through comprehensive, safe, and inclusive mental health, wellness, and mentorship programs. Their services and events leverage their strengths, embrace their diverse experiences, and support their self-actualization.	
Community Impact Real Estate Society	Urban Core/CCRN Collaboration Program	\$20,000	Urban Core/CCRN supports the organizing, convening and information sharing between a broad cross-section of DTES service providers, residents, non-profits, businesses, and governmental departments, to exchange perspectives and solutions that help ensure policy and practice are well-informed by community-led solutions, towards improved lives for DTES residents.	
East Side Family Place Society	CORE	\$63,415	Eastside Family Place (ESFP) is a multi-faceted non- profit agency that offers a wide range of services, supports, resources, programs which benefit families with young pre-school children in their healthy development in East Vancouver off Commercial Drive.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Exchange Inner City Community Economic Development Association	CORE	\$55,000	Exchange Inner City is a community economic development organization which is collectively working to create, nurture and sustain the conditions for a vibrant, inclusive and equitable local economy in the Downtown Eastside while also influencing systemic change.	
EYA Environmental Youth Alliance Society	CORE	\$20,000	EYA removes barriers to equity for youth ages 14-24 targeted by systemic oppression through the delivery of trauma-informed, land-based job skills training programs designed to support healthy employment, increase social connections, and improve sense of belonging and inclusion.	
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	Directions Youth Outreach Program	\$62,819	Directions Youth Services (DYS) Outreach Workers provide vital support to youth experiencing homelessness in Vancouver. They identify high-risk youth and connect them to support, including detox and shelters, government support, and basic health care. This is valuable intervention and crime prevention work for at-risk youth.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia d.b.a. Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Frames Film Program	\$25,000	The Frames Film Program supports Indigenous youth and their peers to address barriers in their lives, express themselves creatively through film, and become agents of change in their communities.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia d.b.a. Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Youth Skills for Environmental Justice	\$22,192	Youth Skills for Environmental Justice has two cohorts of 12+ BIPOC youth/year completing weekly workshops and volunteer projects related to climate action to develop leadership skills, healthy peer relationships and community connections using an intersectional lens.	
Hastings Community Association	Hastings Family Enrichment Centre	\$31,000	The Family Enrichment Centre provides a space in the community for parents or guardians, caregivers and grandparents of children 0-5 years of age to interact in a variety of social, recreational, educational, supportive and cultural programs. Community Connection is the primary focus of this space.	
Hope in Shadows Society (Megaphone)	CORE	\$60,000	Megaphone changes the story on poverty by promoting social equity, amplifying marginalized voices and creating meaningful work. Their vendor, editorial and speaking programs overlap, providing mentorship and skills development opportunities, along with training to sell Megaphone products on the street, generating accessible income to meet basic needs and improving well-being.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	Seniors and Youth Programming	\$31,250	Kitsilano Neighbourhood House (KNH) programming provides community-based services for participants to connect in welcoming and accessible spaces.  Opportunities include pro-social programs, empowering leadership development, supporting volunteerism and fostering community development through peer-led engagement. Programs further strengthen community by creating place making opportunities that are inclusive of all people.	
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	Youth and Seniors Program	\$20,000	Kiwassa's Youth and Seniors Program engage isolated and marginalized youth and aging adults in the Hasting-Sunrise and Grandview-Woodland neighbourhoods. Program coordinators work with programmers, partners, and community members to collaboratively develop, design and implement activities that strengthen relationships and opportunities for leadership and connection.	
La Boussole, Centre Communautaire Societe	Social Services at the Community Center	\$30,000	La Boussole provides social services, including access to education, training, and employment assistance to Francophones and foster cooperative relationships with organizations having similar missions to enhance access to services for vulnerable Francophone residents of the City of Vancouver.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Learning Buddies Network of the Lower Mainland Society	Learning Buddies Network Vancouver Programs	\$15,000	Learning Buddies provides volunteer one-on-one mentoring at no cost, to academically and socially fragile children in Vancouver in reading and math. Intervention occurs early, before negative attitudes and discouragement become entrenched. The aim of this program is to level the playing field and to provide meaningful volunteer leadership opportunities to the dedicated young people.	
Leave Out Violence (LOVE) Society BC	CORE	\$34,628	LOVE BC addresses violence prevention for underserved youth. By building supportive communities through weekly art practices, educational workshops, and special outings, LOVE BC offers skill-building and social-emotional growth to marginalized youth between 10 and 25 years old, all year long and across the city.	
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	Early Years Program	\$21,544	The Early Years Program at Little Mountain Neighbourhood House focuses on prevention-based programming which includes a stimulating play experience and building community through mutual support and developing school-readiness in children. The target population is families with children aged 0-5. It is responsive to the needs of the community.	
MakeWay Charitable Society - Binners' Project	CORE	\$35,000	Binners' Project (BP) brings together binners to achieve increased recognition of binners' contribution to society and new economic opportunities. This is a project on MakeWay's shared platform, a national charity that builds partnerships and solutions to help nature and communities thrive together.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society (MOFP)	Family Resource Drop In & Parent Support Programs and Marpole Seniors HUB Programs	\$88,000	MOFP's purpose is to promote the health and wellbeing of parents, grandparents, seniors, vulnerable adults, caregivers and young children. Programs are offered in a stimulating and supportive environment that promotes confidence, enhances early childhood development and builds community while respecting the diverse cultural and socio-economic experiences of families, seniors and vulnerable adults.	
Migrant Workers Centre BC Society	CORE	\$20,000	The Migrant Workers Centre offers vulnerable migrant workers effective and timely access to information and referral services and educational workshops with the goal of promoting safe and equitable employment, community integration and social connection.	COMMENT: Reduction of \$10,000 from 2024 attributed to current fiscal year budget constraints.
Mom to Mom Child Poverty Initiative Society	CORE	\$25,000	Mom2Mom improves the lives of children in poverty by supporting their moms in the following ways: monthly grocery support; pairing with a relationship volunteer; funding extra-curricular activities for children; and more. Through their community, moms build strong, meaningful relationships that reduce isolation and increase stability. When moms thrive, children thrive.	
M.O.S.A.I.C. Multi- Lingual Orientation Service Association for Immigrant Communities	Accessibility for Newcomers Program	\$55,000	The Accessibility for Newcomers Program connects refugees and immigrants with disabilities to crucial settlement, employment, and disability support services. Staff provide one-on-one assistance to directly help clients overcome barriers or connect them with community service providers to find solutions and access resources to meet their individual needs.	COMMENT: Reduction of \$6,000 from 2024 attributed to current fiscal year budget constraints.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society	Mount Pleasant Family Drop In	\$55,172	The Mount Pleasant Family Centre Society is a key organization in the spectrum of services available to families with young children living in Vancouver. MPFCS offers a safe, welcoming environment for families to learn, play and grow together. They facilitate/foster parenting confidence, parenting skills, enhance healthy child development, build community.	
Pacific Community Resources Society	Broadway Youth Resource Centre	\$85,000	Pacific Community Resources Society is a youth serving program in Vancouver that supports with mental health, housing, food security, education, cultural based work, violence/victim services support, leadership, and health. This program support ages 13-24 years who are experiencing barriers to accessing service.	
QMUNITY, BC's Queer, Trans, and Two-Spirit Resource Centre Society	CORE	\$125,000	QMUNITY is BC's queer, trans, and Two-Spirit resource centre. Through support, connection and leadership, they work to improve the lives of 2SLGBTQIA+ people. They believe in a person's right to define their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. They value intersectional identities and operate from an anti-oppression framework.	
Ribbon Community Society	The Resource Centre	\$20,000	The Resource Centre provides drop-in support for people who are underhoused or unhoused, including those living outdoors in the neighbourhood. They focus on creating a space to welcome people where they are safe, included and can access culturally specific programming (snacks and beverages, phone, computers, community and preventative services.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	CORE	\$10,000	Sher Vancouver provides peer support groups, outreach work, intake, information, referrals, and community resources for the queer South Asian community. Sher also has a crisis counselling program, youth leadership award, student practicum mentorship program, as well as providing social justice anti-bullying presentations in the community.	
South Vancouver Family Place Society	CORE	\$79,432	South Vancouver Family Place (SVFP) has provided strengths-based support and capacity-building programs for children 0-5 years old, and their families in a safe, accessible, welcoming, and inclusive environment for 45 years. Their preventative programs are critical in ensuring healthy outcomes for families and their children in the community.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	South Vancouver Seniors Hub	\$55,472	South Vancouver's Senior's Hub supports seniors to play a leadership role in planning and governance to develop their capacity to guide and sustain the Hub using a community development approach that connects seniors and other organizations at the neighbourhood level.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	Youth Action Project (YAP)	\$20,000	The YAP is a longstanding initiative for the past decade at SVNH with a tri-mentorship model. Under the YAP umbrella, we offer over 25 youth and preteen programs in partnership with the Vancouver School Board. YAP focuses on building leadership and civic engagement for youth ages 8-18.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
TFL Technology for Living Society	Technology for independent Living (TIL) including Youth Assistive Technology Project (YAT)	\$20,000	TIL and YAT provide home environmental controls systems allowing people with significant physical disabilities to use items such as: TV controls, smartphones/landlines, lamps, fans, blinds, and door openers. TIL (adults) and YAT (youth) are community-based programs providing solutions to overcoming barriers and supporting living independently, safely and actively in community.	
Thunderbird Neighbourhood Association	Thunderbird Family Drop In / Sunrise Drop In	\$40,800	Thunderbird Neighbourhood Association's programming is designed to enhance the overall quality of life and sense of well-being among community residents through creating positive social networks and access to support systems.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Association for the Survivors of Torture	CORE	\$50,000	VAST advocates for the rights and mental health of immigrants and refugees who have experienced psychological trauma due to torture, violence, or persecution. VAST offers trauma-focused, community-based psychosocial support to help survivors with the integration and adjustment processes and promote the sector's capacity building for newcomer mental health in general.	Reduction of \$20,000 from 2024 attributed to current fiscal year budget constraints.  CONDITION: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Networks	\$10,000	Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Networks cultivate capacity among 15 neighbourhood-based Networks committed to food access, education, skill building, and advocacy, particularly for community members who are struggling economically. Together, VNFNs share and strengthen best practices in community-based food programming, food justice initiatives, and advocacy to support food security for all.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Vancouver Second Mile Society	CORE	\$106,526	Vancouver Second Mile Society helps improve the quality of life of low-income seniors living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside neighbourhood by building a social support system through the work of the drop-in centre and outreach projects so that seniors find a sense of belonging and enjoy healthy ageing in their own community.	
Vantage Point Strategies Society	CORE & Capacity Building Bursary program	\$110,000	Vantage Point is a non-profit that promotes connected communities by nurturing a strong non-profit sector. Their vision is an inclusive community, where non-profits can achieve their fullest potential and drive sustainable change throughout BC. They deliver high-quality training, resources, and advocacy that builds connection, creativity, and impact in the sector.	COMMENT: \$50,000 to go towards Capacity Building Bursary awarded to support non-profits receiving City of Vancouver grants to attend capacity building workshops, labs and training. \$60,000 to go towards Core funding.
West Side Family Place Society	CORE	\$32,153	West Side Family Place's programs and services promote child development, early learning and literacy, as well as positive social interactions for family. West Side Family Place also provides parents and caregivers with family support, parent education, and information about other services in the community.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Writers' Exchange Society	CORE	\$25,000	Writers' Exchange provides free after-school literacy programs that support under-resourced kids and youth by offering a safe space to connect with positive adult role models, enjoy healthy snacks, and engage in creative reading and writing activities, fostering social-emotional skills and a sense of pride in their achievements.	
Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice	Chinese Seniors Hub Program	\$60,000	The Chinese Seniors Hub program engages Chinese seniors to develop a model of community leadership addressing inequities and service gaps in the Downtown Eastside and Chinatown. Seniors will develop long-term solutions that address inequities and service gaps in the neighbourhood and collaborate with service providers on program design and delivery.	
TOTAL	= 38	\$1,669,403		

# APPENDIX A-2 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Core Support Grant (CSG) – Not Recommended

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Akali Singh Sikh Society	CORE	\$0	Akali Singh provides emotional and mental health support for international students, free Punjabi class for children and teenagers, computer classes for seniors, purchasing new computer lab equipment for students, annual blanket donation for homeless, donate warm clothes and necessities to DTES residents.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Atira Women's Resource Society	Downtown Eastside Distribution Hub	\$0	The Hub is used to provide crucial support and essential items to non-profits and community groups. Additionally, the space shall also be utilized as collaborative space for partner organizations and a central distribution center for various supplies, encompassing food, meal production, sanitation kits, water and more.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
BC Indigenous Housing Society	Tenant Support worker	\$0	BC Indigenous Housing Society has five supported housing buildings. The role of the Supportive Housing Worker would be to attend each building, on one set day per week, to assist the demographic of the building, e.g.: Elders, Women, SRO, with paperwork for CPP, Medical, shopping, assistance getting to appointment's, light housekeeping, pest control etc.	RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Better Environmentally Sound Transportation Association	Seniors on the Move	\$0	BEST promotes sustainable transportation in Vancouver through initiatives like Living Streets (encouraging walking), The Bicycle Valet (safe bike parking), Seniors On the Move (supporting senior mobility), and the WALK30 Challenge (30 minutes of walking for 30 days each in April) enhancing mobility, reducing emissions, and fostering community engagement.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Society	CORE	\$0	Cineworks was established in 1980 to support independent filmmakers, media artists, and arts audiences through programs and educational initiatives that assist in the production, distribution, and exhibition of non-commercial and independent films with educational and cultural benefit for the community.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Proposal does not meet eligibility criteria.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Dress for Success Society	CORE	\$0	Dress for Success Vancouver empowers women and gender-diverse individuals in Vancouver into full and fulfilling employment, financial independence and personal success. They provide clients with a network of support, professional attire and professional development tools that help them thrive in work and in life.	RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Eastside Movement for Business and Economic Renewal Society (EMBERS)	Eastside Works	\$0	Eastside Works is the low-barrier income generation hub located in Vancouver's DTES. They provide employment and wrap-around services to the most vulnerable so that they may reintegrate back to work. We collaborate actively with the local community and work with government to ensure employment services are truly equitable.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
FENS4LIFE ASSOCIATION	CORE	\$0	The F.E.N.S. program provides the knowledge of proper self defense. Not focusing on the physical part but rather on developing awareness, self-confidence, and understanding of sexes and consent. The program allows people to be safe and confident with some physical self-defence.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Foundation for a Path Forward	CORE	\$0	The Foundation for a Path Forward empowers Vancouver's communities and social sector through collaborative, community-led initiatives that address systemic inequities. The work fosters partnerships across faith, cultural, and social organizations, strengthening resilience, inclusion, and support networks to create lasting positive change for all Vancouver residents.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society	Sustainable Opportunities for Youth Leadership (SOYL)	\$0	SOYL is a youth-focused, 6-week summer program offered by Fresh Roots at the David Thompson and Vancouver Technical Secondary schoolyard farms. SOYL brings diverse (racialized, vulnerable, new immigrants, or have disabilities) teenagers together in a community-based, experiential learning program for trust-based relationships to develop leadership, agricultural, and life skills.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Gaia Community Care and Wellness Society	Seniors Community Hub	\$0	Seniors Community Hub is designed to help low-income seniors of different SROs in Chinatown get involved in the community and stay active through a wide range of social and recreational activities. The Hub is deemed to be an effective intervention and treatment for social isolations and loneliness in seniors.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Give A Better Life Foundation	CORE	\$0	A Better Life Foundation aims to end food insecurity and other inequities in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside community. They provide healthy meals, as well as employment, skills-training, and education opportunities, tailored to meet community needs, strengthen connections, build resilience, and foster sustainability – ultimately making meaningful, lasting differences in people's lives.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
GREAT LAKES NETWORKING SOCIETY OF BC	NAKHATANDI SENIORS BEFWE	\$0	The Great Lakes Networking Society of BC encourages fair and just relations by advancing social equity, inclusion, and empowerment within communities, addressing social challenges impacting Vancouver's Black and African diaspora communities by promoting resilience, cultural pride, and social inclusion.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Proposal does not meet eligibility criteria
Hastings North Area Planning Association	Hastings Sunrise Restorative Neighbourhood Initiative	\$0	The three collaborating organization: Frog Hollow, Hastings Sunrise CPC, and Peace of the Circle; have a shared objective to implement restorative approaches in Hastings Sunrise. This includes the use of peace circles to address local concerns, conflict and crime. Program goals are to expand their restorative network and to develop a restorative justice program.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Immigrant Services Society of BC	Settlement Orientation Services	\$0	The overall goal of the ISSofBC SOS program is to help facilitate service coordination and the delivery of multilingual pre-settlement and housing support for refugee claimants and asylum seekers arriving and settling in Vancouver.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Immigrant Services Society of BC	Vancouver Youth Program	\$0	The Vancouver Youth Program supports trained peer youths to lead newcomer youth through peer groups to provide social connections and links to settlement resources, information and other needs. ISSofBC Youth Worker will be available to support the peer groups and trained peer youth leaders.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Jewish Seniors Alliance of Greater Vancouver	Peer Support Services Program	\$0	JSA provides free support for seniors who are experiencing depression, loneliness and isolation by matching them with a Peer Support Volunteer. JSA helps by supporting older adults to feel less isolated and more connected, to navigate their current support systems, and to empower them to find a sense of belonging.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Kickstand Community Bikes Society	CORE	\$0	Kickstand is a non-profit community bike workshop offering space and support for all to repair bikes. With volunteer mechanics, tools, and education, it fosters a low-cost, inclusive environment, accommodating those with financial needs. Kickstand is the only community bike shop with programming fully dedicated to financially accessible DIY repairs.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Latincouver Cultural & Business Society	She Latina: Personal Support	\$0	She Latina Personal Support improves equity for Latin American women in Vancouver through culturally responsive services, including wellness and mental health support, language classes, and job readiness training. By addressing financial stability and social inclusion, the program builds resilience, reduces isolation, and empowers participants to thrive in Canadian society.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Lookout Housing and Health Society	ARCH (Assisting Reduction in Clutter and Hoarding)	\$0	Assisting Reduction of Clutter and Hoarding (ARCH) is a partnership program aimed at increasing housing retention, reducing stigma and connecting low-income individuals with Hoarding Disorder to healthy supportive services in Lookout sites across Vancouver. ARCH aims to change the discourse around hoarding/collecting towards alternative intervention options for safer living spaces.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
McLaren Housing Society	The Living for Excellence (LIFE) Program	\$0	The LIFE (Living for Excellence) Program supports individuals with HIV/AIDS in Vancouver by providing housing assistance, life skills training, and ongoing support for tenancy stability. Targeted at low-income, 2SLGBTQIA+, and aging populations, the program fosters security and community through tailored support, partnerships, and cultural competency.	RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Multicultural Helping House Society	Cultivating Connections among Vancouver Newcomer Adults, Families and Seniors and Vancouverites/lo ng-time residents in Vancouver	\$0	Multicultural Helping House provides accessible community connection services to Vancouver newcomers, specifically adults, families, and seniors, to integrate and thrive, leading to better settlement outcomes in Vancouver.	RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society	CORE	\$0	Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society delivers social services and promotes individual, family, and community wellness for Nisga'a citizens living within its boundaries. This includes language and art activities, traditional food preparation, mental health counseling, addictions support, child and family wellness programming, street outreach, physical activity/wellness programs, Elder support, and social and cultural connections.	Notification Grant <sup>2</sup>
Pacifica Treatment Centre Society	The Pre- Treatment Engagement Program	\$0	The Pre-Treatment Engagement Program (PTEP) at Pacifica Treatment Centre supports individuals on the waitlist for in-residence treatment by offering weekly peer support, group therapy, mindfulness exercises, and digital engagement. This program keeps clients motivated, prepared, and connected, bridging the critical gap before formal treatment begins and enhancing recovery outcomes.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria

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AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
P.E.D.A.L. (Pedal Energy Development Alternatives) Power Association	CORE	\$0	Community Bikes promotes transportation justice through a trauma informed approach by providing opportunities for those who experience intersectional inequities to engage in mutual learning, develop new skills, maintain mobility, gather with peers, build positive relationships, and increase their community engagement.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
PeerNet Association of British Columbia (PNBC)	CORE	\$0	PeerNetBC is a non-profit organization that supports the capacity building of multiple networks and partners by providing training, workshops, intergenerational mentorship, consultation, community collaboration, and a variety of community engagement initiatives focusing on lived and shared experience. PeerNetBC uses anti-oppressive, intersectional, peer-support based, and decolonizing values to guide their work.	Notification Grant <sup>3</sup>

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AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Poetic Justice Foundation	CORE	\$0	Poetic Justice aims to expand its ongoing anti-caste education and advocacy initiatives by enhancing internal capacity to provide support for caste oppressed community members, raise awareness of caste-based discrimination through culturally competent trainings and educational efforts, and influence anti-caste policies at institutional levels.	RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
PovNet Society	CORE	\$0	PovNet builds capacity by providing tools that facilitate communication, networking, and access to information around poverty-related issues for frontline workers, marginalized communities and the general public.	Notification Grant <sup>4</sup>
Radix Theatre Society	CORE	\$0	Radix supports interdisciplinary performances, community-engaged projects and media installations on socially relevant themes.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

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AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Rainbow Refugee Society	CORE	\$0	Rainbow Refugee Society provides programming, services, direct aid, system navigation, sponsorship, settlement, and community support to LGBTQIA+ individuals who have suffered persecution based on sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, sex characteristics and/or HIV status. Rainbow Refugee hosts drop-ins, workshops, community events, and advocate and amplify the voices refugees and newcomers.	Notification Grant⁵
RainCity Housing and Support Society	Indigenous Cultural Services	\$0	ICLs provide essential cultural support to residents across the organization. Having them offline once a month allows for dedicated time to engage in cultural programming that directly benefits Indigenous residents. This initiative aligns with TRC Call to Action 79 emphasizing the need for cultural competency and meaningful community connections	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

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AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
RainCity Housing and Support Society	The Vivian	\$0	The Vivian's community Development Support Worker will support marginalized women, particularly sex workers, integrating into the community. This role will facilitate access to mental health, physical health, and legal appointments while providing crisis support. Additionally, the CDSW will collaborate with staff to plan community events that promote empowerment, connection, and healing.	RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Swahili Vision International Association	CORE	\$0	Swahili Vision International Association (SVIA) is dedicated to empowering African immigrants and the BIPOC community in Canada. SVIA seeks funding to expand its mental health support services, specifically targeting low-income single mothers. This project will provide culturally sensitive resources to enhance resilience, well-being, and community support for these women.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
TRAC Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre Society	CORE	\$0	TRAC is a non-profit organization that provides free legal education, representation, and advocacy on residential tenancy matters. A leader in renters' rights since 1984, TRAC's mission is to improve legal protections and access to justice for all renters living in British Columbia.	Notification Grant <sup>6</sup>
Treehouse Advocacy Centre Society Vancouver	Treehouse Vancouver Child and Youth Advocacy Centre	\$0	The Treehouse Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (CYAC) delivers a coordinated, child-centered response to child abuse. In partnership with community agencies, CYAC unites systems of care to reduce trauma and set children on a path to healing. Their goal is to help children get back to feeling like kids again.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Notification Grant: organization is granted 50% of previous year's funding with no guarantee of funding in subsequent years. Organizations are welcome to apply at any time for consideration for future grants. Notification grant to be paid as a Social Responsibility Fund Grant (Appendix B).

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Unique Get Together Society	The Essential Food Hamper Program	\$0	Unique Get Together serves and support Indigenous and Black communities in Vancouver through all inclusive, multicultural programs and services which address social inequities, and remove barriers to opportunity and participation in society.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancouver Aboriginal Health Society	VAHS Dental Clinic	\$0	The VAHS dental clinic provides services to indigenous and marginalize people in the downtown Eastside, who do not have access to dentist nor can afford to go to dentist.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria
Vancouver Asian Film Festival Society	Elimin8Hate	\$0	Elimin8Hate (E8) is the advocacy arm of the Vancouver Asian Film Festival, providing anti-Asian racism learning opportunities, and create safe, inclusive ways for impacted community members and allies to participate in initiatives aimed at supporting systemic change for an equitable society.	Notification Grant <sup>7</sup>

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AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Friends for Life Society	CORE	\$0	Vancouver Friends for Life welcomes people in Vancouver facing life challenges associated with HIV, hepatitis C, cancer and other life-interrupting illnesses to participate in specialized support programs such as healing massages, naturopathy, counselling and gentle movement exercise programs. Weekly lunch program and community garden also help combat social isolation and food insecurity.	RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancouver Pride Society	CORE	\$0	The Vancouver Pride Society unites the 2SLGBTQAI+ community through inclusive, equity-focused programming that celebrates diversity. Through their Community Engagement, VPS fosters safer spaces in Vancouver, amplifies queer visibility, and builds connections across identities and intersections, creating lasting impact and support for all within Vancouver.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Village Vancouver Transition Society	CORE	\$0	Village Vancouver helps individuals, neighbourhoods and groups collaboratively build sustainable, resilient communities and bioregions. Village Vancouver focuses on quality-of-life issues relating to local food systems, and the health and well-being of neighborhoods. As part of the International Transition Town Initiative, VV inspires people to create resilient, environmentally conscious, healthy communities.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility	Accessible Communication Services	\$0	The Accessible Communication Service provides drop-in and meeting access services in the first language of American Sign language and captioning for Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing individuals. The program also provides workshops and events including Income Tax Night: facilitating the submission of tax forms for low-income persons with deafness.	Notification Grant <sup>8</sup>

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AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Working Gear Clothing Society	Working Gear Barbershop	\$0	Working Gear removes the final barriers to employment, allowing the city's most vulnerable to access employment with safe, proper fitting personal protective gear including quality steel toe boots. This is in conjunction with their fully functioning Health and Safety compliant barbershop which provides free haircuts to those in need.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria
WSN WORKER SOLIDARITY NETWORK SOCIETY	Building Vancouver's wrap around support network's capacity to support workers on the margins	\$0	WSN offers organizations educational resources, programming and legal advocacy on employment rights. Our capacity building workshops—addressing Employment Standards, Human Rights, and working under Extreme Heat—will equip these organizations to better serve their clients as they navigate the societal barriers they face when accessing employment rights advocacy and education.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
YVR Heart Tattoo Society	CORE	\$0	Heart Tattoo Society's work involves re-purposing food and other consumer items for redistribution to the community. Business is geared towards filling the gaps between existing services and the needs of the DTES.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
TOTAL	= 45	\$0		

### APPENDIX B 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Social Responsibility Fund - Recommended (Recommendation B)

SRF grants support short term initiatives located within neighbourhoods surrounding the Parq Casino, including the DTES/Strathcona, Mount Pleasant, and Downtown, with provisions for projects occurring in other parts of Vancouver. Fund utilized in 2025 to provide Notification Grants of 50% to applicable programs being deboarded from Core Support Grants.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society	CORE	\$12,500	Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society delivers social services and promotes individual, family, and community wellness for Nisga'a citizens living within its boundaries. This includes language and art activities, traditional food preparation, mental health counseling, addictions support, child and family wellness programming, street outreach, physical activity/wellness programs, Elder support, and social and cultural connections.	COMMENT: Organization is granted 50% of previous year's CSG funding with no guarantee of funding in subsequent years. Organizations are welcome to apply at any time for consideration for future grants.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
PeerNet Association of British Columbia (PNBC)	CORE	\$15,000	PeerNetBC is a non-profit organization that supports the capacity building of multiple networks and partners by providing training, workshops, intergenerational mentorship, consultation, community collaboration, and a variety of community engagement initiatives focusing on lived and shared experience. PNBC uses anti-oppressive, intersectional, peer-support based, and decolonizing values to guide their work.	COMMENT: Organization is granted 50% of previous year's CSG funding with no guarantee of funding in subsequent years. Organizations are welcome to apply at any time for consideration for future grants.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
PovNet Society	CORE	\$10,000	PovNet Society builds capacity by providing tools that facilitate communication, networking, and access to information around poverty-related issues for frontline workers, marginalized communities and the general public.	COMMENT: Organization is granted 50% of previous year's CSG funding with no guarantee of funding in subsequent years. Organizations are welcome to apply at any time for consideration for future grants.  CONDITION: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Rainbow Refugee Society	CORE	\$10,000	Rainbow Refugee Society provides programming, services, direct aid, system navigation, sponsorship, settlement, and community support to LGBTQIA+ individuals who have suffered persecution based on sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, sex characteristics and/or HIV status. They host drop-ins, workshops, community events, and advocate and amplify the voices refugees and newcomers.	COMMENT: Organization is granted 50% of previous year's CSG funding with no guarantee of funding in subsequent years. Organizations are welcome to apply at any time for consideration for future grants.
TRAC Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre Society	CORE	\$28,000	TRAC is a non-profit organization that provides free legal education, representation, and advocacy on residential tenancy matters. A leader in renters' rights since 1984, TRAC's mission is to improve legal protections and access to justice for all renters living in British Columbia.	COMMENT: Organization is granted 50% of previous year's CSG funding with no guarantee of funding in subsequent years. Organizations are welcome to apply at any time for consideration for future grants.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Asian Film Festival Society	Elimin8Hate	\$7,500	Elimin8Hate (E8) is the advocacy arm of the Vancouver Asian Film Festival. They provide anti-Asian racism learning opportunities, and create safe, inclusive ways for impacted community members and allies to participate in initiatives aimed at supporting systemic change for an equitable society. This grant will support Elimin8Hate's work.	COMMENT: Organization is granted 50% of previous year's CSG funding with no guarantee of funding in subsequent years. Organizations are welcome to apply at any time for consideration for future grants.
Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing dba Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility	Accessible Communication Services	\$5,280	Wavefront provides drop-in and meeting access services in the first language of American Sign language and captioning for Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing individuals. They also provide workshops and events including Income Tax Night facilitate the submission of tax forms for low-income persons with deafness.	COMMENT: Organization is granted 50% of previous year's CSG funding with no guarantee of funding in subsequent years. Organizations are welcome to apply at any time for consideration for future grants.
TOTAL	_ = 7	\$88,280		

# APPENDIX C 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Multi-Year Funding (MYF) Grants - Recommended (Recommendation C) Including Existing & New Grantees

Multi year funding provides greater stability and predictability for organizations, contributing to sustainability and greater staff retention, allowing grantees to respond to new community problems, and improving planning and leadership development. Organizations are selected based on long standing funding relationships with the City and support of multiple strategic policies and priority areas (Appendices O and P). Recommendations in this 2025 report represent first year of recommended 3-year funding, supporting Indigenous, disability, sex worker and gender safety, and seniors programming.

	A) INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS									
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS			
The Aboriginal Front Door Society	Core Operating Grant	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$255,000	The Aboriginal Front Door Society is a culturally safe, peer-designed non-judgemental place for Aboriginal Peoples and their friends and family in the Downtown East Side. Core to AFDS's operations are their program, outreach and street level services.				
Aboriginal Mother Centre Society	Core Operating Grant	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$225,000	Aboriginal Mother Centre provides access to a variety of essential services for Indigenous mothers and their children	will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing			

	A) INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS									
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS			
						in a culturally relevant and supportive environment.	with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.			
Aunt Leah's Independent Lifeskills Society	Program Grant: The Link Vancouver Outreach and Home Visits	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$180,000	The Link, Aunt Leah's umbrella program for all services and supports, offers youth from foster care the tools, resources and supportive community necessary to help them secure housing, increase their quality of life, and achieve their goals				
DUDES Club Society	Core Operating Grant	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$105,000	The DUDES Club provides a space to facilitate a participant-led community for men's health and wellness by prioritizing supportive relationships, engagement in health	COMMENT: New Multi-Year Funding grantee.			

	A) INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS									
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS			
						care, and Indigenous world views.				
Helping Spirit Lodge Society	Program Grant: Journey Home	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$90,000	Journey Home helps homeless individuals find and maintain permanent housing, connecting clients to relevant resources to ensure that they stay housed for the longer term.	will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.			
Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC)	Core Operating Grant	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$450,000	MVAEC represents and advocates for 22 member agencies, strategically planning for programs and services for the urban Indigenous population.	condition: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the			

	A) INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS									
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS			
							Managing Director of Social Policy.			
NEC Native Education College	Program Grant: Recruitment and Retention Program	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$210,000	NEC's retention and recruitment program targets the multitude of complex issues that prevent current and potential learners from engaging with the college and further completing programming that would better position the individual to attain postsecondary education				
Pacific Association of First Nations' Women	Core Operating Grant	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	PAFNW+ advocates for systems change and provide indigenous, culturally safe learning and offer holistic supports to uplift indigenous women and strengthen families.	COMMENT: New Multi-Year Funding grantee.			
Red Fox Healthy Living Society	Core Operating Grant	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$180,000	Red Fox Society delivers free recreation, arts and Indigenous cultural programs to children and train youth who face	COMMENT: New Multi-Year Funding grantee.			

	A) INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS									
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS			
						barriers to lead the programs. Programs and leadership continuum promote healthy living, capacity building and social responsibility.				
Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre Society	Program Grant: Indigenous Counselling and Outreach Program	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$225,000	Salal utilizes a holistic, decolonizing, trauma-informed approach that applies Indigenous customs, teachings, protocols, and spiritual healing practices to support survivors from trauma to healing to strength and recovery.				
Urban Native Youth Association	Program Grant: Aboriginal Youth Worker and Wisdom of Elders Program	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$270,000	UNYA's programs deliver cultural and wellness support and low or nobarrier access to services, meeting youth where they are at and helping them with crisis intervention and one-to-one support where needed.				

	A) INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS								
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS		
Vancouver Aboriginal Community Policing Centre Society	Program Grant: Circle of Grandmothers	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$60,000	Circle of Grandmothers supports Grandmothers / Knowledge Keepers in providing a variety of services to the Downtown Eastside community. Grandmothers are accessible for ceremony and circles online and deliver a range of teachings and facilitations to various groups on a variety of topics.	will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.		
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society	VAFCS Family Place: Parents of Preschool Youngsters (I+HIPPY) and Indigenous Supporting Mothers and Raising Toddlers (I+SMART)	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$180,000	VAFCS build early years foundations through a mother-to-mother support model that teaches traditional language learning and essential skills needed to be ready for school.			
Warriors Against		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$90,000	WAVS works towards ending violence in Aboriginal communities by			

	A) INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS										
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS				
Violence Society	Core Operating Grant					restoring the traditional Aboriginal values of honour, respect and equality and supporting the Circle of Life including Elders, life givers, men and youth.					
The Watari Research Association DBA Watari Counselling & Support Services	Eastside Youth Outreach Team	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$330,000	Watari connects with high risk and street involved marginalized youth (including underage) aged 14-24 in the Downtown East side, offering primary needs support, individualized service referrals, case management, facilitating youth to attain skills, safety and support necessary to maintain a stable and healthy lifestyle					
TOTAL Indige	nous-Focused ding	\$975,000	\$975,000	\$975,000	\$2,925,000						

	B) DISABILITY-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS										
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION					
Disability Alliance BC Society	Core Operating Gran	\$88,452	\$88,452	\$88,452	\$265,356	DABC supports people, with all disabilities, to live with dignity, independence and as equal and full participants in the community. The organization champions issues impacting the lives of people with disabilities through its direct services, community partnerships, advocacy, research and publications.					
Learning Disabilities Society of Greater Vancouver	Core Operating Grant	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$90,000	LDS – Learn. Develop. Succeed. (legal name Learning Disabilities Society of Greater Vancouver) is a nonprofit charity that transforms lives through learning. LDS has served children and youth with suspected or diagnosed learning and brain-based differences (e.g. Dyslexia, ADHD, autism) for over 55 years.	COMMENT: New Multi-Year Funding grantee.				
	Kettle Venables Drop-In Centre	\$86,252	\$86,252	\$86,252	\$258,756	The Drop-In Centre provides a safe, barrier free environment 365 days/year for multi disadvantaged individuals					

B) DISABILITY-FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS										
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION				
The Kettle Friendship Society						to build human connection and find support, assistance and encouragement.				
TOTAL Disability-Focused Funding		\$204,704	\$204,704	\$204,704	\$614,112					

	C) SEX WORKER & GENDER EQUITY FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS										
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION					
B.W.S.S. Battered Women's Support Services Association	CORE	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$204,000	Battered Women's Support Services provides education, advocacy and support services to assist all battered women in its aim towards the elimination of violence and to work from a feminist perspective that promotes equality for all women					
BC Coalition of Experiential Communities Association	Core Operating Grant	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$60,000	BCCEC supports a consortium of sex workers that advance legislation, policies, peer driven programs and work toward the elimination of oppressive systems and forces that create harm within the sex industry.					
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Program Grant: SAFE (Sex work Awareness for Everyone)	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$135,000	SAFE provides street- based outreach to the women addressing gaps in services to access basic needs. SAFE also operates a drop-in centre that supply women with several supports, including food, harm reduction, clothing and access to washroom, phone, and other services.					

	C) SEX WORKER & GENDER EQUITY FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS									
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION				
The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association	Program Grant: Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Drop-In Programming	\$218,064	\$218,064	\$218,064	\$654,192	The Centre provides a low barrier community space exclusively for women providing a place of safety and basic needs including meals, clothing, phone, showers, and toilets, as well as access to intensive support services such as emergency shelters, housing outreach, advocacy, victim services, skills development and cultural programming	COMMENT: New Multi-Year Funding grantee.			
Good Night Out Vancouver Association	Core Operating Grant	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$120,000	Good Night Out provides workshops on sexual violence prevention for restaurants, bars, pubs, festivals, art spaces and more. Primary activities focus on supporting partners to build and improve their own prevention and response capacities.				
H.I.M. Health Initiative for Men Society	Program Grant: HUSTLE	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$111,000	HUSTLE (How U Survive this Life Everyday) is an advocacy, outreach and education (stigma reduction) program, designed and implemented by self-	will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or			

	C) SEX WORKER & GENDER EQUITY FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS										
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION					
						identified gay, bi, queer men and gender diverse people (trans, non-binary, Two-Spirit) working in the sex industry.	being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.				
Living in Community Society	Core Operating Grant	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$90,000	Living in Community implements a coordinated and comprehensive approach to addressing issues associated with sex work by finding community-based solutions, reducing the harms that sex workers experience and increasing health and safety for all residents.					
PACE Society	Core Operating Grant	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	PACE provides peer-driven, culturally safe and responsive, non-judgmental, and low barrier programs and services that reflect the self-identified needs and realities of members, including sex workers who use substances.	condition: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.				

	C) SEX WORKER & GENDER EQUITY FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS										
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION					
Supporting Women's Alternatives Network (SWAN Vancouver Society)	Core Operating Grant	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$96,000	SWAN promotes the rights, health, and safety of im/migrant women engaged in sex work through front-line services and systemic advocacy.					
Vancouver Women's Health Collective Society	Core Operating Grant	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$120,000	VWHC helps all who self- identify as women, non- binary and gender non- conforming, foster health, wellness and equity through feminist approaches to advocacy, shared knowledge and low-barrier programs and services.	COMMENT: New Multi-Year Funding grantee.				
WISH Drop-In Centre Society	Core Operating Grant	\$180,400	\$180,400	\$180,400	\$541,200	Mobile Access Project (MAP) Van provides critical outreach services to street-based sex workers every night. WISH's Indigenous Health and Safety Program (IHSP) is a low-barrier healing program for Indigenous women and gender-diverse street-based sex workers. Delivered by Indigenous staff, peers, and Elders, the IHSP supports					

	C) SEX WORKER & GENDER EQUITY FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS										
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION					
						participants to reclaim connection to culture, land, and language as foundational for wellbeing.					
TOTAL Sex-Wor Equity Focused		\$810,464	\$810,464	\$810,464	\$2,431,392						

	D) SENIOR CENTERS FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS										
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION					
411 Seniors Centre Society (1977)	Core Operating Grant	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$210,000	411 Seniors Centre Society works toward an inclusive community of informed and connected older adults in the Lower Mainland. The Society provides senior-led programs and services that mobilizes older adults' diverse strengths, talents, interests and expertise to the benefit of fellow older adults and the community at large, and in collaboration with like- minded organizations.	COMMENT: New Multi-Year Funding grantee.				
Renfrew/ Collingwood Seniors Society	Core Operating Grant	\$22,528	\$22,528	\$22,528	\$67,584	Renfrew Collingwood Seniors Society's mission is to enhance the quality of life of older adults and elders within its diverse community by promoting wellness and independence through the provision of responsive person-centered programs, services and advocacy in a safe and caring environment.	COMMENT: New Multi-Year Funding grantee.				

	D) SENIOR CENTERS FOCUSED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS										
AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 REC	2026 REC	2027 REC	TOTAL REC 2025-2027	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION					
South Granville Seniors Friendship Centre Society	Core Operating Grant	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$255,000	South Granville Seniors Society's programs, designed by seniors themselves, focus on fostering community engagement, providing access to essential resources and services, supporting wellness, and encouraging volunteerism.	COMMENT: New Multi-Year Funding grantee				
West End Seniors' Network Society	Core Operating Grant	\$74,520	\$74,520	\$74,520	\$223,560	West End Seniors' Network's mission is to enhance the quality of life of older adults by providing social, recreational, educational and supportive programs and services that foster connection and inclusion in the broader community.	COMMENT: New Multi-Year Funding grantee.				
TOTAL Seniors Focused Fundir		\$252,048	\$252,048	\$252,048	\$756,144						
GRAND TOTAL Multi-Year Fund	ling (A-D)	\$2,242,216	\$2,242,216	\$2,242,216	\$6,726,648						

### APPENDIX D 2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

#### **Neighbourhood Organization Grants - Recommended (Recommendation D)**

Neighbourhood Organization Grants (NOG) provide core operational and service funding to neighbourhood houses to support a wide range of programs, activities and services that address the goals of the Healthy City Strategy. This year, an additional \$10,000 is allocated for neighbourhood houses to continue their extreme heat preparedness activities to serve residents of Vancouver. This work has been carried out by the Vancouver Emergency Management Agency (VEMA) for the last few years and is being streamlined into the NOG process this year for efficiency.

AGENCY	2025 RECOMMEND (NOG)	2025 RECOMMEND (VEMA)	TOTAL 2025 RECOMMENDED	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	\$118,778	\$10,000	\$128,778	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	\$107,757	\$10,000	\$117,757	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Gordon Neighbourhood House	\$110,000	\$10,000	\$120,000	

AGENCY	2025 RECOMMEND (NOG)	2025 RECOMMEND (VEMA)	TOTAL 2025 RECOMMENDED	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	\$105,000	\$10,000	\$115,000	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Marpole Neighbourhood House	\$105,000	\$10,000	\$115,000	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	\$110,000	\$10,000	\$120,000	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	\$120,842	\$10,000	\$130,842	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$121,162	\$10,000	\$131,162	

AGENCY	2025 RECOMMEND (NOG)	2025 RECOMMEND (VEMA)	TOTAL 2025 RECOMMENDED	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Society	\$110,000	\$10,000	\$120,000	
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	\$121,154	\$10,000	\$131,154	
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$110,000	
TOTAL = 11	\$1,229,693.00	\$110,000.00	\$1,339,693.00	

## APPENDIX E-1 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Indigenous Healing and Wellness (IHW) Grants – Recommended (Recommendation E) Including Existing & New Grantees

Indigenous Healing and Wellness grants fund programs that provide traditional, spiritual and cultural healing and wellness activities to support Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers in Vancouver's urban Indigenous community. Recommendations incorporated input from community adjudicators from organizations, as well as Elders. Funding has been moved to a 2-year multiyear cycle for recommended granted organizations.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
BC Indigenous Housing Society	Extending Cultural Access for Urban Indigenous	\$20,000	-	BC Indigenous Housing's program makes traditional practices more accessible in tenants' homes and breaks down many of the barriers that Urban Indigenous populations face in connecting with their culture and engaging with their personal healing.	
Carnegie Community Centre Association	Elders' Wisdom and Wellness - Cultural Sharing Program	\$20,000	\$20,000	The "Elders' Wisdom and Wellness - Cultural Sharing Program" integrates Indigenous healing and cultural teachings into Carnegie Community Centre Association's services. It empowers urban Indigenous peoples and Elders by sharing ancestral wisdom through ceremonies, cultural activities, and healing practices, and fosters community well-being and connection.	
Downtown South Gathering Place Community Center Association	Indigenous Community Programming	\$15,000	\$15,000	The Indigenous Community Programming provides Elder based, community lead programming including monthly community dinners and weekly Elders' meetings, accompanied by the Elderin-Residence Program.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Indigenous Wellness Training Society	Cultural Wisdom Exchange	\$15,000	-	The Cultural Wisdom Exchange program provides Vancouver's Indigenous community with access to Elders and Knowledge Keepers who offer traditional teachings, spiritual guidance, and cultural support through workshops, ceremonies, and mentorship. These activities promote holistic wellness, strengthen cultural identity, and foster community resilience.	CONDITION: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Megaphone – Hope in Shadows Society	Megaphone Vendor Program - Indigenous Cultural Program and Supports	\$10,000	\$10,000	Megaphone's Vendor Program supports an Indigenous vendor-led steering committee overseeing cultural programming with staff support. The programming engages Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and Traditional Healers to enhance Indigenous well-being among vendors and promotes reconciliation across the vendor community.	
PHS Community Services Society	Inclusion, Access and Honour: PHS Urban Indigenous Elder Program	\$20,000	\$20,000	PHS Urban Elders offer low-barrier cultural and spiritual support to low-income self-identifying Indigenous people, connecting them to traditional practices. Programs include healing circles, smudging, drumming, singing, ceremonies, and workshops, promoting healing through culture and harm reduction, ensuring all are included and supported in the community.	Release of funding subject to the submission of a report back and site visit, and proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
					and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
RainCity Housing and Support Society	Indigenous Cultural Services Elders Program	\$20,000	\$20,000	RainCity Housing's Elders Council is a core group of Elders from the Lower Mainland, who attend sites and visit those who need their presence, support or guidance. Elders are incorporated on a regular weekly basis, some bi-monthly, and some for ceremony/meetings.	
Uya'am Gaak Cultural Society	DTES Elders/Knowledge Keepers Cultural Support Network	\$20,000	-	Uya'am Gaak is an Indigenous-led organization providing a culturally specific, safe environment for underhoused DTES residents with access to Elders from their own Nations. The program hosts activities that promote healing through the rekindling of connections to culture, language, and land.	CONDITION: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Aboriginal Health Society	VAHS Cultural Centre	\$20,000	-	VAHS cultural programming includes workshops on traditional healing practices, art therapy, cultural ceremonies, and community gatherings that celebrate Indigenous heritage. Such initiatives foster a sense of identity and belonging among community members.	CONDITION: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
TOTA	AL = 9	\$160,000	\$85,000		

## APPENDIX E-2 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Indigenous Healing and Wellness (IHW) Grants – Not Recommended

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC d.b.a. Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Strength in our Roots	\$0	Frog Hollow's project will provide low-barrier opportunities for the Indigenous community, especially seniors, to connect with their culture and traditions and increase intergenerational interactions. It will also promote cross-cultural knowledge sharing by bringing elders from diverse cultural backgrounds together to eat, create art and share stories from their lives.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization 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 BC DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	Bringing Culture and Wellness into Indigenous Monday Night Dinner	\$0	Mount Pleasant NH's program will increase cultural and spiritual knowledge sharing, wellness, and healing activities for community members and participants in the Indigenous Monday Night Dinner Program. Funding would bring more Elders and Knowledge Keepers to support programs in the neighbourhood.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Community Builders Benevolence Group	Indigenous Wellness	\$0	Indigenous Wellness serves self- identifying Indigenous individuals with lived experience of homelessness, mental health challenges, and substance addiction. Elders and Knowledge Keepers provide culturally relevant services and workshops at housing sites and on the land aimed at	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	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			connecting participants to their Indigeneity and helping them overcome obstacles to health and wellness.	
Environmental Youth Alliance	Land Guardians	\$0	Land Guardians is an ongoing partnership between EYA and four Vancouver School Board alternative schools: Cedar Walk and Aries, managed by the Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA), Outreach, and EVEC. The program engages 32 inner-city Indigenous youth and equity-seeking youth annually through four, 5-week programs each year.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Indian Residential School Survivors Society	IRSSS Elders & Traditional Healers Cultural Wellness Program	\$0	IRSSS works closely with Vancouver-based Elders and Traditional Healers offering valuable cultural advice, spiritual guidance, and healing support. Additionally, they will provide culturally responsive support at gatherings, ceremonies, and workshops. Through this joint effort, IRSSS maintains an environment of healing and cultural safety.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Kilala Lelum Health and Wellness Cooperative	Cultural Wellness Program	\$0	The Cultural Wellness Program provides the community of the DTES and beyond access to Elders and Knowledge Keepers to support the development of positive identity and connection to Indigenous teachings, medicines, songs, and culture through Indigenous Elder	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	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			one-on-one visits, Elder-guided community circles, and culturally focused community outings and workshops.	
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	Cultural Supports	\$0	The Cultural Supports program has an Indigenous Support Worker that seeks to expand wellness and healing programming. Funds would support material supplies, honorariums, food, and snacks.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization does not meet eligibility criteria.
Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society	Community Health & Wellness	\$0	Nisga'a Ts'amiks programming provides wellness services through Elder-led teachings, traditional healing practices, and cultural workshops. The program supports a Community Wellness Advocate, compensates Elders and Knowledge Keepers, and funds materials, food, and space, fostering community healing, resilience, and cultural preservation.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Ribbon Community	Culture is Healing	\$0	Culture is Healing fosters opportunities for established and emerging Indigenous knowledge keepers and cultural leaders to connect with a wide variety of Indigenous community members seeking culture as part of their journeys with HIV, HIV stigma, and HIV prevention, and provides multidirectional support and mentorship.	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	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Weaving Community Together	\$0	Weaving Together Community provides Indigenous-led reconciliation programming to residents of Grandview Woodlands and Strathcona, low barriered recreation, art and cultural programming to contribute to healing and wellness for vulnerable residents. Local knowledge keepers are supported to share diverse Indigenous teachings and develop meaningful programs for the community.	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 = 10		\$0		

#### APPENDIX F 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

## Reconciliation and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Grants – Recommended (Recommendation F) Including Existing & New Grantees

Grants supporting key initiatives integral to the City's Reconciliation and MMIWG commitments.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Watari Research Association DBA Watari Counselling & Support Services	Moccasin Mafia  – Grassroots Outreach Program	\$80,000	Supported by Watari, Moccasin Mafia is a grassroots outreach program in Vancouver that reaches people who are highly isolated due to systemic and COVID factors. A team of peers delivers food and provides support to urban Indigenous people experiencing homelessness during the evening when most services are closed. Several of the women who have worked with Moccasin Mafia are the first ones to march on Valentine's Day in reaction to ongoing missing and murdered women in Vancouver's DTES.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC)	Mother's Day Pow Wow	\$20,000	MVAEC will support the planning and delivery of the annual three-day Pow Wow celebrating Indigenous women and life givers, families, cultures and community at Trout Lake.	CONDITION: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Aboriginal Health Society (VAHS)	Father's Day Pow Wow	\$20,000	VAHS is supporting the planning and delivery of the annual Father's Day Pow Wow at Britannia Community Services Centre Society.	CONDITION: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
TOTAL =	= 3	\$120,000.00		

#### APPENDIX G-1 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

### Childcare Capacity Building Grants – Recommended (Recommendation G) Including Existing & New Grantees

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 through staffing supports and pedagogy, family support services, or policy development. City funding supports unique services that are not funded by other levels of government, and which directly benefit the Vancouver-based childcare sector.

AGENCY	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Coalition of Child Care Advocates of B.C.	\$35,000	Funding will be specifically focused on work that advocates for increased funding from senior levels of government for the creation of new childcare spaces in Vancouver, as well as evaluating emerging practices for delivering housing in coordination with childcare.	
Vancouver Society of Children's Centres (VSOCC)	\$78,120	Core support to help with the oversight of 775 childcare spaces in City-owned facilities	
Westcoast Family Centres Society	\$158,760	Core support to enable training, coordination and quality improvement programs for Vancouver-based childcares and educators.	

AGENCY	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia	\$70,000	This grant will support a centralized childcare planning role that will focus on critical systems implementation to support a unified delivery of childcare programming across the organization and its 8 neighbourhood houses.	comment: Program was granted partial funds in 2024, with the intent of bringing full annual amount to for approval in March 2025, to harmonize future granting schedule.
TOTAL = 4	\$341,880		

#### APPENDIX G-2 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

# Childcare Program Development (PD), Research, Policy Development and Innovation (RPD&I), and Program Stabilization (PS) Grants – Recommended (Recommendation G) Including Existing & New Grantees

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

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	PD	\$55,347	This grant supports the start-up of a new Salmonberry infant-toddler and 3-5 childcare program (49 spaces total) at Salmon Stone Childcare Centre at West Fraser Lands, opening in June 2025.	
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	RPD&I	\$32,000	This funding will support Phase 4 of a project to merge three existing non-profit childcare societies into Britannia Community Services Centre Society, as part of a broader strategy to support childcare in the Grandview-Woodlands neighbourhood.	CONDITION: Release of funding subject to submission of a finalized project plan, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Mount Pleasant Child Care Society	PS	\$20,000	This funding will support continuity of childcare services and program transition for families and staff impacted by ending of lease at 960 East 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Hebrew Academy Society	PD	\$22,000	This funding will support renovation planning, program start-up and permitting costs for a new infant-toddler program (24 spaces) on the Shannon Park Annex site in Marpole, as an expansion of an existing 20-space full-day 3-5 year old program.	condition: New grantee. Release of funding subject to submission of items outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
TOTAL	. = 4	\$129,347		

#### APPENDIX H-1 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

# 2025 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	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Treehouse Advocacy Centre Society Vancouver	Multi-disciplinary Response to Child Abuse	\$25,000	Treehouse Advocacy Centre supports a collaborative response to child abuse, bringing together police services, child protective services, victim services, and medical/mental health support services.	Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
TOTAL	_ = 1	\$25,000		

# APPENDIX H-2 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS 2025 BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONAL AND YOUTH SECTOR CAPACITY-BUILDING PROJECT GRANTS - Not Recommended

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
BC Metis Federation	BCMF Youth Project	\$0	This funding will support the development of the BC Métis Youth Leadership group under the project title "Lii Raasin Forr" which means "Strong Roots" in Michif. The project will foster youth participation in decision making processes while promoting wisdom, knowledge, and the familial Métis histories.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria.
TOTAL = 1		\$0		

### APPENDIX H-3 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

### 2025 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	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kitsilano Neighborhood House	Vancouver Westside Youth Engagement	\$10,000	Vancouver Westside Youth Engagement will support a youth engagement process and the development of a network of youth services in Vancouver's west side. The project activities include youth asset mapping, quarterly stakeholder networks, supporting a youth program advisory council, volunteer and peer to peer initiatives.	
Mabuhay House Society	Filipino Youth Mental Health Symposium	\$10,000	This funding will support a Youth Mental Health symposium for Filipino youth. The goal of the symposium is to encourage youth mental health programming in the community, connect Filipino community-based organizations to each other to create stronger linkages within the community around mental health resources, and promote and support existing programming across Filipino community-based organizations for sustainable programming.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Multicultural Helping House Society	Connecting Vancouver Youth with Caring Adult Mentors in Vancouver	\$10,000	This funding will support an arts-based mentorship project that will engage newcomer youth and adult mentors in art sessions, and youth-led workshops for newcomer parents to discuss forming supportive relationships with their youth. A Violence Prevention Engagement Art Forum will showcase the art produced and feature youth and adult guest speakers to raise awareness of youth violence prevention.	
Renfrew Park Community Association	Renfrew Park Grill & Chill	\$5,000	This funding will support the Renfrew Community Centre Senior Youth Council to plan and facilitate a large event for the community to celebrate diversity and strengthen community bonds.	
The Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Society	Youth Crossing Borders	\$5,000	This funding will support a youth-led event that will bring 50 youth and two guest speakers together to share food from ten different countries, learn about other cultures, and learn about rights and resources available to newcomer youth.	
Strathcona Community Centre Association (1972)	Strathcona Youth Basketball Tournament	\$5,000	This funding will support a basketball tournament for youth in the Strathcona, Chinatown, and Downtown Eastside neighbourhoods. In addition to the tournament, the event will have entertainment, food, and will invite local service providers to attend and build relationships with the community.	
ТОТА	L = 6	\$45,000		

# APPENDIX H-4 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS REALLOCATION 2024- 2025 BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS - Recommended

The \$80,000 reallocation is a result of the dissolution of The KidSafe Project Society, previously approved in 2024 (RTS 16139). Funding allocation based on April 1st start Federal fiscal year. BSCP program funding ends on March 31st, 2026.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	2026 RECOMMEND	2025-2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Red Fox Healthy Living Society	Safe & Sound Youth Violence Prevention Project	\$35,000	\$5,000	\$40,000	The Safe and Sound: Vancouver Youth Violence Prevention Project offers equity-deserving youth aged 10-18 a sense of purpose and belonging as positive young leaders in their communities. Building youth capacity and resilience, fostering community, and providing recreation and mentorship provide youth with protective factors that decrease violence and increase safety.	COMMENT: Funding increase as a result of 2024-2025 BSCP funding reallocation to expand program in underserved areas.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	2026 RECOMMEND	2025-2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Yo Bro Yo Girl Youth Initiative Society	Yo4Youth Hub	\$35,000	\$5,000	\$40,000	The Yo4Youth Hub program aims to provide inclusive in and after-school activities for vulnerable youth in Vancouver, steering them away from risk factors and toward protective factors. Focusing on pro-social recreation, healthy communication, leadership, and decision making, this program connects youth with trusted adults in safe, supported, and caring spaces	COMMENT: Funding increase as a result of 2024-2025 BSCP funding reallocation to expand program in underserved areas.  CONDITION: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
TO <sup>-</sup>	ΓAL = 2	\$70,000	\$10,000	\$80,000		

#### **APPENDIX I:**

### 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS SOCIAL POLICY SMALL- MEDIUM CAPITAL GRANTS - RECOMMENDED (Recommendation I) 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	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Big Sisters of B.C. Lower Mainland	Big Sisters Resource Room Construction	\$25,000	This grant will support the construction of a resource room by merging two small rooms, removing a dividing wall, and altering the entrance. The space will offer a dedicated area for youth to connect, set goals, and foster youth development. It provides a safe, inclusive setting for study and social connection, enhancing access to programs that support youth.	
Brock House Society	Emergency Assistance Buttons	\$4,000	This grant will support the installation of emergency safety assistance system in all bathrooms. This project will improve security, reduce anxiety, and promote independence for older adult members who attend events and participate in programs at Brock House Society.	CONDITION: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
				Director of Social Policy.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Family Place Outdoor Play Space Renovation	\$22,107	This grant will support essential health and safety upgrades to the playground that is used by the Family Place Drop- in program, Amlat'si Indigenous Drop-in program and Families Branching Out program.	
EYA Environmental Youth Alliance Society	Youth Garden Redesign and Development	\$10,000	This grant will support the redesign and reconstruction of the Garden to make it more accessible and welcoming for program participants and the public. The Garden was a main program delivery site but was severely impacted by the installation of a municipal pump station. The grant will help restore the site where youth can come together to connect, to grow their interest in nature, and to develop leadership skills in environmental stewardship,	
Jewish Family Service Agency of Vancouver	Fresh Connect Van	\$25,000	This grant will help purchase a refrigerated van to rescue surplus produce directly from farms. The project will help prevent waste, provide fresh food to the community, and share rescued food with a network of partner organizations addressing the growing client waiting list.	
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	Automative Door Openers	\$14,448	The grant will support the installation of automatic door openers on the outer and inner doors of the facility to improve accessibility and safety for participants, staff and volunteers entering the building.	
TC	TAL = 6	\$100,555		

#### **APPENDIX J-1:**

### 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS CHILDCARE SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS - RECOMMENDED (Recommendation J) 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	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Wall Repainting for the Infant and Toddler Program (Collingwood)	\$4,568	This grant will support the wall repainting for the Infant and Toddler Childcare program located at Collingwood NH, so that it can improve the overall safety and health of a childcare facility, creating a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming environment for children.	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Wall Repainting for the Terry Tayler Early Learning and Care Centre	\$5,092	This grant will support the wall repainting for the Terry Tayler ELCC program to improve the overall safety and quality of environment for children.	
TOTAL =	2	\$9,660		

#### **APPENDIX J-2:**

### 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS CHILDCARE SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS - RECOMMENDED (Recommendation J) 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	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Japanese Language School and Japanese Hall	Heat Pump and Air Conditioning for the Children's World Childcare	\$96,960	The grant will support the upgrades to current existing heating & cooling system by installing a new heat pump system. With climate change, the childcare spaces become extremely hot in the summertime, and the health and safety of both staff and children can be at risk. The new system will provide resiliency to adapt to climate change, offering energy-efficient heating and critical summer cooling. It helps improve the quality of spaces for 120 children, so that they can play and learn in a safe, healthy, and comfortable environment.	
TOTAL =	: 1	\$96,960		

#### **APPENDIX J-3:**

### 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS CHILDCARE SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS - NOT RECOMMENDED (Recommendation J) 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	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
YWCA BC	Dishwasher Replacement at the Emma's Early Learning and Child Care Centre	\$0	YWCA Metro Vancouver is applying to the Social Policy Childcare Capital Grant to support the replacement of the dishwasher at YWCA Emma's Early Learning Child Care Centre. A new dishwasher will ensure that tableware, utensils and toys are cleaned and sterilized for children to use.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
TOTAL =	:1	\$0		

#### APPENDIX K-1 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

### Greenest City Grants Recommended (Recommendation K) FUNDING SOURCE: Greenest City Grants Budget – Sustainability Division

Greenest City Grants support projects that help advance climate action while advancing equity in Vancouver.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
A Better Life Foundation	Waste Not, Want Not – ABLF's Food Recovery Program	\$44,470	A Better Life Foundation (ABLF) aims to reduce food waste while improving access to healthy food in underserved communities. Through the Recovery Kitchen Program, ABLF diverts food waste into nutritious meals. Funding will expand their Women-Led Families Meal Program, with a focus on equity and community engagement.	
British Columbia Sustainable Energy Association	Cool It! Climate Leadership Training Program in the City of Vancouver	\$35,576	The Cool It! Program will encourage 1,300 grade 4-12 students in Vancouver to take meaningful climate actions, fostering young sustainability leaders through a hands-on, empowering and action-focused curriculum targeted to underserved schools and communities.	
Better Environmentally Sound Transportation Association	Eco-Voyage 2.0	\$40,024	Eco-Voyage aims to build the sustainable transportation skills of newcomers and equity-seeking groups, reducing car trips and social isolation. The project offers informative workshops and engaging digital content on multimodal transportation, encouraging participants to navigate Vancouver confidently through sustainable modes, and to advocate for their community's transportation needs.	
The Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia	Intergeneration Climate Response Group - Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	\$35,576	The Intergeneration Climate Response Group empowers youth and seniors to enhance climate resilience by collaborating in intergenerational communities. The group will create and distribute cooling kits for disabled seniors and co-facilitate workshops on building affordable air filters. This project	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			expands the Youth Skills program with a focus on accessibility, cultural relevance, and climate action.	
HUB Cycling	Bike Parking Retrofit Program for Older Buildings	\$44,470	This Program will kick start bike parking upgrades in at least 5 of Vancouver's aging multi-family residential buildings, impacting an estimated 500 residents and unlocking a significant opportunity to encourage cycling as a mode of transportation. Through the Program, HUB Cycling will provide expert guidance on retrofit options, empowering stratas, landlords and property managers to create bike-friendly spaces.	
S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (also known as UNITED CHINESE COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT SERVICES SOCIETY)	Seniors' Summer Club	\$44,470	The Seniors' Summer Club will encourage 250 equity-deserving residents in Chinatown to increase their awareness of climate change impacts and prepare for climate change events through education, resource development, and cooling centre supports. The Project engages impacted communities, subject-matter experts and partners to develop and deliver project activities resulting in increased social connectedness.	
Vancouver Foundation	Administration - Greenest City Neighbourhood Small Grants Program	\$45,000	The City's Sustainability Group partners with the Vancouver Foundation to administer the Greenest City Neighbourhood Small Grant program, supporting small-scale neighbour-led community projects that help advance climate goals.	
TOTAL	= 7	\$289,586		

#### APPENDIX K-2 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Greenest City Grants – Not Recommended

AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Ancestral FoodWays Collective Society	Biocultural Heritage Corridor on Coast Salish land in Strathcona Park, Vancouver	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Arts Umbrella	Eco Theatre	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
BC Poverty Reduction Coalition Society	Too Hot At Home: Safer Housing During Extreme Weather	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Be The Change Earth Alliance	Youth Climate Justice Collaborative (YCJC)	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Building Resilient Neighbourhoods Society (BRN)	Connect & Prepare (C&P)	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Chinese Canadian Museum Society of British Columbia	Wing Sang Building (WSB) Vancouver Chinatown Community Greenspace Project	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Climate Solutions and Equity Enhancement	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget

AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
	through Indigenous Foodlands		is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Elements Society for Environmental Education and Leadership (ELEMENTS)	EcoCooks	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Environmental Youth Alliance	Cultivating youth leaders in climate stewardship	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Equitas - International Centre for Human Rights Education	Youth-Led Climate Justice: Action through Human Rights Education	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
False Creek Friends Society	False Creek Water Quality and Benthic Investigations	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society	Climate Adaptation on Schoolyard Farms	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Georgia Strait Alliance (GSA)	Connecting Vancouver to the water: place making and climate action in the Salish Sea	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Heart Tattoo Society	Heart Tattoo Society Zero Waste Hot Composting Project	\$0	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	PROJECT NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Hives for Humanity	Eco-Processing	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Jewish Family Services of Vancouver	Vancouver Jewish Community Garden	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Kiwassa Neighbourhood House	Resilient Neighbourhood Nourishment	\$0	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED</b> : Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
La Boussole	Weaving Green shades for the community	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Latincouver	Verde Vancouver	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	Climate Adaptation Through Climate Response Team and Food Sustainability Programs at Little Mountain Neighbourhood House (LMNH)	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Museum of Vancouver	Native Youth Summer Program	\$0	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	PROJECT NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
NatureKids BC	Climate Solutions Begin at Home	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Ocean Wise Conservation Association, d.b.a. Ocean Wise	Youth to Sea - From Climate Anxiety to Climate Action	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Park People	Climate resilience through equity-driven park engagement	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Racing to Zero	Racing to Zero: Empowering Vancouver- based Sports Organizations to Lead on Sustainability	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
ReBOOT Canada	reBOOT Canada Computer for Good	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Sam Sullivan Disability Foundation	PWD Resources and Support for Climate Action	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Science World Society	Science for All: Environmental Education & Equity	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Stanley Park Ecology Society	Getting DIRTy: Restoring Forest Habitat in Stanley	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget

AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
	Park Impacted by Hemlock Looper		is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
The British Columbia Cycling Coalition	Kids on Wheels - Balance Bike Camps	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Threading Change	Mend and Make Program	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancity Community Foundation	DTES Nonprofit Climate Resiliency Action Plans	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancouver Fruit Tree Project Society	Celebrating Fruit in All Seasons (CFAS) - Canning & Preservation Workshops	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Vancouver Urban Food Forest	Climate ReconciliAction - Burrard View Park Community Food Forest	\$0	NOT RECOMMENDED: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice	Growing Together in Community	\$0	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	. = 35	\$0	

## APPENDIX L 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Streetohome Grant Recommended - \$150,000 (Recommendation L)

Established in 2008 through a partnership between the City of Vancouver, the Province of British Columbia and the Vancouver Foundation, Streetohome brings a community and collaborative approach to breaking the cycle of homelessness, bringing together a broad-based coalition of leaders and experts from business, service providers, government, and community sectors. In particular, it provides a key opportunity to engage the skills and resources of the private sector in the shared goal of preventing and reducing homelessness in Vancouver. Initially \$125,000 annually, in 2016 the annual grant was increased to \$150,000. Other funding sources includes BC Housing, Vancouver Coastal Health, and the private sector.

Streetohome brokers and leverages new funding, innovative ideas, and opportunities for collaboration between public and nonprofit sectors to implement sustainable solutions to homelessness in Vancouver. Through these collaborations, individuals realize a range of goals: housing; health & wellness; legal & advocacy; education & training; employment & volunteering goals; and, community & belonging. The opportunities provided empower those at-risk of, or with lived experience of homelessness, to move along their preferred life path.

Since its inception, Streetohome has raised \$35M which, combined with public-sector investments, has supported 36 projects (25 supportive housing and 11 homelessness prevention) contributing to housing stability for over 9,000 individuals including unaccompanied youth, families, couples, single adults, and seniors. 100% of Streetohome's capital donations fund supportive housing and homelessness prevention initiatives (Streetohome 2022 Annual Report).

Streetohome has also partnered with the City Vancouver on the Vancouver Rent Bank (loan capital); Supporting Tenants, Enabling Pathways (moving expenses capital); and Homeward Bound (travel expenses capital).

#### APPENDIX M 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

### Extreme Heat Resilience Grants Recommended (Recommendation M) FUNDING SOURCE: Vancouver Extreme Heat Management Agency's Seasonal Extreme Heat Budget

Extreme Heat Resilience Grants provide funding that enables community organizations to prepare for extreme heat events and deliver critical supports to vulnerable residents. Grants fund capacity-building activities to prepare for seasonal extreme heat events, purchase equipment, and directly support individual residents and populations disproportionately impacted by extreme heat.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society	Extreme Heat Resilience Grants	\$15,000	The Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre will lead culturally safe extreme heat preparedness planning and delivery of extreme heat supports to Indigenous peoples. VAFC will use these funds to distribute cool kits, improve heat awareness, offer cooling and wellness programs, and strengthen social connections and resilience.	CONDITION: Funding will be released, subject to organization providing proof of being in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies and/or being in good standing with the Canada Revenue Agency, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
TFL Technology for Living Society	Extreme Heat Resilience Grants	\$15,000	Technology for Living will work to identify people with disabilities who are disproportionately impacted by extreme heat and use a peer-based approach to match them with appropriate cooling supports. TFL will use this funding to engage with people with disabilities on cooling needs and distribute cooling devices within Vancouver.	
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Extreme Heat Resilience Grants	\$10,000	Britannia Community Services Centre will lead leverage its volunteer programs to conduct wellness checks on people disproportionately impacted by extreme heat events. BCSC will use this funding to host educational activities and resource volunteer-led check-in programs.	
TOTAL	. = 3	\$40,000		

## APPENDIX N 2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Council Authority/Previous Decisions

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

- Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Priority Alignment to Social Policy Grants: <u>November 27</u>, 2024
- Municipal Grants Jurisdictional Review and Arts, Culture and Social Grant Program Refinements: October 22, 2024
- Mental Health & Substance Use: Motion from Council (<u>November 22, 2022</u>, Member's Motion B.5); Phase One progress report and grant (<u>February 6, 2024</u>); Program Implementation report (<u>October 23, 2024</u>)
- 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: <u>July 19, 2022</u>
- Making Strides: Vancouver's Childcare Strategy: June 8, 2022
- Spaces to Thrive: Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy: <u>December 9, 2021</u>
- Equity Framework: July 20, 2021
- Greenest City Grants: April 17, 2012; Revised 2020
- Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grants: <u>July 25, 2017</u>
- City of Reconciliation: July 8, 2014
- Community Services Grants: March 7, 1978

**Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Priority Alignment to Social Policy Grants:** 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).

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

**Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026:** On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Council approved a framework designed to outline Council's key priorities from 2023-2026. The document conveys Council's priorities to the public, as well and supporting staff in making recommendations to Council resource allocation decisions.

**Healthy City Strategy**: On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Implementation of Recommendations from the National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: On July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 <u>June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022</u>, 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 <u>June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022</u> 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Working Collaboratively to Become a Restorative City:** On <u>January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022</u>, 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 <u>December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021</u>, 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 <u>July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021</u>, 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 <u>July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024</u>.

Greenest City Grants: adopted in 2012 and revised in 2020 the Greenest City Grant program offers grants for place-based, community-driven initiatives that help advance climate action, including the City of Vancouver's Climate Emergency Action Plan and Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, while also advancing equity in our city. The grants support projects that foster climate leadership and collaboration and mobilize community to take collective action on climate throughout Vancouver with a focus on addressing inequity. Council also authorized the City to enter into an agreement with the Vancouver Foundation to govern the administration of the Greenest City Neighbourhood Small Grant program from 2017-2020 and again from 2021-2025, supporting small-scale neighbour-led community projects that help advance climate goals.

**Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grants**: On <u>July 25, 2017<sup>th</sup></u>, 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 <u>July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014,</u> 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 actions. City actions are aligned under three themes: Healthy Communities and Wellness; Achieving Indigenous Human Rights and Recognition; and Advancing Awareness, Knowledge, and Capacity.

**Vancouver Food Strategy:** In <u>January 2013</u>, 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 <u>July 24, 2024</u>, 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 O 2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Priority Alignment to Social Policy Grants

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 November 2024, Council directed staff to align future grant decisions with the following Vibrant Vancouver strategic objectives (RTS 16145).

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	Examples of Key Aligned Work recommended to be funded in this report	Number of Grants	Recommended Funding
1 – Vibrant and Diverse	Continued support of organizations that support vulnerable communities through core operations grants.	14	\$686,186
5 - Safety and Security	<ul> <li>Expanded and ongoing multi year funding supports to sex worker and gender safety programs</li> <li>Advance the City's youth violence prevention strategy through the Building Safer Communities Program</li> </ul>	30	\$1,443,411

Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Objective	Examples of Key Aligned Work recommended to be funded in this report	Number of Grants	Recommended Funding
6 - Climate Emergency	Greenest City and Capital Grants: Continued support of City climate resiliency through place-based, community-driven initiatives helping to advance climate action, including the City of Vancouver's Climate Emergency Action Plan and Climate Change Adaptation Strategy <sup>9</sup>	12	\$448,738
7 - Healthy, Inclusive, Equitable	Support the implementation of the City's Accessibility Strategy through expansion of Multi Year Funding to include seniors programming and centres 10	56	\$3,046,745

<sup>9</sup> As part of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy refresh approved by Council on <u>July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024</u>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 (<u>RTS 16185</u>).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Alignment to upcoming Older Persons Strategic Framework that will be brought to Council in early 2025.

Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Objective	Examples of Key Aligned Work recommended to be funded in this report	Number of Grants	Recommended Funding
8 - Reconciliation	Onboard Indigenous Healing and Wellness grants into multi-year funding relationships; centering community adjudicators, including Elders and Knowledge Keepers, in the review process	29	\$1,377,500

## APPENDIX P 2025 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.<sup>11</sup>

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:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> This does not restrict a recipient or their staff from exercising their freedom of expression as protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

- **Strategic alignment** with City priorities including Vibrant Vancouver and the goals of the Healthy City Strategy;
- **Financial capacity** of both the organization and the program to deliver services and leverage other sources of funding;
- **Governance capacity** of the board of directors to provide oversite 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.