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TO: Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services
SUBJECT: 2025 Community Services, Childcare and Other Grants

Recommendations

Operating and Capital Grants

- A. THAT Council approve 20 Core Support Grants totalling \$554,563 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;
- FURTHER THAT, following the dissolution of The Exchange Inner City Community Economic Development Association ("EIC"), Council reallocate the \$55,000 that Council previously approved for the EIC grant to the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating budget, and approve a \$55,000 grant to the organization listed in Appendix A-3 using the reallocated funds.
- B. THAT Council approve two Social Responsibility Fund Grants totalling \$98,640 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 13 Sustainable Food Systems Grants totalling \$91,850 from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix C for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- D. THAT Council approve two School Food Grants totalling \$76,063 from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix D for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.

- E. THAT Council approve 40 Childcare Enhancement Grants totalling \$980,000 from the 2025 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget – Childcare to the organizations listed in Appendix E-1 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- F. THAT Council approve one Childcare Project Grant totalling \$66,870 from the 2025 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget – Childcare to the organization listed in Appendix F for the amount recommended in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- G. THAT Council approve 17 Childcare Reserve Grants totalling \$514,800 from the Childcare Reserve to the organizations listed in Appendix G for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- H. THAT Council approve five Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP) Grants totalling \$65,000 through two grant streams to the organization listed in Appendix H-1 and Appendix H-2 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column. Source of funds is the federal Building Safer Communities Fund from Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada.
- I. THAT Council approve five Childcare Small Capital Grants totalling \$90,155 from the 2025 Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare budget (\$50,747) to the organizations listed in Appendix I-1, and from the 2025 Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate budget (\$39,408) to the organizations listed in Appendix I-2, for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- J. THAT Council approve three School Aged Care Expansion Capital Grants totalling \$34,221 from the 2025 ACCS School Aged Expansion Grants budget to the organizations listed in Appendix J for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- K. THAT Council approve seven Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants totalling \$242,570 from the 2025 Social Policy Capital Grants budget (\$119,455) to the organizations listed in Appendix K-1, and from the 2025 Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate budget (\$123,115) to the organizations listed in Appendix K-2, for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2025 Recommend" column.
- L. THAT Council approve one grant of \$349,258 the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society as described in Appendix L from the 2025 General Government Operating budget (\$309,258) and from the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating budget (\$40,000) to support operations of the Collingwood Gymnasium and Collingwood Annex from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Nominal Licence Agreement Renewal

- M. THAT Council authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to negotiate and execute a renewal licence agreement (the "IRSSS Renewal Licence") with the Indian Residential School Survivors Society ("IRSSS"), for an approximate 1,690 sf portion of the 8th floor of the City owned building located at 350 West Georgia Street (the "IRSSS Licence Area"), legally described as: PID: 019-023-251; LOT 541 BLOCK 56 PLAN LMP19600 DISTRICT LOT 541 NWD, on the terms and

conditions outlined in Appendix M, and otherwise to the satisfaction of the Chief Librarian & CEO of Vancouver Public Library, General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management, and Director of Legal Services, including

- I. Term: Three (3) year term commencing December 1, 2025.
- II. Licence Fee: Ten dollars (\$10.00) for the term, inclusive of payment of rent-in-lieu of property taxes.
- III. Maintenance Fee: \$9,295.00 per annum, payable in equal monthly instalments of \$774.58 plus GST.

FURTHER THAT as the basic rent (payable as a licence fee) under the IRSSS Licence for the IRSSS Licence Area will be below the applicable market rate and includes payment of rent-in-lieu of property taxes, Recommendation M constitutes a grant valued at approximately \$60,840 per annum, or \$182,510 for the 3-year term of the licence agreement.

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.
- O. 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.
- P. 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 affirmative votes of at least two-thirds of all Council members under section 206 (1) of the Vancouver Charter.

Purpose and Executive Summary

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

- A total of \$554,563 being recommended through 20 Core Support Grants to community social service organizations to enable the sector to provide critical programs and services to Vancouver residents and the non-profit organizations that support them;
- A total of \$1,561,670 being recommended through 58 childcare grants to non-profit childcare providers that support vulnerable children and families;
- A total of \$91,850 being recommended through Sustainable Food Systems grants for neighbourhood-based programs that address inequity and mitigate conditions, leading to food security for Vancouver residents; a total of \$76,063 being recommended through School Food grants to develop leadership and food skills alongside nutritious meals.

Table 1: Summary of Grant Recommendations in this Report (excluding nominal licence renewal)

GRANT STREAM	REC.	GRANT PROGRAM	NO. OF GRANTS	TOTAL \$\$ RECOMMENDED	TOTAL \$\$ REQUESTED	APPENDIX
Community Services	A	Core Support	20	\$554,563	\$2,024,324	A-1
Social Responsibility Fund	B	Social Responsibility Fund	2	\$98,640	\$98,640	B
Sustainable Food Systems	C	Sustainable Food Systems Grants	13	\$91,850	\$91,850	C
	D	School Food Grants	2	\$76,063	\$76,063	D
Subtotal			37	\$821,116	\$2,290,877	
Childcare (CC)	E	CC Enhancement Grants	40	\$980,000	\$980,000*1	E-1
	F	CC Project Grants	1	\$66,870	\$66,870	F
	G	CC Reserve Grants	17	\$514,800	\$514,800	G
Subtotal			58	\$1,561,670	\$1,561,670*	
Building Safer Communities Program	H	Youth Engagement Project Grants	4	\$40,000	\$40,000	H-1
		Organizational & Capacity Building Project Grants	1	\$25,000	\$36,500	H-2
Subtotal			5	\$65,000	\$76,500	
Capital	I	Childcare Small Capital Grants	5	\$90,155	\$137,825	I-1, I-2
	J	School Aged Care Expansion Capital Grants	3	\$34,221	\$39,221	J
	K	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	7	\$242,570	\$300,107	K-1, K-2
Subtotal			15	\$366,946	\$477,153	
Other Grants	L	Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium & Annex	1	\$349,258	\$349,258	L
Subtotal			1	\$349,258	\$349,258	
GRAND TOTAL			116	\$3,163,990	\$4,755,458	

Table 2: Nominal Licence Agreement Renewal

ORGANIZATION	TOTAL \$\$ RECOMMENDED	APPENDIX
Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) – 350 West Georgia Street	\$182,510	M
TOTAL	\$182,510	

¹ *Recommended funding amounts are determined by a base grant formula. Applicants for this category of grant are not required to include a specific amount in the application. Requested amount is based on available funding.

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Please see Appendix N for 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 programs support the delivery of social services and childcare programs across Vancouver through non-profit partners.

The City's childcare operating grants support non-profit childcare operators in enhancing the quality of programs providing care to families and children with the highest levels of vulnerability, with funds going towards reducing parent fees, improving staff ratios for children needing additional support, and providing wraparound supports. Operating grants continue to be available, on a scaled basis, to provincially funded \$10 a day programs, as additional supports and wraparound services are ineligible for \$10 a day funding.

As identified in the previous report (2025 Community Services and Other Social Grants, RTS17704), the total amount of social grant awards recommended in 2025, including in this report, 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 Project Hope, a low-barrier employment micro-cleaning initiative in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) administered by Engineering.

Grants continue to play a vital role in advancing City priorities and strategies, particularly as the nonprofit social and childcare sectors face increasingly difficult conditions. These pressures include rising demand for services, reductions in available government and external funding, difficulties in recruiting and retaining staff, reduced purchasing power, and other pressures impacting business operating models due to inflation and escalating costs.

Discussion

This report seeks Council approval for a range of investments designed to strengthen the supports available to Vancouver residents and those of equity-deserving groups 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 highlights include:

- **Investing in the City's food system:** funding for the Sustainable Food Systems will support collaborative, neighbourhood-based food security programs and School Food funding will foster youth leadership and skill-building while delivering healthy meal programs in schools -- both at a time when demand for food security supports are higher than ever in Vancouver (*Recommendation C, D*).
- **Affordable and accessible childcare:** operating grants to support licensed childcare programs that provide affordable and accessible childcare to vulnerable families facing barriers (*Recommendation E, F, G*).

- **Capital Grants:** the Social and Childcare Capital Grants support ongoing City support for childcare, accessibility and climate resiliency initiatives (*Recommendation I, K*).

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. Additionally, no Organizational Capacity Building grants were recommended through this intake.

Financial Implications

Funding for grant recommendations totalling \$2,485,550 and the remaining budgets to be allocated in 2025, are summarized in Tables 3 – 5 below, according to funding sources. Table 6 summarizes the estimated annual amount associated with the recommended Nominal Licence Agreement renewal.

Table 3: 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	Community Services Grants Sustainable Food Systems School Food Program Grants	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget	\$6,719,484 ²	\$5,656,725	\$722,476	\$340,283
E, F	CC Enhancement Grants CC Project Grants	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget – Childcare	\$2,439,496	\$606,227	\$1,046,870	\$786,399
I-1	Childcare Small Capital Grants	Small Capital Grants for Non-city Owned childcare Budget	\$110, 762	\$9,660	\$50,747	\$50,355
I-2 K-2	Childcare Small Capital Grants Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate	\$756,116	\$96,960	\$162,523	\$496,633
K-1	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	Social Policy Grants Capital Budget	\$540,318	\$100,555	\$119,455	\$320,308
J	School Aged Care Expansion Capital Grants	ACCS School Aged Expansion Grants	\$246,653	\$0	\$34,221	\$212,432
L	Collingwood Gymnasium and Annex	2025 General Government Operating Budget	\$309,258	\$0	\$309,258	\$0
		Social Policy Operating Grant Budget	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
TOTAL			\$11,162,087	\$6,470,127	\$2,485,550	\$2,206,410

² The total 2025 budget does not include the reallocation of a \$55,000 grant awarded in March 2025 (RTS17704).

Table 4: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams: Reserves

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of Funding	Rec'd in this report
B	Social Responsibility	Edgewater Social Responsibility Fund	\$98,640
G	Childcare Reserve Grants	Childcare Reserve	\$514,800
TOTAL			\$613,440

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
H	BSCP Org and Youth Sector Capacity-building Project Grants	Building Safer Communities Fund - Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
	BSCP Youth Engagement Project Grants	Emergency Preparedness Canada	\$50,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$10,000
TOTAL			\$100,000	\$25,000	\$65,000	\$10,000

Table 6: Financial Overview of Recommended Nominal Licence Agreement Renewal

Rec	License Agreement Renewal	Estimated Grant Value Per Annum	Estimated Grant Value for Initial Term	Description
M	IRSSS (Licence) 350 West Georgia Street	Approximately \$60,840	Approximately \$182,510 (3 years)	Basic rent for the Licence is to be set at a nominal rate of \$10.00 for the term, which constitutes a grant.

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)
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
Access Pro Bono Society of British Columbia	Residential Tenancy Program (RTP)	\$8,500	The Residential Tenancy Program provides free legal assistance and representation to low-income Vancouver renters facing housing-threatening issues, including challenging evictions; disputing illegal rent increases; claiming compensation for loss of quiet enjoyment; seeking repair orders; or recovering security deposits.	Notification Grant³
Asian Environmental Association DBA Hua Foundation	CORE	\$30,000	Hua Foundation provides a responsive incubation program to address the limited capacity, cycles of burnout, and lack of infrastructure and opportunities for racialized youth and grassroots organizations involved in social service and systems change work.	
Avalon Recovery Society	Vancouver Women's Centre	\$20,000	Avalon's Vancouver Women's Centre provides a safe haven and community hub for women since 1990. The Centre provides caring support as women work to develop mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness for themselves and their families. The focus of the program is on cultivating community connection, healthy communication, and personal wellness.	

³ 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.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver	Community Mentoring Program	\$25,000	The Community Mentoring Program is a relationship-based program that connects male-identifying, gender-fluid and non-binary children, who are aged 7-14, with a positive male-identifying role model. Through regular outings, a friendship is developed between the Mentor and Mentee that is built on trust, common interests and values.	
Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland	CORE	\$30,000	Big Sisters provides five core mentoring programs to help children and youth realize their full potential. Caseworkers carefully match girls, transgender, non-binary and gender-diverse youth (ages 7 to 17) with caring, female adult mentors who help them overcome adversities, make healthy choices and reach their full potential.	
Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC	BGC Services in Vancouver	\$52,348	Boys and Girls Clubs of South Vancouver provides after-school and full-day programs during school breaks. Activities are designed to help kids 6 to 18 develop skills for positive relationships, healthy living, lifelong learning, and leadership.	
Canadian Paraplegic Association (B.C.) DBA Spinal Cord Injury BC	Information Services Program	\$33,600	Spinal Cord injury BC's Info Centre helps people access vital information relevant to living well with a spinal cord injury. The extensive online database currently contains 1,013 pieces of important information or connects with the knowledgeable Info Line staff. The program also provides in-depth assistance for those with more complex needs.	COMMENT: Reduction of \$14,400 from 2024 attributed to current fiscal year budget constraints.
Dignity Seniors Society	CORE	\$12,500	Dignity Seniors Society provides specific, tailored supports for 2SLGBTQI+ seniors. The Society collaborates with other organizations to support seniors stay in their homes in Vancouver, provide training on 2SLGBTQIA+ seniors needs to help service providers create culturally appropriate services, and advocate to improve long-term-care services.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Dugout Drop-In Centre Society	CORE	\$45,600	The Dugout operates a drop-in centre, which has over 60,000 points of contact every year with members of the DTES community. The grant will enable Dugout to continue and grow their volunteer program, which provides volunteer positions to many members of the DTES community.	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.
Employ to Empower Foundation	CORE	\$30,000	Employ to Empower is a Vancouver charity that empowers low-income individuals living with multiple barriers (mental and physical health challenges, disability, addiction recovery) through inclusive, personalized entrepreneurship programming. Using skills training, mentorship and paid leadership opportunities, the vision is a self-sustaining community where members lead with purpose and empower others.	
Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education Society	Building Inclusive Vancouver Communities	\$30,000	Equitas uses human rights education to foster safe and inclusive communities and cultivate community connections by building the capacity of child- and youth-serving organizations and their staff. Equitas builds trust-based partnerships, provides training and coaching, brings partners together in dialogue, and supports action projects led by youth.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
First United Church Community Ministry Society	Community Help Desk	\$35,000	The Help Desk provides frontline support to people who are low-income and/or experiencing homelessness in the Downtown Eastside through outreach, phone and mail services, ID clinic, and informed referral services, plus distribution of essential items like harm reduction tools and toiletries.	
Greater Vancouver Law Students Legal Advice Society DBA Law Students' Legal Advice Program	CORE	\$14,676	Law Students' Legal Advice Program provides free legal advice to low-income and marginalized individuals at local clinics throughout the Lower Mainland. The Program also provides free legal representation at court proceedings and tribunal hearings. The organization's mandate includes work in areas such as Residential Tenancy, Employment, Criminal law, Human Rights, Immigration, and Small Claims.	Notification Grant ⁴
Japanese Community Volunteers Association DBA Tonari Gum	CORE	\$20,000	Japanese Community Volunteers Association (JCVA) provides a supportive and safe space for Japanese Canadians. The Association connects newcomers with established members of the community, provides emotional support, and offers a variety of services not normally provided by healthcare institutions and government programs to help everyone lead independent and healthy lives. The JCVA aims to create an environment in which vulnerable elderly Japanese Canadian immigrants can lead healthy and active lives.	

⁴ 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.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Jewish Family Service Agency of Vancouver	Services for Seniors	\$16,120	The Services for Seniors program ensures seniors in Vancouver can live independently at home with dignity and healthy outcomes. The Seniors Case Managers assist seniors to navigate the aging through advocacy, community programming, information and referral to community and government, home and financial assessments and care plan development to ensure a continuum of care.	
Pacific Immigrant Resources Society	CORE	\$58,375	Pacific Immigrant Resources Society delivers accessible, inclusive, low-barrier and trauma-informed programs and services for immigrant and refugee women and their children that give them the skills and knowledge to navigate life in Canada, foster social connections and create a sense of belonging, and meaningful participation and leadership.	COMMENT: Reduction of \$25,017 from 2024 attributed to current fiscal year budget constraints.
PHS Community Services Society	PHS' Community Managed Alcohol Program (CMAP)	\$30,000	The Community Managed Alcohol Program (CMAP) is a seven-days-a-week harm reduction program that works with street entrenched participants to substitute non-beverage alcohol with physician prescribed limited amounts of member-brewed wine and beer at set intervals. The program also offers food and a connection to medical care.	
REACH Centre Association DBA REACH Community Health Centre	Multicultural Family Centre Drop In	\$22,980	Cross Cultural Health Promoters from the Vietnamese and Latin American immigrant and refugee communities, along with other communities provide drop-in hours at REACH, during which community members can obtain assistance with accessing and navigating the complexities of healthcare and community services.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Seniors Services Society of BC	Vancouver Seniors Housing Outreach Services Program	\$29,864	Vancouver Seniors Housing Outreach Services Program prevents seniors from becoming homeless by providing customized support directly to Vancouver seniors who are either at risk of homelessness or are homeless. The Program helps by either keeping them in current housing (with additional wraparound support) or securing new affordable and appropriate housing in their chosen community.	
Support Network for Indigenous Women & Women of Colour	CORE	\$10,000	The Support Network for Indigenous Women & Women of Colour (SNIWWOC) is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to the empowerment of women. SNIWWOC operates from a holistic and integrated service model that addresses the social, cultural and political realities of racialized and indigenous communities. SNIWWOC's mandate is to work against barriers that limit women and girl's access to healthcare and full reproductive choice using food, art, and education.	
TOTAL = 20		\$554,563		

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

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Arbutus Kerrisdale Shaughnessy Friendship Society	CORE	\$0	Arbutus Kerrisdale Shaughnessy Friendship Society offers a range of programs and services designed to support older adults and caregivers, focusing on reducing social isolation and loneliness. These initiatives aim to promote engagement, enhance well-being, and provide the necessary resources to help individuals live independently and age in place comfortably within their homes.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria.
BC Poverty Reduction Coalition	CORE	\$0	BC Poverty Reduction Coalition is comprised of 80 organizations and mobilizations advocating for public policy solutions to end poverty, homelessness, and inequality. BC PRC improves the health and well-being of all living in BC. The Coalition advocates for a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy that prioritizes equity-deserving groups and a whole government, cross-ministry approach to ending poverty.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Calltime Mental Health Society	CORE	\$0	Calltime Mental Health is a public resource and mental health campaign for all workers in the motion picture industry and performing arts. Calltime provides resources, education and information on mental health with a specificity of the motion picture and performing arts.	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
Co-leidoscopes	CORE	\$0	Co-leidoscopes is a new Vancouver based not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting young adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities navigate the complexities of growing up and reducing the barriers that make this transition so difficult. Co-Leidoscopes offers holistic supports and services to young adults, their families, and the greater community.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Community Builders Benevolence Group	Outreach Program	\$0	Community Builders' Outreach Program offers individualized, hands-on support to residents across shelters and supportive housing. Outreach Workers help residents identify housing goals, navigate barriers and take steps toward independent living—from applications to landlord relations—making the overwhelming journey to stable housing more manageable, one step at a time.	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
Downtown South Gathering Place Community Centre Association	Silver Linings: Free Seniors Programming	\$0	Silver Linings aims to expand free seniors programming at The Gathering Place Community Centre with three days per week of arts, wellness, and social activities. Expansion of seniors programming is intended to remove barriers to healthy aging for marginalized seniors faced with social isolation, financial hardship, and physical disability.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities. RECOMMENDED: for a Social Responsibility Fund Grant, see Appendix B.
Downtown Society for the Fellowship of Recovering Alcoholics	CORE	\$0	The Downtown Society for the Fellowship of Recovering Alcoholics offers help and solutions to people with addictions seeking relief from their addictions. This help is offered 24/7, 365 days a year. Downtown Society for the Fellowship of Recovering Alcoholics never closes its doors.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria.
Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation	Home for the Holidays	\$0	Home for the Holidays ensures the Dr. Peter Centre remains open on key statutory holidays, offering continuity of care, medication support, meals, and cultural connection. For 500+ participants with HIV and facing homelessness, mental illness, or substance use, the Centre provides a safe, inclusive space that fosters dignity and healing.	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
Dress for Success Vancouver Society	Beyond the Suit: Workshops & Working Women's Group	\$0	Dress for Success Vancouver empowers women and gender-diverse individuals into full and fulfilling employment, financial independence and personal success. The Working Women's Group and Workshops provide professional development opportunities, mentorship and a network of support that help them thrive in work and in life.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
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 leadership program rooted in equity, food justice, and experiential learning. On schoolyard farms, equity-deserving youth engage in meaningful, land-based learning that builds skills, confidence, and connection to food, land, and community. This directly supports the Healthy City Strategy goals of belonging, economic inclusion, and well-being.	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
Gallery Gachet Society	Gachet Commons	\$0	Gallery Gachet is a unique artist-run centre in Vancouver's cultural landscape. Alongside showcasing marginalized artists from the DTES and beyond, Gachet functions as a vital third space. With the launch of the Gachet Commons project, the organization is formally distinguishing its artistic programming from its social and cultural service work.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
GoodBot Society	CORE	\$0	GoodBot builds capacities for youth using a systems thinking approach to understand how harms impacting them manifest via social media platforms designs and algorithms and bad actors who misuse platforms for harm. Exploring how monetization incentives enable and what actions can be taken to reimagine inclusive technology futures.	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	Community Support Services Program	\$0	Jewish Seniors Alliance provides free one-to-one volunteer support for vulnerable seniors to help combat issues of depression, loneliness, isolation, and complex health issues.	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
La coopérative d'immigration Le Relais Francophone de la Colombie Britannique	Community Connexions	\$0	The Community Connexions program fosters meaningful engagement through ongoing activities, including interfaith celebrations, cultural events, and collaboration opportunities with Indigenous communities. Designed to build bridges across diverse backgrounds, the program promotes inclusion, dialogue, and mutual understanding while strengthening community ties and celebrating the richness of our shared heritage.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
More Than a Roof Foundation	CORE	\$0	More Than a Roof Foundation specializes in building opportunities for More Than a Roof residents to leverage their housing stability to make significant changes in their health, education, and community.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Pacifica Treatment Centre Society	Pacifica's Peer Mentorship Programming	\$0	Pacifica's Peer Mentorship Program connects individuals on the recovery journey with Alumni who've walked the same path, offering lived-experience support from pre-treatment to post-care. This powerful peer-led model bridges service gaps, builds trust, and increases the chances of sustained recovery, stable housing, and employment thus transforming lives and strengthening communities.	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
Philippine Bagong Pag-Asa Society of BC	CORE	\$0	Philippine Bagong Pag-Asa is committed to planning programs and events, overlooking budgets and supplies needed for the seniors. The organization files paperwork for programs and events as well as outreach to seniors to make sure they are doing well and are socially connected.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria.
Potluck Café Society	CORE	\$0	Potluck Café Society provides nutritious meals and employment to Vancouver's Downtown Eastside community. Through social programs, Potluck supports unhoused individuals, low-income children, single mothers, and newcomers. By employing those facing barriers, Potluck promotes personal growth, self-sufficiency, and economic independence, fostering a more inclusive and resilient community for all.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
RADIUS Simon Fraser University	Migrant Systems Change Leadership Certificate Proposal	\$0	RADIUS equips 25 refugee and immigrant leaders with systems change tools through our Migrant Systems Change Leadership Certificate. This program develops equity-centered solutions to systemic barriers faced by refugees and newcomers in Vancouver. Participants prototype projects impacting 1000+ residents annually.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria.
Shelter Movers	Moving to Gender Safety in Vancouver	\$0	Shelter Movers provides free moving and storage services to survivors of abuse, collaborating with over 44 agencies, like women's shelters, in Vancouver. Shelter Movers envisions a world where every survivor can transition to safety in dignity and power, free of financial or logistical obstacles.	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
The Landing Youth Centre Foundation	Carving Alternate Paths (CAP)	\$0	The Landing Youth Centre Foundation empowers vulnerable youth in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, Grandview-Woodlands, and Strathcona through trauma-informed mentorship, leadership, and academic programs. They provide culturally responsive, wraparound support, safe spaces, and access to essential resources to promote long-term stability, well-being, and self-determined success.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Treehouse Advocacy Centre Society Vancouver	CORE	\$0	The Treehouse Child and Youth Advocacy Centre (CYAC) delivers a coordinated, child-centered response to child abuse. In partnership with community agencies, Treehouse unites systems of care to reduce trauma and set children on a path to healing. The 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.
Urban Promise Ministries	Promise Vancouver Preteen Program	\$0	Urban Promise provides year-round flexible out-of-school programming for students in grade 5-7. Enrollment priority is given to students from households with financial need living in the Downtown Eastside. Program includes safe spaces to play and build friendships, intentional supervised mentorship from local youth, opportunities for experiential learning, and wraparound supports.	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
Vancouver Pride Society	CORE	\$0	The Vancouver Pride Society unites the 2SLGBTQAI+ community through inclusive, equity-focused programming that celebrates diversity. Since 2018, Community Engagement at 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.
Vancouver Women's Health Collective Society	CORE	\$0	Vancouver Women's Health Collective provides trauma-informed, peer-led health and wellness services for self-identified women and gender-diverse individuals in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. This includes outreach, advocacy, trans-inclusive care, Indigenous cultural support, and access to essential items, creating safer, community-rooted spaces that address systemic gaps in healthcare and promote health equity for marginalized populations.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria. The program receives a Multi-Year Funding grant, see RTS 17704.
WARM HANDS SOCIETY	CORE	\$0	WARM HANDS SOCIETY provides inclusive, multilingual services for seniors across Vancouver, including home care, transportation, social activities, tech-based programs, and holiday support. The organization promotes dignity, independence, and well-being through culturally responsive care, empowering marginalized and isolated elders with equitable access to essential resources, connection, and compassionate support.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program does not meet eligibility criteria.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Working Gear Clothing Society	Working Gear Community Internship	\$0	Working Gear works to relieve poverty by providing industry-appropriate clothing, gear and supports at no cost to low-income or unemployed individuals in search of employment.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
TOTAL = 28		\$0		

APPENDIX A-3
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
REALLOCATION A 2025 CORE SUPPORT GRANT – Recommended (Recommendation A)

The \$55,000 reallocation is a result of the dissolution of the Exchange Inner City Community Economic Development Association, relating to a grant previously approved in 2025 (RTS17704). Funding will be reallocated to the 2025 Social Policy Grants Operating budget, to be distributed to the organization listed below.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Community Impact Real Estate Society	CORE	\$55,000	The Exchange Inner City Community Economic Development Association (EIC) is looking to dissolve as a society and continue its work through a separate legal entity, Community Impact Real Estate Society (CIRES). The EIC was previously awarded a Core Support Grant of \$55,000 (RTS 17704) for core operating. The transfer of this grant will allow the work to be continued, which is to collectively work with partners to create, nurture, and sustain the conditions for a vibrant, inclusive and equitable local economy in the Downtown Eastside while influencing systemic change.	COMMENT: EIC will agree to transfer all rights (i.e., benefits) and CIRES will agree to assume all obligations (i.e., performance of the contract) under the existing grant agreement between EIC and the City.
TOTAL = 1		\$55,000		

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

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

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Downtown South Gathering Place Community Center Association	Silver Linings: Free Seniors Programming	\$23,640	Silver Linings is a free of cost, seniors programming initiative, intended to remove barriers to healthy aging amongst marginalized seniors. Expansion of seniors programming is intended support marginalized seniors faced with social isolation, financial hardship, and physical disability.	COMMENT: One-time grant
Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre Society	Volunteer Program	\$75,000	This one-time funding is intended to prevent interruptions to services provided. The Volunteer Program provides 13 weeks of training to prepare volunteers to answer the 24-Hour crisis line, as well as respond to sexual violence in the community. Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre's 24-Hour Crisis & Information Line is a critical public safety program that has supported community for over 40 years, with over 6000 callers accessing services.	COMMENT: One-time grant
TOTAL = 2		\$98,640		

APPENDIX C
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Sustainable Food Systems Grants - Recommended (Recommendation C)

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

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Creating Sustainable Abundance	\$6,000	Creating Sustainable Abundance supports Frog Hollow community members in their path to food security through educational workshops, operating out of their east Vancouver location.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Gordon Neighbourhood House	Growing Together	\$8,000	Growing Together supports initiatives that foster confidence, culture, capacity and community in the Downtown-West End related to addressing community food security and its root causes.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	Westside Food Collaborative	\$7,000	The Westside Food Collaborative brings together service providers, grassroots groups and community members to strengthen community resilience and improve access to food through community development efforts, and to form a collective voice for evidence-based policy advocacy.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British	Food for Strength Project:	\$6,500	Food for Strength is a collaboration between MPNH and Flavours of Hope to provide entrepreneurship and leadership training for	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	Empowering Newcomer Women		newcomer, immigrant, and refugee women starting food businesses while addressing systemic barriers that face them.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	South Vancouver Neighbourhood Food Network (SVNFN) Food Affair	\$8,500	Food Affair aims to further develop the SVNFN into a network of resilient food assets accessed and supported by empowered and food-resilient residents.	
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Grandview Woodland Food Connection (GWFC)	\$9,000	GWFC supports the health & well-being of Grandview-Woodland residents, especially those who are under-served and low-income, through food security initiatives.	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Renfrew Collingwood Food Justice	\$9,000	Renfrew Collingwood Food Justice supports capacity building, and leadership development in Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood through community kitchens, land-based stewardship, and grassroots community organizing.	
Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Society	DTES Neighbourhood House Sustainable Food Systems	\$6,000	DTES Neighbourhood House Sustainable Food Systems strengthens food networks in the DTES community through capacity building with peers and sharing local resources while increasing access to nutritious foods and food systems education at the DTES Neighbourhood House urban farm.	
DUDES Club Society	Feeding Our Men: Food is Health, Home and Spirituality	\$3,350	Feeding Our Men supports a weekly men's cooking group that comes together to share knowledge and foster healing through healthy food.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	Kiwassa Food Program	\$8,000	The Kiwassa Food Program provides the tools, knowledge, and support to build neighbourhood food security with a focus on food justice, dignified food access, and empowerment of diverse communities.	
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	LMNH Sustainable Food Network	\$8,000	The LMNH Sustainable Food Network fosters a local, decolonized, community-led food system by providing space to grow food, build community, and care for these unceded lands.	
Strathcona Community Centre Association (1972)	Strathcona Community Centre Food Security Program	\$8,500	Strathcona Community Centre's Food Security Program supports upstream social determinants of health through fostering social support networks, encouraging local leadership development, facilitating skill/knowledge sharing and supporting food access for healthy child development.	
Disabled Independent Gardeners Association (DIGA)	DIGA Food Security	\$4,000	DIGA Food Security supports accessible food gardening initiatives.	
TOTAL = 13		\$91,850		

APPENDIX D
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
School Food Grants - Recommended (Recommendation D)

School Food Grants provide students with nutritious meals alongside opportunities for leadership and food skills development.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Strathcona Community Centre Association (1972)	Breakfast Program & Breakfast Buddies Program	\$42,000	The Breakfast Buddies program works with sous-chefs from grade 6 & 7 to support the Breakfast Program providing healthy nutritious, culturally appropriate daily breakfasts to 200-250 students at Lord Strathcona Elementary ensuring they have the fuel they need to participate fully in school and life.	
Growing Chefs Society	LunchLab	\$34,063	LunchLab is an innovative, educational school meal program where students learn to cook for themselves and their peers. These meals strengthen local food systems; provide non-stigmatizing access to those that need it most; are nourishing and delicious.	
TOTAL = 2		\$76,063		

APPENDIX E-1
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Enhancement Grants - Recommended (Recommendation E)

The Childcare Enhancement Grants provide supports to programs in neighbourhoods that serve a high concentration of families with multiple and intersecting vulnerabilities, to ensure families are connected to support services, have the resources to address inclusion for specific cultural communities, and to address basic needs such as enhanced food programs. See Appendix E-3 for details.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	Beaconsfield Out of School Care	\$32,002	35	Yes		
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	Queen Alexandra Out of School Care	\$27,000	65			COMMENT: Program's licensed capacity increased from 25 to 65 spaces in 2024.
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Kids World Group Child Care	\$27,000	76			

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Nootka Group Child Care	\$33,923	50	Yes		
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Gordon Neighborhood House	Gordon NH Out of School Care	\$27,000	40			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	Before and After School Care - Nightingale Elementary	\$27,000	44			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	Childcare at Eric Hamber (2 Programs: I-T; 3-5)	\$27,000	69			COMMENT: New program(s) for this grant.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	Group Daycare	\$29,852	16	Yes		
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	Poppins Preschool & SVNH Out of School Care	\$27,000	40			
Atira Women's Resource Society	Seksik ECLC	\$33,923	24	Yes		CONDITION: Grant to be released upon receipt of a copy of the organization's 2024 Financial Statement, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Brant Villa Day Care Society	Learning Tree Day Care	\$30,807	25	Yes	Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Sarah House Early Learning and Child Care	\$30,807	25	Yes	Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Duke Street Early Learning and Care Centre	\$33,923	32	Yes	Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Grenfell School Age Child Care Program	\$22,929	32			
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Graham Bruce School Age Child Care Program	\$28,419	30	Yes		
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	Kiwassa Variety Daycare Centre	\$16,208	25		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	Longhouse	\$23,645	33			
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	Kiwassa Out of School Care	\$27,000	46			
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society	Play and Learn Preschool Program	\$8,623	20			
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society	BASC - Before After School Care	\$9,727	20			

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
McGregor Child Care Society	3-5 Group Day Care	\$27,000	25			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 Shannon Day Care Society	Toddler and 3-5 Program	\$27,000	25			
South Vancouver Family Place Society	Kids Care Preschool	\$14,331	30			
Strathcona Community Centre Association (1972)	School Aged Care #1 and #2	\$27,000	180		Yes	<p>COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.</p> <p>CONDITION: Grant to be released upon receipt of a copy of the organization's 2024 Financial Statement, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.</p>

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Strathcona Community Centre Association (1972)	Preschool	\$6,369	40		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding. CONDITION: Grant to be released upon receipt of a copy of the organization's 2024 Financial Statement, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Sunset Child Care Society	Sunset Child Care Society	\$27,000	25			
Sunset Community Association	Sunset Out Of School Care	\$26,986	28	Yes		
Sunset Community Association	Sunset Early Learning Day Program	\$33,923	24	Yes		COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Sunset Community Association	Sunset School Age Care @ Sexsmith	\$33,923	48	Yes		
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Britannia Child Care OSC	\$33,923	70	Yes	Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Britannia Child Care Preschool	\$6,369	20		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Grandview Terrace 3 Programs (3-5, OSC II & OSC III)	\$27,000	99		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Eagles in the Sky Child Care - OSC	\$19,107	40		Yes	CONDITION: Funding must be targeted to supporting families in the OSC program with multiple barriers.
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	Child Development Centre (CDC)	\$21,496	15			
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	Out of School Care (LMOSC)	\$27,000	68			CONDITION: Funding must be targeted to supporting families in the OSC program facing barriers.
Thunderbird Neighbourhood Association	Thunderbird Preschool	\$6,369	20		Yes	
UrbanPromise Ministries	Promise Vancouver School Age Program	\$9,725	20			CONDITION: Grant to be released upon receipt of a copy of the organization's 2024 Financial Statement, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA Metro Vancouver)	Crabtree Corner Early Learning and Child Care Centre	\$33,923	24	Yes		

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA Metro Vancouver)	Citygate Early Learning and Child Care Centre	\$23,884	25		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA Metro Vancouver)	Emma's Early Learning and Care Centre	\$23,884	25		Yes	COMMENT: Grant eligibility will continue to be monitored following a review and reconciliation of Provincial \$10aDay funding.
TOTAL = 40		\$980,000	1598			

APPENDIX E-2
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Enhancement Grants – Not Recommended

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC	BGC Fraserview Club	\$0	170			NOT RECOMMENDED: Program license type is not eligible for this grant.
McGregor Child Care Society	Infant & Toddler Program	\$0	12			NOT RECOMMENDED: Program ineligible because it did not meet the enrollment criteria for this grant.
Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association	3 Programs (3 Corners Daycare; Our House Out of School; Out House Preschool)	\$0	49			NOT RECOMMENDED: Programs ineligible because they did not meet the enrollment criteria for this grant and does not meet the financial need requirement.
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Eagles in the Sky Child Care - 3-5	\$0	25		Yes	NOT RECOMMENDED: Program ineligible because it did not meet the enrollment criteria for this grant and does not meet the financial need requirement.
Uday Child Care Centre	Family Child Care Program	\$0	8			NOT RECOMMENDED: Program license type is not eligible for this grant.
TOTAL = 5		\$0	264			

APPENDIX E-3
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Enhancement Grants Additional Information

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

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

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

City staff are in their third year of collecting information on how the Childcare Enhancement Grant is used by \$10 a day centres and other programs and will be analyzing and using this information to address grant eligibility and the adjudication process for 2026 and beyond.

Grant Eligibility & Recommendation Process

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

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

Grant Feature	Description	Impacts on recommended programs and/or amounts
Base Grant	Identifies programs that enroll a high number of children in 3 or more of the eligibility categories (see below) AND organization demonstrates sufficient financial health and administrative capacity.	Eligible programs are allocated funds according to a funding formula, to a program maximum of \$27,000. Funding formula is based on licensed spaces and staff hours required for delivering services. See Childcare Enhancement Grant info guide for more information.
Focus Programs	Identifies programs reporting the highest enrollment demographics of children with additional needs through a weighted scoring process.	Programs scoring highest in a weighting of the specific criteria for program eligibility categories (listed below), receive an additional \$6,923 to provide additional supports. (13 programs recommended: 9 returning grantees from 2024, 4 new grantees for 2025)
Weighting of \$10aDay programs	Allocation for \$10aDay sites use same funding formula but scales base amount to 2/3rds (with the same funding cap per program). Some programs may reach the cap due to program size even with scaling applied.	Provides additional grant resources to spread across NON-\$10aDay programs.

The eligibility categories are:

1. Children from single parent families;
2. Children receiving the Provincial Childcare Subsidy (a measure of low income);
3. Children involved with Ministry of Children and Family Development Protection;
4. Indigenous Children;
5. Children from new refugee or immigrant families (in Canada less than 5 years);

6. New immigrant/refugee families who are unable to access Provincial subsidy programs because of their residency (another measure of low income);
7. Children with extra support needs, but who do not receive designated funding through the Supported Child Development Program;
8. Children who speak a language other than English at home.

Comparison of 2024 and 2025 Applications with respect to \$10 a day

Applications from \$10 a day ChildcareBC centres have remained consistent. Of the 50 applications received for the 2025 grant, 16 programs, providing 641 licensed spaces in total, are \$10 a day ChildcareBC centres. No programs recommended for the Childcare Enhancement Grant have become \$10 a day sites between the 2024 and 2025 application periods; however, one \$10 a day centre that applied for and received the Enhancement grant previously in 2023, chose not to apply in 2024, has applied for and is being recommended for a 2025 grant.

\$10 a day Program Eligibility for New Programs

ChildcareBC presently requires that a childcare program be in full operation for a minimum of one year before it is eligible to apply to become \$10 a day ChildcareBC program. In 2024, the application period was from October 1 to October 31, 2024.

General Statistics

City-wide, as of March 2024, there are roughly 3,346 spaces (all ages and license types) in 66 \$10 a day ChildcareBC sites and centres (not including spaces at centres operated by UBC). This year, 40 additional spaces in Vancouver have been announced to date for 2025 by ChildcareBC – making up 9% of the 441 \$10 a day spaces announced so far in 2025 in Metro Vancouver.⁵

⁵ Childcare BC announcements in from June 2024 to present.

APPENDIX F
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Project Grants - Recommended (Recommendation F)

Childcare Project Grants (Research, Policy Development and Innovation (RPD&I) stream) support projects intending to build shared resources, improve childcare practice, and/or address key issues in early learning and care. (Other available grant streams support the development of new childcare spaces by experienced non-profit childcare operators, and stabilization of existing childcare programs facing extraordinary or emergency circumstances. All three project grant streams have an open and rolling application process.)

AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
West End Community Centre Association	RPD&I	\$66,870	This grant will support a centralized childcare model across a network of Community Centre Associations under the umbrella of the Association President's Group. The primary focus will be to build on past success in expanding the role of the CCA Childcare Resource Manager, sharing management best practices and general policy development, creating efficiencies in administration, and coordinated professional development opportunities.	COMMENT: Future funding contributions from Social Policy will be contingent on confirmation and consideration of leveraged funding from other sources.
TOTAL = 1		\$66,870		

APPENDIX G
2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Childcare Reserve Grants - Recommended (Recommendation G)

Childcare Reserve Grants support non-profit childcare operators with funding to offset the higher costs of staffing required for providing infant-toddler service, as well as the additional costs of providing childcare services in high-density settings. (More details about eligibility and funding amounts are included at the end of this Appendix).

AGENCY & CHILDCARE CENTRE	2025 RECOMMEND	# INFANT/TODDLER SPACES	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
1. Library Square	\$19,800	12	Yes	
2. Dorothy Lam	\$39,600	24		
3. Quayside	\$39,600	24		
4. Waterfront (formally Shaw Tower)	\$19,800	12		
5. Bayshore Gardens	\$39,600	24		
6. Sapphire	\$19,800	12		
7. International Village	\$39,600	24		
8. Sea Star	\$39,600	24		
9. Atelier	\$19,800	12		
10. The Junction	\$19,800	12		
11. The Mark	\$19,800	12		
12. West Village	\$39,600	24		
13. The Charleson	\$19,800	12		
Subtotal - VSOCC	\$376,200	228		
14. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society – Infant and Toddler Program	\$39,600	24	Yes	

15. Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society – Terry Tayler Toddler & Early Learning and Care Centre	\$19,800	12	Yes	
Subtotal – Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$59,400	36		
16. Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association – 3 Corners Child Care	\$39,600	24		
17. Young Women's Christian Association – Leslie Diamond Early Learning & Child Care Centre	\$39,600	24	Yes	
Subtotal – Other Childcare Providers	\$79,200	48		
TOTAL = 17	\$514,800	312		

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

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

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

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

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

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

In this round, 17 childcare programs applied and are eligible for the grant. The reporting provided by both \$10 a day centres and non-\$10 a day programs will be analyzed as part of a project to review funding allocations, the evolving operating funding model for streamlining Provincial supports, and eligibility criteria across all Childcare grant streams for 2026.

APPENDIX H-1
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2025 Building Safer Communities Program Youth Engagement Project Grants - (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
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Kasama Youth Circles	\$10,000	Kasama Youth Circles is a monthly drop-in program for youth who would like to participate in range of cultural-based programming in areas such as cooking, art, music, and recreation.	
Ethos Lab Education Society	Connecting Diverse Communities and Reclaiming the Street	\$10,000	Connecting Diverse Communities and Reclaiming the Street is developing a place-based community activation project rooted in Afrofuturism, cultural expression, and youth empowerment. This initiative will transform the external plaza adjacent to our Innovation Hub and the interior of Ethos Lab into a dynamic space for belonging, creativity, and community connection.	
Mabuhay House Society	Filipino Youth Mental Health Symposium Phase II	\$10,000	Mabuhay House Society and the UBC Child and Youth Healthy Futures Lab will hold a Youth Mental Health Symposium to spark community dialogues around mental health needs and culturally relevant interventions for mental health in the Filipino-Canadian community.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	Seeing the City: Urban representation and racialized female-identifying youth in South Vancouver	\$10,000	The Seeing the City project will work with young women and the Mela City group in the South Vancouver area to identify priorities and collaborative community partnerships to implement urban design adaptations that will create more structured and unstructured safer spaces for youth to gather.	
TOTAL = 4		\$40,000		

APPENDIX H-2
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2025 Building Safer Communities Program Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity Building Grants - Recommended
(Recommendation H)
Including Existing & New Grantees

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AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	Youth Worker Collective	\$25,000	This project will bring together youth workers and youth serving agencies to strengthen the sector through building connections, sharing information and knowledge, and coordinating work to better serve youth in the Vancouver area. The network aims to amplify youth voices, promoting equity, resilience, and systemic change across communities.	
TOTAL = 1		\$25,000		

APPENDIX H-3**2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS****2025 Building Safer Communities Program Organizational and Youth Sector Capacity Building Grants – Not Recommended**

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
Potluck Cafe Society	Fuel for Future Leaders	\$0	Through a partnership with Promise Vancouver, the Fuel for Future Leaders program ensures that low-income children receive nutritious meals during summer camp, helping them learn, grow, and thrive in a safe environment.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing the priorities of the City's Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy
TOTAL = 1		\$0		

APPENDIX I -1:
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
Childcare Small Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation I)
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
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	MPNH Playground Sandbox Upgrade	\$20,000	This grant will support the replacement of the playground sandbox that is shared by 3 childcare programs. The cedar logs that make up the sandbox are rotting, breaking, and slippery when it rains. Because of the height of the logs, the sandbox is not accessible for children with mobility challenges, especially children living with neuromuscular diseases.	
Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association	Wood Decking Repair and Replacement	\$10,747	This grant will support the replacement of the wood decking areas in the playground. The deck areas are in need of repair or replacement due to holes, rotting wood, and that poses a safety risk to children. The replacement will ensure a safe space for the children for the next 10 - 15 years.	
The Shannon Day Care Society	Shelving Replacement	\$20,000	This grant will support the replacement of the shelving units that need to be removed during the upcoming flooring replacement project. The existing shelving/storage is over 45 years old and may contain lead paint in its base layer. The replacement will help meet licensing requirements and ensure a safe and healthy environment for children.	
TOTAL = 3		\$50,747		

APPENDIX I-2:
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
Childcare Small Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation I)
FUNDING SOURCE: Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate

Funding earmarked supports 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
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	MPNH Playground - Awning Extension	\$17,690	This grant will support the extension of the upstairs awning to cover the outside stairs and the play area. With climate change, the awning will provide much needed sunshade for the children during the summer.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	Awning Installation at Eric Hamber Childcare	\$21,718	This grant will support the installation of sun sails in the playgrounds at Eric Hamber daycare. Most of the outdoor spaces are not sheltered from the sun, and the areas get extremely hot on sunny days. This is a concern due to health reasons as young children are particularly susceptible to sun stroke. The grant will help address extreme heat concern for young children and ensure their health & safety.	
TOTAL = 2		\$39,408		

APPENDIX: I-3
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
Childcare Small Capital Grants – Not Recommended

Funding supports infrastructure improvements (i.e. health, safety and accessibility upgrades) for licensed childcare facilities serving Vancouver residents. 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	Cubbies Replacement	\$0	YWCA is applying for a Social Policy Childcare Capital Grant to support the replacement of the cubbies at the YWCA Citygate Early Learning and Child Care Centre. The upgrade will improve health and safety standards and create a safer, more functional environment for children, families, and staff.	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 J
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
School Aged Care Expansion Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation J)
FUNDING SOURCE: ACCS School Aged Expansion Grants

Funding supports the creation of licensed new school aged childcare spaces for Vancouver families and children. The source of funding for the grant listed below is ACCS School Aged Expansion Grants.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Britannia Child Care – School Age Care (SAC) Expansion	\$8,879	This grant will support the expansion of its school age care capacity from 57 to 69 children by creating 12 new licensed SAC spaces in the East Side Family Place (ESFP) building. The expansion will help alleviate high demand of out-of-school care in the Grandview-Woodland community.	
Jericho Kids' Club Child Care Society	Jericho Kids' Club 1 (Southlands Elementary) - License Increase	\$10,000	This grant will support an increase of current license capacity of 40 to 46 spaces to further support affordable access to before-and-after school care in the Dunbar-Southlands neighbourhood. Southlands Elementary, where the SAC program is provided, serves a diverse group of children including being the catchment school for the students from Musqueam Nation.	
Jericho Kids' Club Child Care Society	Jericho Kids' Club 2 (Gordon Elementary) - License Increase	\$15,342	This grant will support Jericho Kids' Club to expand its the School Age Care program at General Gordon Elementary to meet the growing needs in Kitsilano area. The project aims to increase its capacity by 16, from 92 to 108 licensed school age care spaces.	
TOTAL = 3		\$34,221		

APPENDIX K-1
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation K)
FUNDING SOURCE: Social Policy Grants Capital Budget

Social Policy Capital Grants provide support for space 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
411 Seniors Centre Society (1977)	A Sound System for Seniors	\$9,455	This grant will support a sound system that will improve communication, sound quality and accessibility for participants, especially seniors with hearing impairments, during large events, meetings, and social activities.	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Grease Interceptor Accessibility Retrofit and Dishwasher Replacement	\$50,000	This grant will support to resolve a critical grease interceptor obstruction caused by poor design. The interceptor is located at the Annex kitchen, currently its proximity to the ceiling causes costly, disruptive tank-lowering for cleaning. The proposed work is to lower the interceptor, reroute piping, and to install a support structure, which will ensure safe maintenance access and eliminate recurring cost of \$10,000 per year.	
Disability Alliance BC Society	DABC Website Redesign: Advancing Accessibility and Inclusion	\$25,000	This grant will support the DABCs website upgrade with the specific purpose of increasing accessibility to the highest standard available through world web accessibility guidelines, so that DABC's clients, with all types of disabilities, can better access the website, which is a highly used resource for the disability community.	
Kickstand Community Bikes Society	Kickstand Accessibility Upgrades (Automated Door Opener)	\$10,000	This grant will support Kickstand Community Bikes Society to enhance accessibility by installing an automatic door. The upgrade will ensure the community bike shop is more inclusive, allowing shop users	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			with bikes and wheelchair users to access the space safely and independently.	
Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility	Wavefront Centre - Second-Floor Space Accessibility Enhancements	\$25,000	This grant will support the renovation of the second floor to enhance accessibility, inclusivity, and collaboration through open, well-lit spaces, and to improve visual and mobility access. Upgrades include glass walls, motion-activated doors, and flexible layouts that support visual communication, independence, and meaningful engagement for staff, visitors, and community partners.	
TOTAL = 5		\$119,455		

APPENDIX K-2
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation K)
FUNDING SOURCE: Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate

Funding earmarked supports 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
Cultivate Canada Society / Sole Food Street Farms	Growing Forward: Water-Wise Infrastructure for a Resilient Urban Farm	\$23,115	This grant will support the Sole Food Street Farms to upgrade its aging irrigation systems to improve water efficiency, climate resilience, and working conditions. Investing in smarter, movable infrastructure will reduce waste, improve water retention on site, and make better use of staff time, which will help strengthen their capacity to grow food and support people meaningfully.	
South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	Replacement of 2 HVAC Units	\$100,000	This grant will support South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (SVNH) to replace two aging HVAC units that are more than 20 years old and reaching end of life cycle. SVNH will install two new heat pumps, which will reduce global warming potential, eliminate harm to ozone layer, and improve energy efficiency.	
TOTAL = 2		\$123,115		

APPENDIX K-3
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants – Not Recommended
FUNDING SOURCE: Social Policy Grants Capital Budget

Social Policy Capital Grants provide support for space 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
Association of United Ukrainian Canadians	Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Cabinets	\$0	The Association of United Ukrainian Canadians is an Arts and Cultural Center that provides a wide range of cultural activities including dance, orchestra, choir, performing arts, arts & crafts, and language instruction. The organization is seeking a Social Capital grant for emergency preparedness equipment, including a storage cabinet and necessary supplies. The project aims to better serve the safety of the cultural centre's patrons in the event of natural disaster or crisis.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
Pacifica Treatment Center	Bed Bug Heat Room	\$0	Pacifica Treatment Center provides a safe substance use treatment centre for individuals. The organization is seeking a Social Capital grant to create a bedbug heat room, which aims to improve clients' health and safety. Many clients face barriers to services due to substance use and precarious housing, and that leads to bedbug exposure. The bedbug room will reduce risks, pesticides and enhance access to the treatment center.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities.
TOTAL = 2		\$0		

APPENDIX L
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium & Annex Direct Award Recommended (Recommendation L)

The Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium & Annex grant is a unique arrangement with Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) provides them with a direct award for a gymnasium and the Collingwood Annex. In combination, the two facilities serve thousands of residents each year. CNH submits operational and financial reports each year for review by Social Policy and Park Board staff.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2025 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Gymnasium operating	\$309,258	The City has a unique arrangement with Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) that provides them with funding for a gymnasium, thus reducing operating costs while at the same time facilitating greater community input into the programming offered at the site. The facility serves thousands of local residents each year. CNH submits operational and financial reports each year for review by Social Policy and Park Board staff.	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Annex operating	\$40,000	In September 2018, Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) added a 10,250-square-foot community amenity space at Boundary Road and Vanness Street, about three blocks from the existing 25,000-square-foot CNH facility on Joyce Street. It includes five types of spaces including a dividable multi-purpose room, a full commercial-grade kitchen, a community arts room, a children's activity room and office space.	
TOTAL = 2		\$349,258		

Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) Gym and Annex

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

Previous Council Decisions

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

APPENDIX M
2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS
350 West Georgia Street (Central Branch of VPL) – Renewal Licence Agreement with
Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) (Recommendation M)

The Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) is a provincial and non-profit organization that provides essential services to residential school survivors and families experiencing intergenerational trauma.

The IRSSS has been serving First Nations people in B.C. since 1994, just ten years after the last Indian Residential School closed in the province. Recently, the IRSSS has supported survivors and intergenerational survivors with triggering and distressing situations, including the uncovering of unmarked graves at Indian Residential Schools across the country, by providing emotional and cultural support as needed.

The ever-changing and growing team at the IRSSS also provides dedicated and specialized services to support people, families and communities affected by Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). In addition, the IRSSS supports intergenerational survivors who seek culture as well as support with building healthy relationships.

In 2022, the IRSSS identified the need for office space for their administrative functions after receiving notice that their former lease was ending and reached out to the Vancouver Public Library (VPL). The Vancouver Public Library Board approved the use of a portion of the 8th floor of the Central Branch of VPL for non-library purposes.

In December 2022, following Council approval, the City granted a license to the Society for an approximate 1,690 sf portion of the 8th floor of the Central Branch of VPL for a term of three (3) years commencing on December 1, 2022, and ending on November 30, 2025.

The Society and VPL are requesting that the City grant to the Society a renewal license for a further term of three (3) years.

The Renewal Licence will provide 1,690 square feet of rentable area, including exclusive use of office space along with shared access to staff washrooms and a kitchenette (see plan below showing outline of IRSSS Licence Area).

VPL and IRSSS have agreed to the following renewal licence terms:

- 3-year renewal term commencing on December 1st, 2025
- 1,690 sq ft total rentable area (1,488 sq ft exclusive use office; 202 sq ft shared washrooms (148 sq ft) & kitchenette (54 sq ft))
- Licence Fee of \$10.00 for the term, inclusive of payment of rent-in-lieu of property taxes
- Maintenance Fee of \$5.50/sq ft/annum (\$9,295) plus GST, for a proportionate share of utilities/janitorial/security/routine maintenance costs
- Normal access limited to standard library operating hours

- VPL to provide workstations/desks and blinds
- IRSSS to supply computers and printers, phones, internet connection
- IRSSS to maintain insurance coverage as typically required under the City's standard form of licence agreement (Commercial General Liability; Tenant's Legal Liability; Contents; etc), in the amounts as prescribed by the City's Chief Risk Officer
- IRSSS is responsible for any costs associated with damage incurred to/within the Licence Area as a result of their occupation, activities and operations or that of any third party permitted within the Licence Area

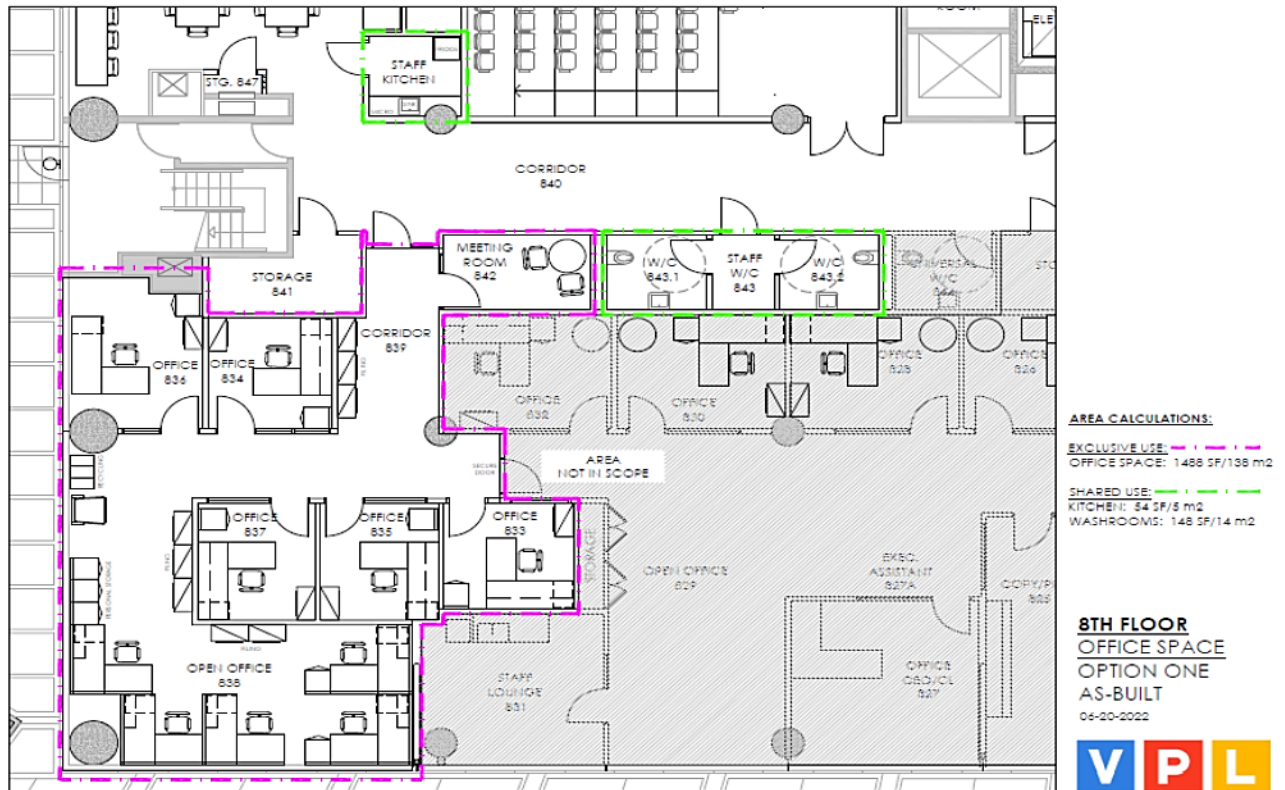
A Renewal Licence for this VPL space aligns with the City's Reconciliation and Equity Frameworks and will provide continued support for IRSSS to deliver their critical programs and services.

Financial

The base rent, payable as a licence fee, under the Renewal Licence for 350 West Georgia is proposed to be at a nominal rate of \$10.00 for the 3-year renewal term, inclusive of payment of rent-in-lieu of property taxes, which constitutes a grant valued at approximately \$60,840 per annum, or \$182,510 for the three-year term of the renewal licence. A maintenance fee based on a per sq ft rate of \$5.50/sq ft/annum will cover a proportionate share of costs for utilities (hydro, water & sewer), janitorial, security and routine maintenance (annual fee \$9,295).

Legal

Legal Services will be instructed to prepare a Renewal Licence based on the terms identified in this report, and on such other licence terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the Chief Librarian & CEO of Vancouver Public Library, the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management and the Director of Legal Services. VPL will oversee the ongoing management of the IRSSS Licence Area. 350 W Georgia – Plan of Premises – L8.



APPENDIX N

2025 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

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

- The Older Persons Strategic Framework and 2025 Early Actions: [February 5, 2025](#)
- Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Priority Alignment to Social Policy Grants: [November 27, 2024](#)
- Municipal Grants Jurisdictional Review and Arts, Culture and Social Grant Program Refinements: [October 22, 2024](#)
- Mental Health & Substance Use: Motion from Council ([November 22, 2022](#), Member's Motion B.5); Phase One progress report and grant ([February 6, 2024](#)); Program Implementation report ([October 23, 2024](#))
- Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026: [October 31, 2023](#)
- Healthy City Strategy: [October 29, 2014](#); refresh initiated [May 8, 2024](#)
- Accessibility Strategy: [July 19, 2022](#); Multi-Year Action Plan: [June 14, 2024](#)
- The City of Vancouver Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy: [October 18, 2023](#)
- City of Vancouver's UNDRIP Strategy and 5-Year Action Plan: [October 25, 2022](#)
- Implementation of Recommendations from the National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: [July 19, 2022](#)
- Capital Plan: [June 29, 2022](#)
- Making Strides: Vancouver's Childcare Strategy: [June 8, 2022](#)
- Spaces to Thrive: Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy: [December 9, 2021](#)
- Equity Framework: [July 20, 2021](#)
- Greenest City Grants: [April 17, 2012](#); [Revised 2020](#)
- Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grants: [July 25, 2017](#)
- City of Reconciliation: [July 8, 2014](#)
- Vancouver Food Strategy: [January 2013](#)
- Community Services Grants: March 7, 1978

The Older Persons Strategic Framework: The framework aims to establish a comprehensive, overarching approach for the City of Vancouver's work to engage and support the aging population. The work will progress Council's priority to ensure that Vancouver is an age-friendly city, through a shared vision and goals to address the needs of older persons and a holistic, collaborative approach across City departments and with external partners.

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

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

Healthy City Strategy: On [October 29th, 2014](#) Council approved goals, targets and indicators of the Healthy City Strategy 2014-2025 Phase I. On July 8, 2015, Council approved the first four-year action plan for the Healthy City Strategy. On [May 8th, 2024](#), Council directed staff to begin a process to refresh the strategy; this work is presently underway.

Accessibility Strategy: On [July 19th, 2022](#), Council adopted the City's first Accessibility Strategy. The Accessibility Strategy reflects the City's commitment to support the full participation of persons with disabilities by establishing and maintaining inclusive services, programs, and infrastructure, and by identifying, removing, and preventing barriers. The strategy reinforces the recognition of the rights, dignity, and independence of people with disabilities within Vancouver and strengthens the ability to foster a culture of equity and inclusion that values and includes all residents, visitors, and employees. On [July 9th, 2024](#), Council received a report on the implementation of the Multi-Year Action Plan (MYAP) for the Accessibility Strategy.

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

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

Implementation of Recommendations from the National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: On [July 19th, 2022](#), Council approved *MMIWG2S Response Report: Response to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice* and *Red Women Rising Report Recommendations*. The report’s Financial Implications sections notes that in the 2022 Budget Council approved \$300,000 in funding to support this work, half of it onetime and half of it ongoing. This work is ongoing and updates are presented to Council by Indigenous Relations.

Capital Plan: On [June 29th, 2022](#), Council approved the 2023-2026 *Capital Plan*, a \$3.5 billion capital investment in in-kind infrastructure, amenities, programs, and projects to be delivered by the City and/or its community partners.

Making Strides: Vancouver’s Childcare Strategy and Early Actions: On [June 8th, 2022](#) Council approved *Making Strides: Vancouver’s Childcare Strategy and Early Actions*, including directions to expand equitable access to quality childcare and build partnerships toward a universal system through support for non-profit partners. A Phase 1 implementation update was received by Council on [November 29th, 2023](#).

Working Collaboratively to Become a Restorative City: On [January 26th, 2022](#), Council passed a motion to make Vancouver a Restorative City. The motion committed the City to creating a restorative justice lens, with specific Restorative Collective work to develop a Restorative City Framework. The Framework would support the development and delivery of restorative justice training for City staff and Council.

Spaces to Thrive - Vancouver Social Infrastructure Strategy: On [December 9th, 2021](#), Council adopted the Spaces to Thrive, Vancouver’s first strategic 10-year policy and partnership framework for City-owned and City-supported social infrastructure.

Equity Framework: On [July 20th, 2021](#), Council approved the Equity Framework that lays the foundation for departmental action planning and for culture change within the City of Vancouver by centering on four notions: Indigenous rights, racial justice, intersectionality, and systems approach to change. Council received an update on the Equity Framework implementation on [July 9th, 2024](#).

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

City of Reconciliation: On [July 8th, 2014](#), Council adopted the framework which has three foundational components that further strengthen the City's services and ongoing relationships with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, and the urban Indigenous community: cultural competency, strengthening relations, and, effective decision-making. On January 19, 2016, Council approved the City's review of the Truth and Reconciliation "Calls to Action" report, which identified 27 of the 94 calls where the City has the jurisdiction and ability to implement 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 [January 2013](#), Council adopted the Vancouver Food Strategy with goals to improve access to healthy, affordable, and culturally diverse food for all residents, advocate for a just and sustainable food system with partners and at all levels of government, and to support food-friendly neighbourhoods. On [July 24, 2024](#), Council passed a motion directing staff to develop a food systems funding strategy in line with Council's strategic priorities.

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

APPENDIX 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. The numbers in this table are for the July 2025 report only. For funding awarded for the March 2025 grant cycle, please see the previous report: [2025 Community Services and Other Social Grants \(RTS 17704\)](#).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued support of organizations that support vulnerable communities through core operations grants. 	0	\$0
5 - Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support sex worker and gender safety programs. Advance the City's youth violence prevention strategy through the Building Safer Communities Program. 	6	\$140,000

Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Objective	Examples of Key Aligned Work recommended to be funded in this report	Number of Grants	Recommended Funding
6 - Climate Emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Strategy⁶ 	4	\$162,523
7 - Healthy, Inclusive, Equitable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the implementation of the City's Accessibility Strategy and Older Persons Strategic Framework to ensure Vancouver is a seniors-friendly, accessible City⁷. Implement the City of Vancouver's Childcare Strategy and ensure sufficient childcare options for Vancouver families. Invest in the City's Food System to increase food access and support a resilient, equitable, and sustainable food system for all. Work with other partners to address the mental health and addiction crisis. 	106	\$2,861,467

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

⁷ Alignment to the Older Persons Strategic Framework that was 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Onboard Indigenous Healing and Wellness grants into multi-year funding relationships; centering community adjudicators, including Elders and Knowledge Keepers, in the review process	0	\$0

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.⁸

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:

⁸ 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 oversight and strategic direction for the organization;
- **Equity and inclusion** through policies and practices to ensure that programs are truly accessible to all who would benefit from them;
- **Co-creation** through the active inclusion of the populations served in the governance, development, implementation, evaluation and realignment of the program;
- **Partnership** with other programs and organizations to leverage resources, share skills and knowledge and eliminate duplication of programming; and,
- **Outputs** are clearly defined, realistic and, for returning applicants, have been achieved in previous years.

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