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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services  
SUBJECT: 2026 Community Services, Childcare and Other Grants

## Recommendations

### *Operating and Capital Grants*

- A. THAT Council approve 22 Core Support Grants totalling \$589,899 from the 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix A-1 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2026 Recommend" column.
- B. THAT Council approve four One-Time Project Grants totalling \$120,000 from the 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the organizations listed in Appendix B-1 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2026 Recommend" column;
- FURTHER THAT, following the discontinuation of operations and early termination of the Multi-Year Funding grant agreement with the Providing Alternatives Counselling & Education Society ("PACE"), Council approve the reallocation of \$15,900 previously approved for PACE for the 2026 Multi-Year Funding Grant, to WISH Drop-In Centre Society as listed in Appendix B-2 for the amount recommended in the "2026 Recommend" column.
- C. THAT Council approve 44 Childcare Enhancement Grants totalling \$1,032,688 from the 2026 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget – Childcare to the organizations listed in Appendix C-1 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2026 Recommend" column.
- D. THAT Council approve five Childcare Project Grants totalling \$169,493 from the 2026 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget – Childcare to the organizations listed in Appendix D for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2026 Recommend" column.

- E. THAT Council approve 17 Childcare Reserve Grants totalling \$514,800 from the Childcare Reserve to the organizations listed in Appendix E for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2026 Recommend" column.
- F. THAT Council approve 10 Childcare Small Capital Grants totalling \$168,710 from the 2026 Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare budget (\$124,835), and the 2026 Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate budget (\$43,875) to the organizations listed in Appendices F-1 and F-2 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2026 Recommend" column.
- G. THAT Council approve 11 Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants totalling \$256,514 from the 2026 Social Policy Capital Grants budget (\$224,020) from the 2026 Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate budget (\$32,494) to the organizations listed in Appendices G-1 and G-2, for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2026 Recommend" column;
- FURTHER THAT, to correct a grant recipient's name in a previous report (RTS18412), Council approve the reallocation of \$12,500 that was previously approved from the 2026 Social Policy Capital Grants budget and approve a \$12,500 grant to the Reach Centre Association as listed in Appendix G-3 using the reallocated funds.
- H. THAT Council approve a grant totalling \$355,443 from the 2026 General Government Operating budget (\$315,443) and from the 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating budget (\$40,000) to Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society to support operations of the Collingwood Gymnasium and Collingwood Annex from January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, as further described in Appendix H.
- I. THAT Council approve one Hastings Legacy Fund grant totalling \$52,706 from the Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve to the organization listed in Appendix I for the amount recommended in the "2026 Recommend" column.
- J. THAT Council approve 16 Homelessness Services grants totalling \$43,000 from the 2026 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget to the organizations listed in Appendix J-1 for the amounts recommended in the "2026 Recommend" column.
- K. THAT Council approve, in advance of the 2027 operating budget, one grant of \$7,951,269 to Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH) as described in Appendix K from the 2027 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget, to continue implementation of VCH's *Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Framework Program*.

***Other Applicable Recommendations***

- L. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deems any organization described in Appendices A to K 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.

- M. THAT Council delegate 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 K on the terms and conditions set out herein or such other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services and the Director of Legal Services.
- N. THAT no legal rights or obligations will arise or be created by Council's adoption of these Recommendations unless and until all legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the respective parties.

Recommendations A to K 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 community services, childcare and other operating and capital grants in alignment with City priorities, including:

- A total of \$10,829,298 disbursed through 111 operating grants to community social service organizations, childcare providers, and service partners, to support critical programs and services for Vancouver residents, including childcare, homelessness services, mental health and substance use initiatives, and community-serving facilities.
- A total of \$425,224 disbursed through 21 capital grants to community social service organizations and childcare providers for facility improvements, equipment purchases, climate-related upgrades, and other capital investments that support the delivery of community services.

Table 1: Summary of Grant Recommendations in this Report

Grant Stream	Rec.	Grant Program	# of Grants	Total \$ Recommended	Total \$ Requested	Appendix
Community Services	A	Core Support	22	\$589,899	\$2,017,396	A-1
	B	One-Time Project Grants	4	\$120,000	\$120,000	B-1
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>26</b>	<b>\$709,899</b>	<b>\$2,137,396</b>	
Childcare (CC)	C	CC Enhancement Grants	44	\$1,032,688	\$1,032,688*	C-1
	D	CC Project Grants	5	\$169,493	\$227,115	D
	E	CC Reserve Grants	17	\$514,800	\$514,800	E
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>66</b>	<b>\$1,716,981</b>	<b>\$1,774,603</b>	

\* Recommended funding amounts are determined using a base grant formula. Applicants in this grant category do not request a specific funding amount; recommended amounts are based on available funding.

Grant Stream	Rec.	Grant Program	# of Grants	Total \$ Recommended	Total \$ Requested	Appendix
Capital	F	Childcare Small Capital Grants	10	\$168,710	\$248,472	F-1
	G	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	11	\$256,514	\$645,453	G-1
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>21</b>	<b>\$425,224</b>	<b>\$893,925</b>	
Other Grants	H	Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium & Annex	1	\$355,443	\$358,535	H
	I	Hastings Legacy Fund Grants	1	\$52,706	\$80,000	I
	J	Homelessness Services Grants	16	\$43,000	\$72,000	J-1
	K	Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Program	1	\$7,951,269	\$7,951,269	K
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>19</b>	<b>\$8,402,418</b>	<b>\$8,461,804</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>132</b>	<b>\$11,254,522</b>	<b>\$13,267,728</b>	

### Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Please see Appendix L 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* and the City's long-range social sustainability plan, the *Healthy City Strategy (2026)*, the Social Policy and Projects grants program supports the delivery of social services and childcare programs across Vancouver through non-profit partners.

The non-profit sector in Vancouver continues to face mounting operational pressures, including increased demand for services and decreasing levels of support from various levels of government and other funders, resulting in precarity for non-profit organizations and increased demand for the City's grant programs. In response to this context, staff continually re-evaluate recommended funding distribution across the grant streams to align to City priorities and in consideration of need, organizational capacity and sector context.

On April 30, 2026, the Office of the Auditor General released the [2026 Audit of Community Grants](#). The audit's recommendations will be implemented by the end of 2027; staff have begun

to consider and incorporate relevant recommendations into the administration of Social Policy grants as is feasible.

## Discussion

This report seeks Council approval for a range of investments designed to strengthen the social supports available to Vancouver residents, including access to childcare for Vancouver families, in line with City's equity and other priorities. Descriptions of each grant stream and relevant context for the recommendations have been included in the Appendices. Should Council approve the recommendations, highlights include:

- **Core Support Grants:** Core support grants continue to support the nonprofit sector through core operating and program funding, including increasing support for organizations serving youth, seniors, and the Black and African diaspora communities in Vancouver. These investments help strengthen organizational capacity and ensure grant funding remains responsive to emerging priorities and underserved populations across Vancouver. (*Recommendation A*)
- **One-Time Project Grants:** one-time grants support priority initiatives that respond to emerging needs and opportunities, including youth violence prevention and mentorship programs for at-risk youth and culturally accessible supports for vulnerable seniors and Indigenous Elders. (*Recommendation B*)
- **Childcare Enhancement Grants:** operating funding that supports licensed childcare programs serving families facing complex barriers through initiatives such as reduced parent fees, food supplement programs, enhanced staffing ratios, and participation in childcare hubs. Requested funding increased by \$52,048 between 2025 and 2026, due in part to the opening of new City-owned childcare facilities in underserved neighbourhoods, and the number of licensed childcare spaces supported through the grants program expanding from 1,598 spaces in 2025 to 1,789 spaces in 2026, an increase of 191 spaces. (*Recommendation C*)
- **Childcare Project Grants:** one-time grants that strengthen the childcare system through the creation and conversion of licensed childcare spaces and other projects that improve quality and accessibility (*Recommendation D*)
- **Childcare Reserve Grants:** operating funding that helps offset the higher staffing costs associated with infant-toddler care in City-owned childcare facilities, increasing affordability of licensed childcare services for Vancouver families. (*Recommendation E*)
- **Capital Grants:** Social and Childcare Capital Grants support physical infrastructure improvements that enhance the accessibility, functionality, and climate resilience of childcare facilities and community-serving spaces. (*Recommendations F and G*)
- **Directed Funding:** ongoing directed grants that support key community infrastructure and partnerships, including funding for Collingwood Neighbourhood House's gymnasium and annex facilities, which serve thousands of residents annually, and continued implementation of Vancouver Coastal Health's Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Framework, which expands police-health partnerships, non-

police crisis response, and Indigenous-specific crisis supports. (*Recommendations H and K*)

- **Hastings Legacy Fund Grant:** funding that supports community-led initiatives in Hastings-Sunrise that strengthen neighbourhood capacity, build social cohesion, and foster a safe and inclusive community. (*Recommendation I*)
- **Homelessness Services Grants:** support diverse projects and events to provide unique opportunities for capacity and skills development, awareness raising, and direct access to resources and services for people experiencing homelessness. (*Recommendation J*)

## Financial Implications

Funding for grant recommendations totalling \$11,254,522 and the remaining budgets to be allocated in 2026 are summarized in Tables 2–6 below, according to funding sources.

Table 2: *Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams and Remaining Balances.*  
Source: **2026 Operating and Capital Budgets**

Rec.	Grant Stream(s)	Funding Source	2026 Budget	Previously Approved	Rec'd in this Report	Balance
A, B, H, J	Community Services Grants;	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget	\$7,829,484	\$6,267,138	\$792,899	\$769,447
C, D	CC Enhancement Grants; CC Project Grants	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget – Childcare	\$1,774,496	\$572,315	\$1,202,181	\$0
F	Childcare Small Capital Grants	Small Capital Grants for Non-city Owned childcare Budget	\$149,835	\$25,000	\$124,835	\$0
F, G	Childcare Small Capital Grants; Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate	\$431,633	\$112,500	\$76,369	\$242,764
G	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	Social Policy Grants Capital Budget	\$542,952	\$150,989	\$224,020	\$167,943
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$10,728,400</b>	<b>\$7,127,942</b>	<b>\$2,420,304</b>	<b>\$1,180,154</b>

Table 3: *Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams*  
Source: **Childcare Reserve**

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of Funding	Rec'd in this report
E	Childcare Reserve Grants	Childcare Reserve	\$514,800
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$514,800</b>

*Table 4: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams*  
*Source: 2026 General Government Operating Budget*

<b>Rec</b>	<b>Grant Stream</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Rec'd in this report</b>
H	Collingwood Gymnasium and Annex	2026 General Government Operating Budget	\$315,443
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$315,443</b>

*Table 5: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams*  
*Source: Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve*

<b>Rec</b>	<b>Grant Stream</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Rec'd in this report</b>
I	Hastings Legacy Fund Grants	Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve	\$52,706
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$52,706</b>

*Table 6: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams*  
*Source: 2027 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget*

<b>Rec</b>	<b>Grant Stream</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Rec'd in this report</b>
K	Vancouver Coast Health Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancement Programs	2027 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget	\$7,951,269
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$7,951,269</b>

### **Legal Implications**

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

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**APPENDIX A-1**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Core Support Grants (CSG) Grants – Recommended (Recommendation A)**  
**Funding Source: 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget**

*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 residents, and fund organizations that support other nonprofits to improve their ability to deliver social services, address social issues, and navigate change. Grant applications are reviewed and assessed by an interdisciplinary staff committee. Funding recommendations are based on available funding, alignment with the grant program priorities and eligibility criteria outlined in the [Grant Information Guide](#).*

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS <sup>1</sup>
Asian Environmental Association dba Hua Foundation	CORE	\$30,000	Hua Foundation provides programming that strengthens the capacity of racialized youth and grassroots organizations involved in social service and systems change work. Programming includes mentorship, peer-learning, and operational support.	
Avalon Recovery Society	Vancouver Women's Centre	\$20,000	The Vancouver Women's Centre provides a haven and community hub for women with lived experience of addiction and trauma. The program provides supports to promote mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness for participants and their families.	

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<sup>1</sup> Certain grant recommendations include conditions or comments specific to the organization or project. These reflect organization- or project-specific circumstances identified through the grant review process and are included in the grant notification letter.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS <sup>1</sup>
Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver	Community Mentoring Program	\$25,000	The Community Mentoring Program provides male-identifying, gender-fluid, and non-binary children aged 7 to 14 with positive male-identifying role models. Through regular outings and mentorship, participants build supportive relationships grounded in trust, shared interests, and common values.	<b>CONDITION:</b> 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. <sup>2</sup>
Big Sisters of B.C. Lower Mainland	CORE	\$30,600	Big Sisters provides mentoring programs for girls, transgender, non-binary, and gender-diverse youth (aged 7 to 17). Trained caseworkers match participants with adult mentors who provide support, guidance, and positive role modelling.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Increase of \$600 from 2025 grant.

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<sup>2</sup> This condition may be included where confirmation of an organization's good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies or the Canada Revenue Agency was pending at the time of staff's final assessment and recommendation. Funding is released once the required documentation is received and the organization's status is verified.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS <sup>1</sup>
Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC	BGC Services in Vancouver	\$60,000	Boys and Girls Clubs Services in Vancouver provides after-school and school-break programming at three Vancouver club locations and seven elementary schools. Programs support children and youth aged 6 to 18 through activities that promote healthy development, learning, leadership and positive relationships, healthy living.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Increase of \$7,652 from 2025 grant.
British Columbia Community Alliance Society	CORE	\$25,000	British Columbia Community Alliance provides advocacy, community engagement, family support, and educational initiatives that address systemic inequities and anti-Black racism in Vancouver's education system. As a Black-led non-profit organization, BCCAS works to advance equitable outcomes for Black students, families, and communities.	<b>COMMENT:</b> New CSG grantee this year.
Canadian Paraplegic Association (BC) dba Spinal Cord Injury Organization of BC	Information Services Program	\$23,520	The Information Services Program provides information and referral services for people living with spinal cord injuries throughout B.C. Services include access to an online information database and support from staff.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Reduction of \$10,800 from 2025 grant.  <b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS <sup>1</sup>
Dignity Seniors Society	CORE	\$13,500	Dignity Seniors provides tailored supports for 2SLGBTQIA+ seniors. The organization collaborates with community partners to reduce isolation, support aging in place, provide education to service providers, and advocate for more inclusive Long-Term-Care services.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Increase of \$1,000 from 2025 grant.
Employ to Empower Foundation	CORE	\$21,000	Employ to Empower provides entrepreneurship programming for low-income individuals facing barriers including disability, health challenges, and addiction recovery. The programming offers skills training, mentorship, and paid leadership opportunities.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Reduction of \$9,000 from 2025 grant.  <b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education / Equitas – Centre International D'Education Aux Droits Humains	Building Inclusive Vancouver Communities	\$30,000	The Building Inclusive Vancouver Communities program provides human rights education to support safe and inclusive communities. The organization builds the capacity of child- and youth-serving organizations through training, coaching, partnership development, dialogue, and youth-led action projects.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS <sup>1</sup>
Ethos Lab Educational Society	CORE	\$30,000	Ethós Lab is a Black-led Vancouver organization that provides STEAM-based programming for Black youth in Grades 5 to 12. Through culturally grounded programming, participants develop skills, social connections, and pathways to post-secondary education and employment.	<b>COMMENT:</b> New CSG grantee this year.
First United Church Community Ministry Society	Community Help Desk	\$35,000	The Community Help Desk provides outreach, phone and mail services, identification support, and referrals for low-income individuals and people experiencing homelessness in the Downtown Eastside.	<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Jewish Family Service Agency of Vancouver	Services for Seniors	\$8,060	Services for Seniors provides supports for older adults to age in place through advocacy, information and referral services, community programming, assessments and care planning.	<b>Notification Grant<sup>3</sup></b>

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<sup>3</sup> Notification Grant: The application shows limited alignment with the objectives of the grant program. 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	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS <sup>1</sup>
Jewish Seniors Alliance of Greater Vancouver Foundation	Community Support Services Program	\$16,000	The Community Support Services Program provides one-to-one volunteer support for vulnerable seniors. The program reduces isolation and supports inclusion, health, and community connection.	<b>COMMENT:</b> New CSG grantee this year.
Pacific Immigrant Resources Society	CORE	\$58,375	The Pacific Immigrant Resources Society provides accessible, low-barrier, and trauma-informed programs for immigrant and refugee women and their children. Services support settlement, social connection, leadership development, and participation in community life.	
PHS Community Services Society	Community Managed Alcohol Program	\$30,000	The Community Managed Alcohol Program provides harm reduction supports for street entrenched individuals through managed alcohol distribution, food services, and connections to health care.	<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
REACH Centre Association	Multicultural Family Centre Drop In	\$22,980	The Multicultural Family Centre Drop In program provides culturally relevant support through Cross-Cultural Health Promoters from Vietnamese, Latin American, and other immigrant and refugee communities. During drop-in hours at the REACH clinic, community members receive assistance accessing and navigating health care and community services.	

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Seniors Services Society of BC	Vancouver Seniors Housing Outreach Services Program	\$29,864	Vancouver Seniors Housing Outreach Services program provides support to Vancouver seniors who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The program assists participants to maintain existing housing or secure affordable and appropriate housing in their communities.	
Support Network for Indigenous Women and Women of Colour	CORE	\$5,000	The Support Network for Indigenous Women and Women of Colour provides services that address social determinants of health for low-income Black women, Indigenous women, and women of colour in Vancouver.	<b>Notification Grant<sup>4</sup></b>
Japanese Community Volunteers Association dba Tonari Gumi	CORE	\$25,000	Tonari Gumi provides culturally appropriate programs and services for Japanese Canadians of all ages. The organization supports newcomers, promotes community connection, and delivers programs that reduce isolation and support healthy aging among seniors.	<b>COMMENT:</b> Increase of \$5,000 from 2025 grant.
UrbanPromise Ministries	Downtown Eastside Preteen Out-of-School Program	\$20,000	The Downtown Eastside Preteen Out-of-School Program provides year-round out-of-school programming for students in Grades 5 to 7 with priority given to children from low-income households in the Downtown Eastside. The program offers recreation,	<b>COMMENT:</b> New CSG grantee this year.

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			mentorship, experiential learning, and wraparound supports.	
Yo Bro Yo Girl Youth Initiative Society	CORE	\$40,000	Yo Bro Yo Girl provides inclusive in- and after-school programs for vulnerable youth in Vancouver. Through recreation, mentorship, leadership development, and life-skills programming, participants build positive relationships and strengthen personal and social skills.	<b>COMMENT:</b> New CSG grantee this year.
<b>TOTAL = 22</b>		<b>\$589,899</b>		

**APPENDIX A-2**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Core Support Grant (CSG) – Not Recommended**

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Aboriginal Front Door Society	CORE	\$0	The Aboriginal Front Door Society provides Indigenous cultural programming, community education, and cultural activities. Funding would also support the participation of Elders in program delivery and community engagement, and reconciliation work.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> does not meet eligibility criteria.
Arbutus Kerrisdale Shaughnessy Friendship Society	Seniors on the Move	\$0	Seniors on the Move provides accessible transportation and community outings for older adults using the organization's existing buses. The program reduces isolation and supports social participation, recreation, and community connection.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Better Not Bitter Society	The Thriving Women Project & BNBS Youth Resilience Lab Model	\$0	The Thriving Women Project and Youth Resilience Lab deliver preventative, community-based programs for equity-deserving women and youth. Through workshops, mentorship, and skill-building activities, participants strengthen well-being, resilience, financial stability, and social connection.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated

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				higher in addressing City priorities.
Champlain Heights Community Association	CORE	\$0	The Champlain Heights Community Association provides accessible childcare, youth programming, recreation, and community events within a high-density non-market housing neighbourhood. The organization expands access to licensed childcare, including non-standard hours, while supporting community connection, inclusion, and well-being.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
CityHive Youth Engagement	CORE	\$0	CityHive provides young people with opportunities to engage in civic issues such as climate, housing, and mental health. Through its programs, youth participate in community planning, leadership development, and civic engagement initiatives.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Filipino Canadian Community & Cultural Society of British Columbia DBA Filipino BC	CORE	\$0	Filipino BC provides programs that address service gaps experienced by racialized and marginalized communities. The organization also delivers community-based emergency response,	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended

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			resources, and culturally responsive supports in follow up to the Lapu Lapu Day Festival tragedy.	as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Food Stash Foundation	CORE	\$0	Food Stash provides food rescue and redistribution services that deliver surplus food to non-profit organizations across Vancouver, including Downtown Vancouver and the Downtown Eastside. The program improves access to nutritious food while enabling community organizations to redirect resources toward other essential services.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Greater Vancouver Law Students' Legal Advice Society	CORE	\$0	The Greater Vancouver Law Students' Legal Advice Society provides free legal advice, representation, and advocacy services for low-income and marginalized individuals. Services include support in areas such as residential tenancy, employment, criminal law, human rights, immigration, and small claims matters.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Jinchuserve Foundation	CORE	\$0	JinchuServe Foundation provides essential goods to vulnerable families, youth, and community	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b>

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			organizations in Vancouver through the redistribution of new donated items. The program improves access to basic necessities and helps reduce financial hardship.	does not meet eligibility criteria.
Justice Education Society of BC	Community Legal Education: Scam Awareness & Rights Protection	\$0	The Community Legal Education: Scam Awareness & Rights Protection program provides free multilingual legal education workshops for Vancouver residents, with a focus on seniors and youth. Participants learn about common scams, legal rights, and available support resources.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Kids Up Front Foundation	CORE	\$0	Kids Up Front Vancouver provides vulnerable children, youth, and families with access to cultural, artistic, recreational, and leisure opportunities. The program reduces barriers to participation while promoting social inclusion, community connection, and overall well-being.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Lookout Housing and Health Society	Jeffrey Ross Residence Aging in Place Upgrades	\$0	The Jeffrey Ross Residence provides supportive housing for vulnerable seniors in the Downtown Eastside. Funding supports improvements	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b>

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			required to address the needs of residents aging in place and experiencing increasingly complex health and support needs.	does not meet eligibility criteria.
Lookout Housing and Health Society	PSG & Powell Horizons Indigenous Connections	\$0	The PSG & Powell Horizons Indigenous Connections Program provides culturally grounded weekly programming, including sharing circles, crafts, and outings. The program supports participants to explore Indigenous practices, build relationships, and strengthen personal wellness.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Odihi	Changing the Colour of the Boardroom	\$0	Changing the Colour of the Boardroom provides educational workshops, mentorship, community engagement opportunities, and leadership development for Black and Brown women and girls. Participants build skills, networks, and opportunities for community involvement.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society	Integrated Family Safety & Support Program	\$0	The Integrated Family Safety & Support Program provides culturally responsive and trauma-informed support to vulnerable youth and families. Through partnerships with schools and community	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			agencies, the program improves access to services and strengthens family connections.	not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Rainbow Refugee Society	CORE	\$0	Rainbow Refugee Society provides direct services, sponsorship support, system navigation, and community programs for LGBTQIA+ refugees and newcomers. The program improves access to housing, health, and settlement services while fostering community connection and belonging.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Take a Hike Youth Mental Health Foundation	Take a Hike Vancouver – Land-based Learning Program	\$0	Take a Hike provides outdoor land-based learning as part of its wraparound supports for vulnerable youth. Participants engage in experiential learning that promotes connection, belonging, and well-being.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Bloom Group Community Services Society	Peer-Led Hoarding Support and Housing Stability Program	\$0	The Peer-Led Hoarding Support and Housing Stability Program provides ongoing peer-delivered support for residents experiencing hoarding behaviours in supportive housing. The program focuses on early intervention, harm reduction, safety, and housing stability.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
The Starfish Environmental Society	Summer Camps & Afterschool Programs for Tsleil-Waututh Youth	\$0	Starfish Canada provides summer camps and after-school environmental education programs for Tsleil-Waututh Nation youth. The program reduces financial barriers to participation and supports outdoor learning and environmental stewardship.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
The Vancouver Friends For Life Society	CORE	\$0	The Vancouver Friends for Life Society provides complementary health and wellness services for individuals living with serious illnesses, including cancer, HIV, and hepatitis C. The program promotes health, well-being, and social connection.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
				higher in addressing City priorities.
The Vi Fineday Family Shelter Society	CORE	\$0	The Vi Fineday Family Shelter Society provides supervised recreation and learning activities for children from families experiencing homelessness. The program supports child well-being while enabling parents to attend appointments, access services, and search for housing.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Three Links Care Society	Belonging and Connection/Accessibility and Inclusion	\$0	Belonging and Connection provides volunteer-led opportunities that foster meaningful relationships among residents of care homes, supportive housing, and the broader community. The Accessibility and Inclusion program delivers adapted wellness activities that support participation by residents with diverse physical, cognitive, and sensory needs.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Uya'am Gaak Cultural Society	CORE	\$0	Uya'am Gaak provides programming that supports Indigenous Elders and tenants in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside through cultural connection, community building, and wellness activities.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
				as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Warm Hands Society	CORE	\$0	Warm Hands Society provides multilingual services for seniors, including home care, transportation, social activities, technology supports, and seasonal assistance. The program promotes independence, well-being, and community connection.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
Working Gear Clothing Society	Working Gear Community Internship	\$0	Working Gear provides industry-appropriate clothing, equipment, and employment supports at no cost to low-income and unemployed individuals seeking work.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities.
<b>TOTAL = 25</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>		

**APPENDIX B-1**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**One-Time Project Grants – Recommended (Recommendation B)**  
**Funding Source: 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget**

*One-Time Project Grants support non-profit partner organizations to deliver priority activities aligned with specific Social Policy objectives, such as starting up services, priority events, and initiatives responding to new developments or opportunities.*

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
DUDES Club Society	NexUp	\$35,000	NexUp provides youth leadership training and capacity-building activities for boys, young men, and masculine-identifying Two-Spirit, trans, queer, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming youth, including youth aged 12 to 14, and convenes youth-serving organizations to strengthen service coordination.	
Gaia Community Care and Wellness Society	Seniors Community Hub	\$20,000	The Seniors Community Hub provides culturally and linguistically accessible outreach, navigation, and social programming for seniors experiencing barriers. The program reduces isolation and improves access to services, benefits, and community-based supports.	<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre	Elders and Knowledge Keepers Retreat	\$30,000	Salal Sexual Violence Support Centre provides a retreat for Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers from organizations receiving Indigenous Healing and Wellness grants to support relationship-building, knowledge sharing, and collaboration.	<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
M.O.S.A.I.C. Multi-Lingual Orientation Service Association for Immigrant Communities	Building Safer Youth Communities	\$35,000	MOSAIC's Building Safer Youth Communities program provides newcomer youth aged 6 to 24 with arts, life-skills, mentorship, recreation, leadership, and community-based programming that supports confidence, resilience, practical skills, and social connection.	
<b>TOTAL = 4</b>		<b>\$120,000</b>		

**APPENDIX B-2**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Reallocation 2025-2027 Multi-Year Funding Grant – Recommended (Recommendation B)**

*The \$15,900 reallocation is a result of the ceasing of programming of the PACE Society, previously approved in 2025 (RTS 17704) as a three-year Multi-Year Funding grant.*

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
WISH Drop-In Centre Society	Indigenous Sharing Circle	\$15,900	The Indigenous sharing circle for Indigenous street-based sex workers provides cultural activities, teachings, art, outings, and Elder support. The program was previously delivered by PACE Society and has transitioned to WISH to ensure continuity of culturally relevant supports.	
<b>TOTAL = 1</b>		<b>\$15,900</b>		

**APPENDIX C-1**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Childcare Enhancement Grants - Recommended (Recommendation C)**  
**Funding Source: 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget – Childcare**

*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. Grant applications are reviewed and assessed by an interdisciplinary staff committee. Funding recommendations are based on available funding and alignment with the grant program priorities and eligibility criteria outlined in the [Grant Information Guide](#).*

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	\$10 A DAY CENTRE <sup>2</sup>	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	Beaconsfield Out of School Care	\$28,860	35	Yes		

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix C-3 for further information on Focus Programs.

<sup>2</sup> \$10 A Day refers to B.C.'s *\$10 A Day ChildCareBC* program, indicating participation in the Provincial initiative capping parent fees at approximately \$10/day; program participation is considered in grant adjudication.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	\$10 A DAY CENTRE <sup>2</sup>	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	Queen Alexandra Out of School Care	\$27,000	65			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Kids World Group Child Care	\$27,000	76			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Nootka Group Child Care	\$34,455	50	Yes		
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Gordon	Gordon NH Out of School Care	\$24,464	40			

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	\$10 A DAY CENTRE <sup>2</sup>	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Neighborhood House						
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Marpole Neighbourhood House	Early Learning and Childcare Program	\$27,000	12			<b>COMMENT:</b> New program for this grant stream.
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	Before and After School Care - Nightingale Elementary	\$25,601	84			<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	Childcare at Eric Hamber – Infant & Toddler Program	\$20,915	24			

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	\$10 A DAY CENTRE <sup>2</sup>	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	Childcare at Eric Hamber - 3-5	\$27,000	45			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	Group Daycare	\$34,455	32	Yes		<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	Poppins Preschool & SVNH Out of School Care	\$27,000	40			
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver	Orca Rising School Age Care	\$27,000	50			<b>COMMENT:</b> New Program for this grant stream.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	\$10 A DAY CENTRE <sup>2</sup>	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Neighbourhood House						
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	Salmon Stone Childcare	\$27,000	49			<b>COMMENT:</b> New Program for this grant stream.
Brant Villa Day Care Society	Learning Tree Day Care	\$27,841	25	Yes	Yes	
Champlain Heights Community Association	Preschool and OSC Program	\$22,985	46			<b>COMMENT:</b> New Program for this grant stream.
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Sarah House Early Learning and Child Care	\$27,841	25	Yes	Yes	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Duke Street Early Learning and Care Centre	\$33,549	32	Yes	Yes	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	\$10 A DAY CENTRE <sup>2</sup>	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Grenfell School Age Child Care Program	\$19,571	32			
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Graham Bruce School Age Child Care Program	\$25,802	30	Yes		
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	Kiwassa Variety Daycare Centre	\$20,386	25		Yes	
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	Longhouse	\$20,183	33			
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	Kiwassa Out of School Care	\$30,695	38	Yes		
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society	Play and Learn Preschool Program	\$8,155	20			

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	\$10 A DAY CENTRE <sup>2</sup>	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society	BASC - Before After School Care	\$11,113	20			
McGregor Child Care Society	Infant & Toddler Program	\$27,000	12			
South Vancouver Family Place Society	Kids Care Preschool	\$12,232	30			
Strathcona Community Centre Association (1972)	School Aged Care #1 and #2	\$27,000	180		Yes	<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
Strathcona Community Centre Association (1972)	Preschool	\$4,999	40		Yes	<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy
Sunset Child Care Society	Sunset Child Care Society	\$27,000	25			

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	\$10 A DAY CENTRE <sup>2</sup>	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Sunset Community Association	Sunset Out of School Care	\$17,125	28			
Sunset Community Association	Sunset Early Learning Day Program	\$34,455	24	Yes		
Sunset Community Association	Sunset School Age Care @ Sexsmith	\$25,565	60			
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Britannia Child Care OSC	\$34,455	82	Yes	Yes	
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Britannia Child Care Preschool	\$5,436	20		Yes	
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Grandview Terrace 3 Programs (3-5, OSC II & OSC III)	\$27,000	99		Yes	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	\$10 A DAY CENTRE <sup>2</sup>	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Eagles in the Sky Child Care - OSC	\$19,107	40		Yes	<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	Child Development Centre (CDC)	\$18,348	15			
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	Out of School Care (LMOSC)	\$25,182	68			<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.
The Shannon Day Care Society	Toddler and 3 – 5 Program	\$27,000	25			
Thunderbird Neighbourhood Association	Thunderbird Preschool	\$5,436	20		Yes	
UrbanPromise Ministries	Promise Vancouver School Age Program	\$11,113	20			

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM <sup>1</sup>	\$10 A DAY CENTRE <sup>2</sup>	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
YWCA British Columbia	Crabtree Corner Early Learning and Child Care Centre	\$34,455	24	Yes		
YWCA British Columbia	Citygate Early Learning and Child Care Centre	\$17,122	25		Yes	
YWCA British Columbia	Emma's Early Learning and Care Centre	\$26,787	24		Yes	
<b>TOTAL = 44</b>		<b>\$1,032,688</b>	<b>1789</b>			

**APPENDIX C-2**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Childcare Enhancement Grants – Not Recommended**

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
McGregor Child Care Society	3–5 Program	\$0	25			<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application did not meet program criteria.
BGC of South Vancouver	BGC Fraserview Club	\$0	170			<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application did not meet program criteria.
Westside Japanese Language Society	Donguri Preschool	\$0	14			<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application did not meet program criteria.
Canada Educational Innovation and Exchange Association (Neo Academy)	3–5 Program	\$0	50			<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Organization did not meet eligibility criteria.
Canada Educational Innovation and Exchange Association (Neo Academy)	Infant & Toddler Program	\$0	24			<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Organization did not meet eligibility criteria.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	LICENSED CAPACITY	FOCUS PROGRAM	\$10 A DAY CENTRE	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Eagles in the Sky Child Care 3-5	\$0	25		Yes	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application did not meet program criteria.
<b>TOTAL =6</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>308</b>			

**APPENDIX C-3  
2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS  
Childcare Enhancement Grants – Additional Information**

The Childcare Enhancement Grant is the City of Vancouver’s largest childcare operating grant stream, supporting neighbourhood-based providers that serve children and families facing complex barriers and vulnerabilities.

The Childcare Enhancement Grant supports programs serving neighbourhoods with a high concentration of families facing multiple and intersecting vulnerabilities. Funding helps connect families to support services, enhance inclusion and culturally responsive programming, and address basic needs through initiatives such as enhanced food programs.

*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:

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 <a href="#">Childcare Enhancement Grant info guide</a> 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 additional funding to provide needed supports.

<p>Weighting of \$10aDay programs</p>	<p>Allocation for \$10aDay sites uses 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.</p>	<p>Provides additional grant resources to spread across non-\$10aDay programs.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility Categories:</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children from single parent families;</li> <li>• Children receiving the Provincial Childcare Subsidy (a measure of low income);</li> <li>• Children involved with Ministry of Children and Family Development protection;</li> <li>• Indigenous children;</li> <li>• Children from new refugee or immigrant families (in Canada less than 5 years);</li> <li>• New immigrant/refugee families who are unable to access Provincial subsidy programs because of their residency (another measure of low income);</li> <li>• Children with extra support needs, but who do not receive designated funding through the Supported Child Development Program;</li> <li>• Children who speak a language other than English at home.</li> </ul>		

**APPENDIX D**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Childcare Project Grants - Recommended (Recommendation D)**  
**Funding Source: 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget – Childcare**

*Childcare Project Grants support initiatives that strengthen Vancouver’s childcare system by helping non-profit organizations develop and expand licensed childcare programs, respond to financial challenges that may affect service continuity, and advance research, innovation, policy development, and shared resources that improve the quality, accessibility, and sustainability of childcare. The program operates through an open and rolling application process. Grant applications are reviewed and assessed by staff, and funding recommendations are based on available funding and alignment with the program priorities and eligibility criteria outlined in the Grant Information Guides for the [Childcare Program Development](#), [Childcare Program Stabilization](#), and [Childcare Research, Policy Development and Innovation](#) grant streams.*

AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Marpole Neighbourhood House	Program Development Grant	\$40,000	This grant will support non-capital costs of a new 45 space school age care program at Trudeau Elementary School.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	Program Development Grant	\$40,000	This grant will support non-capital and program supply costs associated with expanding the Group Child Care program at Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House from 16 to 32 spaces.	

AGENCY	PROJECT NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Program Stabilization Grant	\$10,000	This grant will support financial stabilization planning for school-age childcare programs experiencing increased operating costs. Activities include financial review, long-term sustainability modelling, assessment of restructuring and revenue diversification opportunities, and development of strategies to address funding gaps while maintaining services.	
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	RPD&I	\$10,000	This grant will support an independent evaluation of the Community Facilitator role across Britannia childcare programs, including data collection, analysis, and reporting to assess outcomes and identify practices for broader application.	
West End Community Centre Association	RPD&I	\$69,493	This grant will support a centralized childcare model across Community Centre Associations through the Association Presidents' Group by advancing shared management practices, policy development, administrative efficiencies, and coordinated professional development.	
<b>TOTAL = 5</b>		<b>\$169,493</b>		

**APPENDIX E**  
**2024 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Childcare Reserve Grants - Recommended (Recommendation E)**  
**Funding Source: Childcare Reserve**

*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.*

AGENCY & CHILDCARE CENTRE	2026 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		
<b>Subtotal – VSOCC</b>	<b>\$376,200</b>	<b>228</b>		

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	
<b>Subtotal – Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society</b>	<b>\$59,400</b>	<b>36</b>		
16. Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association – 3 Corners Child Care	\$39,600	24	Yes	
17. YWCA British Columbia – Leslie Diamond Early Learning & Child Care Centre	\$39,600	24	Yes	
<b>Subtotal – Other Childcare Providers</b>	<b>\$79,200</b>	<b>48</b>		
<b>TOTAL = 17</b>	<b>\$514,800</b>	<b>312</b>		

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 stream is enabled by 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 these grants. As a result, this grant stream 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.

**APPENDIX F-1**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Childcare Small Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation F)**  
**Funding Source: Small Capital Grants Budget for Non-City Owned Childcare**

*Funding supports infrastructure improvements (i.e., health, safety and accessibility upgrades) for licensed childcare facilities serving Vancouver residents. The source of funding for grants listed below is Small Capital Grants for Non-City Owned Childcare Budget. Grant applications are reviewed and assessed by an interdisciplinary staff committee. Funding recommendations are based on available funding and alignment with the grant program priorities and eligibility criteria outlined in the [Grant Information Guide](#).*

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Sandbox Rebuild/Repair (Collingwood Early Learning and Care Centre)	\$5,092	This grant will fund the replacement of a deteriorated sandbox through removal of the existing structure and installation of a new play feature to improve safety and hygiene.	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Playground Repair and Replacement Project (Sarah House Early Learning and Care Centre)	\$7,849	This grant will fund the replacement of damaged playground logs and repair of the flower box at Sarah House Early Learning and Care to improve safety and functionality.	
Champlain Heights Community Association	Basketball Hoops and Storage Room Improvements	\$21,253	This grant will fund the installation of height-adjustable basketball hoops and creation of dedicated childcare storage space to improve accessibility and safety in shared program areas.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Brant Villa Day Care Society	Learning Tree Outdoor Playground Safety Project	\$25,000	The grant will fund the replacement of deteriorated playground structures and fencing to address health and safety risks and meet licensing requirements.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	MPNH Childcare Playground Sandbox Replacement	\$25,000	This grant will fund the replacement of aging playground structures, including a heavily used sandbox, to address health and safety risks.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighborhood House	MPNH Preschool Expansion to Full Time Care	\$15,072	This grant will fund the conversion of an existing preschool to full-time childcare, creating 16 new spaces. Funding will support conversion of office space into a nap and quiet room to meet childcare licensing requirements.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	Exterior Windowpane and Landscape Irrigation Repair	\$5,000	This grant will fund the replacement of damaged windowpanes and an irrigation pipe in a rooftop outdoor play area to address health and safety risks and improve the safety of the space for children and staff.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	Tecumseh School Age Care	\$20,569	This grant will fund the renovation of the kitchen serving the school-age care program at Tecumseh Elementary through upgrades to counters, storage, and appliances to improve program functionality.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
<b>TOTAL = 8</b>		<b>\$124,835</b>		

**APPENDIX F-2**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Childcare Small Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation F)**  
**Funding Source: Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate**

*Funding 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). Grant applications are reviewed and assessed by an interdisciplinary staff committee. Funding recommendations are based on available funding and alignment with the grant program priorities and eligibility criteria outlined in the [Grant Information Guide](#).*

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROGRAM NAME</b>	<b>2026 RECOMMEND</b>	<b>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>CONDITIONS &amp; COMMENTS</b>
City Hall Child Care Society	Improvements to Interior Air Quality	\$15,000	This grant will fund the installation of a dedicated air-conditioning system for a licensed 35-space before- and after-school care program at Moberly Elementary School to improve indoor comfort and safety.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	HVAC (Moberly School Age Care Center)	\$28,875	This grant will fund the purchase and installation of a dedicated air-conditioning system to ensure a safe, healthy, and compliant environment for children and staff in a licensed 35 space before and after school care program at Moberly Elementary School.	
<b>TOTAL = 2</b>		<b>\$43,875</b>		

**APPENDIX F-3  
2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS  
Childcare Small Capital Grants – Not Recommended**

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
YWCA BC	YWCA Emma’s Early Learning and Child Care Centre Gazebo Project	\$0	This grant would fund the replacement and refurbishment of two outdoor gazebos in the infant and toddler yards at Emma’s Early Learning and Child Care Centre that have reached the end of their usable lifespan.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
YMCA BC	Sand Play Hut Health and Safety Upgrade	\$0	This grant would fund the replacement of a non-compliant outdoor sand play hut to address health and safety concerns and meet licensing requirements while maintaining existing play functions.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
<b>TOTAL = 2</b>		<b>\$0</b>		

**APPENDIX G-1**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation G)**  
**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. Grant applications are reviewed and assessed by an interdisciplinary staff committee. Funding recommendations are based on available funding and alignment with the grant program priorities and eligibility criteria outlined in the [Grant Information Guide](#).*

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
411 Seniors Centre Society (1977)	Kitchen Renovation	\$10,250	This grant will fund upgrades to the kitchen plumbing and electrical systems at 411 Seniors Centre to improve accessibility, safety, and functionality.	
The Britannia Community Services Centre Society	Accessible Washrooms (55+ Centre Upgrades)	\$50,000	This grant will fund upgrades to existing washrooms at the Britannia 55+ Centre to create two universally accessible washrooms and improve accessibility for facility users.	<b>CONDITION:</b> Funding will be released, subject to the conditions outlined in the Notification Letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Champlain Heights Community Association	Community Stewardship Basecamp Storage	\$25,000	This grant will fund the installation of a solar-powered, climate-controlled basecamp and storage container in Everett Crowley Park to support accessible stewardship and nature-based programming.	
Disability Alliance BC Society	Creating an Accessible and Inclusive Non-Profit Hub Space for the Vancouver Community	\$35,000	This grant will fund accessibility improvements to a new service hub at 485 W 42nd Avenue, including automatic door openers, braille signage, visual alarms, dimmable lighting, and sound paneling.	
Ethos Lab Educational Society	Ethós Lab Innovation Hub Accessibility and Renewal Project	\$13,500	This grant will fund accessibility and safety upgrades to a resource lobby and sensory respite space, including installation of automatic door openers, painting, and carpet tile replacement.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Sunrise Community Kitchen	\$30,000	This grant will fund assessment and planning for upgrades to the Sunrise Community Kitchen to meet building code, accessibility, and Vancouver Coastal Health requirements, including permitting, rezoning, plumbing, and accessibility reviews.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kits Neighbourhood House	Gender Inclusive Restrooms	\$18,000	This grant will fund upgrades to existing washroom stalls to improve accessibility, inclusivity, and user safety.	
RainCity Housing and Support Society	Kingsway Community Station	\$17,270	This grant will fund upgrades to an overnight drop-in space in the Kingsway corridor, including wall removals, electrical upgrades, flooring installation, and kitchen renovations.	
Vancouver Association for Survivors of Torture	Totem Pole Installation and Site Enhancement at 2610 Victoria Drive	\$25,000	This grant will fund the installation of a totem pole at the ISS of BC Welcome Centre, including landscaping, lighting, and traditional installation, to create a cultural reflection space informed by Indigenous and newcomer perspectives.	
<b>TOTAL = 9</b>		<b>\$224,020</b>		

**APPENDIX G-2**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation G)**  
**Funding Source: Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate**

*Funding 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). Grant applications are reviewed and assessed by an interdisciplinary staff committee. Funding recommendations are based on available funding and alignment with the grant program priorities and eligibility criteria outlined in the [Grant Information Guide](#).*

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROGRAM NAME</b>	<b>2026 RECOMMEND</b>	<b>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>CONDITIONS &amp; COMMENTS</b>
Cultivate Canada Society	Air Quality and Accessibility Improvements	\$22,580	This grant will fund the installation of rolling-door equipment to improve greenhouse ventilation, airflow, and temperature control.	
The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association	Temperature Control for Women Accessing Shelter and Drop-In Center	\$9,914	This grant will fund the installation of cordless blinds at two emergency shelters and one drop-in centre to improve indoor cooling and mitigate the impacts of extreme heat events.	
<b>TOTAL = 2</b>		<b>\$32,494</b>		

**APPENDIX G-3  
2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS  
Reallocation of 2026 Social Policy Capital Grant – Recommended (Recommendation G)**

*The \$12,500 reallocation is a result of a correction to the recipient name for a grant to REACH Community Support Society, previously approved by Council in March 2026 (RTS 18412). The correct recipient name is Reach Centre Association dba Reach Community Health Centre.*

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Reach Centre Association dba Reach Community Health Centre	REACH HVAC Upgrade Project	\$12,500	The grant will fund the upgrade of the HVAC system to improve energy efficiency, air quality, and climate resilience. The project will enhance health, safety, and comfort for thousands of East Vancouver residents who rely on REACH's integrated health and social services, ensuring a sustainable and healthy indoor environment for all.	

**APPENDIX G-4**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS**  
**Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants – Not Recommended**

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland	Improving Workplace Health and Safety Through Lighting Upgrades	\$0	This grant would fund the replacement of overhead office lighting to improve safety and functionality for staff, volunteers, youth, and families.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
DUDES Club Society	DUDES Kitchen Retrofitting	\$0	This grant would fund upgrades to commercial kitchen equipment and supplies, including prep tables, shelving, small appliances, and cookware.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does not meet program criteria.
Eastside Boxing Club	Equipment Safety Upgrades and HVAC Retrofit for Climate Adaptation	\$0	This grant would fund health, safety, and climate adaptation upgrades, including repairs to a steel support framework and servicing of heating and cooling systems.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does not meet program criteria.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	Directions Youth Services Expansion Feasibility Study	\$0	This grant would fund a feasibility study to assess expansion of Directions Youth Services through additional program space and transitional housing units.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Hastings Crossing Business Improvement Association	The Crossing Collective	\$0	This grant would fund the Crossing Collective Feasibility Study, which would assess opportunities to address vacant storefronts and barriers to commercial space in the Downtown Eastside.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Jinchuserve Foundation	Mobile Logistics & Storage Capacity Expansion Project	\$0	This grant would fund improvements to a community-based distribution network through upgrades to storage systems, logistics equipment, and space utilization.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does not meet program criteria.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Paws for Hope Animal Foundation	Paws for Hope Clinic & Boarding Facility	\$0	This grant would fund the purchase of equipment required to deliver free vaccine clinics, emergency boarding, and other pet-support services at a low-barrier community hub.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does not meet program criteria.
Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club	Retaining Wall Replacement Project	\$0	This grant would fund the replacement of deteriorating timber retaining walls with precast stone walls, including associated demolition, excavation, installation, and paving improvements.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does not meet program criteria.
Strathcona Vineyard Church	Washroom Accessibility and Safety Upgrade Project	\$0	This grant would fund upgrades to aging washrooms in a shared Downtown Eastside community facility, including creation of a universally accessible washroom and related accessibility improvements.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
The Kettle Friendship Society	Coffee Service Equipment Upgrade	\$0	This grant would fund the replacement of an aging coffee urn used to provide beverage services for community members.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does not meet program criteria.

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Kettle Friendship Society	Recovery Cafe and Dude's Club Upgrade	\$0	This grant would fund the purchase of shared-use equipment, including a bike rack, modular tables and chairs, and laundry equipment, to support community programming.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does not meet program criteria.
The Landing Youth Centre	Community Meals Infrastructure Expansion	\$0	This grant would fund the purchase and installation of a commercial-grade refrigeration unit for the Community Meals Program to improve food storage capacity and support meal production and distribution.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does not meet program criteria.
Vantage Point Strategies Society	Facilities Upgrade	\$0	This grant would fund the replacement of aging equipment with energy-efficient appliances to improve facility operations and reduce energy consumption.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does not meet program criteria.
WISH Drop-In Centre Society	Kitchen Supply Upgrades	\$0	This grant would fund the replacement of aging kitchen equipment in a drop-in centre through the purchase of a commercial oven and range.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does not meet program criteria.
YWCA British Columbia	Community Kitchen Capacity Upgrade	\$0	This grant would fund the purchase of a freezer and refrigerator to expand on-site food storage capacity at the YWCA	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Application does

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			Crabtree Corner Community Resource Centre.	not meet program criteria.
<b>TOTAL = 15</b>		<b>\$0</b>		

**APPENDIX H  
2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**

**Collingwood Neighbourhood House Gymnasium & Annex Direct Award - Recommended (Recommendation H)  
Funding Sources: 2026 General Government Operating Budget and 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget**

*The Collingwood Neighbourhood House (CNH) Gymnasium and Annex grant is a unique funding arrangement that provides direct operating support for two community facilities serving thousands of residents annually. The gymnasium was established as part of the 1995 Collingwood Village Amenities Plan, a comprehensive community development initiative that identified recreation services as a neighbourhood priority. Under longstanding agreements approved by Council, CNH manages and operates the facilities with City funding support comparable to similar community recreation operations. CNH submits annual operational and financial reports for review by ACCS Social Policy and Park Board staff.*

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PROGRAM NAME</b>	<b>2026 RECOMMEND</b>	<b>PROGRAM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>CONDITIONS &amp; COMMENTS</b>
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Gymnasium operating	\$315,443	This grant will fund operations at the CNH gymnasium. The facility supports recreation programming for a broad array of local residents in an underserved neighbourhood.	
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Annex operating	\$40,000	This grant will fund operations at the CNH Annex. The facility provides a broad range of programs to meet the needs of a diverse and rapidly growing community.	
<b>TOTAL = 2</b>		<b>\$355,443</b>		

**APPENDIX I**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**HASTINGS LEGACY FUND (HLF) GRANT – Recommended**  
**Funding Source: Hastings Social Responsibility Reserve**

*Hastings Legacy Fund grants build the capacity of the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood to address and respond to local social issues and build a safe and inclusive community. The Hastings Legacy Fund (HLF) grant program was launched in 2009, following expansion of legal gambling at the Hastings Racetrack and its purpose is to mitigate problems and provide community benefits to the local neighbourhood. Grant applications are reviewed and assessed by staff and funding recommendations are based on available funding and alignment with the grant program priorities and eligibility criteria outlined in the [Grant Information Guide](#).*

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Hastings North Area Planning Association DBA Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre	Hastings Sunrise Restorative Neighbourhood	\$52,706	This grant will fund the Restorative Neighbourhood initiative’s Bridging Divides program, which provides an accessible, community-based approach to resolving conflict and harm. The program aims to strengthen relationships, build community cohesion, and foster belonging, safety, respect, and peace.	<b>CONDITION:</b> Pending receipt of contribution to the Hastings Legacy Fund Reserve.
<b>TOTAL = 1</b>		<b>\$52,706</b>		

**APPENDIX J-1**  
**2026 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS**  
**Recommended (Recommendation J)**  
**Funding Source: 2026 Social Policy Operating Grants Budget**

*Homelessness Services Grants support a variety of community-led positive initiatives and events that take place in Vancouver throughout the year that raise awareness and challenge stigma around homelessness and offer direct support to those who are unhoused. Grant applications are reviewed and assessed by an interdisciplinary staff committee. Funding recommendations are based on available funding and alignment with the grant program priorities and eligibility criteria outlined in the [Grant Information Guide](#).*

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Give a Better Life Foundation	Peer Runners Pilot: Building Connection and Food Access Through Peer Networks	\$2,000	This grant will fund the Peer Runners pilot that trains community members to conduct outreach, distribute meal tokens, provide referrals, and connect people experiencing or at risk of homelessness to services.	
Aboriginal Mother Centre Society	AMCS Neighbourhood Services	\$2,000	This grant will fund the provision of food, clothing, supplies, advocacy, and support services for people experiencing homelessness.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses BC (Marpole Neighbourhood House)	Marpole Safe Haven	\$3,000	This grant will fund low-barrier homelessness services, including emergency supplies, community meals, seasonal supports, and peer-led engagement activities.	
Association of Neighborhood Houses	We Matter	\$3,000	This grant will fund community dialogue sessions that increase awareness and	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
(South Vancouver Neighborhood House)			understanding of visible and hidden homelessness in South Vancouver.	
B.W.S.S: Battered Women's Support Services Association	Homelessness Prevention, Intervention, Advocacy and Support Workshops	\$3,000	This grant will fund housing workshops and resource navigation services for women experiencing, exiting, or at risk of homelessness.	
DUDES Club Society	Oppenheimer Park Baseball	\$3,000	This grant will fund weekly outdoor programming that combines peer support, cultural connection, and recreation for marginalized men and youth.	
Gallery Gachet Society	Oppenheimer Park Community Art Show	\$3,000	This grant will fund exhibition opportunities for participants in the Xpressive Arts drop-in program in the Downtown Eastside.	
Helping Spirit Lodge Society	Mobile Outreach Care Day	\$3,000	This grant will fund mobile outreach through the distribution of care packages and connections to supports for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.	
Lotus Light Charity Society	LLCS Winter Charity Drive Care Package for the Homeless	\$3,000	This grant will fund the distribution of care packages and community engagement activities that raise awareness of homelessness.	
The Vi Fineday Family Shelter Society	Children Artists	\$3,000	This grant will fund the purchase of art supplies for children staying in shelter	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			programs to enhance recreation, creative expression, and family support services.	
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society	Homelessness Action Week	\$2,500	This grant will fund meals, cultural activities, and essential supplies for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness during Homelessness Action Week.	
Vancouver Aboriginal Transformative Justice Services Society	VATJSS Open House	\$1,000	This grant will fund a community open house that shares information on available programs, services, and resources.	
Vancouver Moving Theatre Society	Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Sing & Supper	\$3,000	This grant will fund community meals and arts-based social programming for Downtown Eastside residents.	
Vancouver Women's Health Collective Society	Silent no longer: Stories from the DTES	\$3,000	This grant will fund a peer-led video podcast series that shares the experiences of women, Two-Spirit, and gender-diverse people affected by housing insecurity.	
WISH Drop-In Centre Society	WISH Summer Cultural Meal Festival Series & Extreme-Heat Safety Kits for Unhoused Street-Based Sex Workers	\$3,000	This grant will fund peer-led cultural meal events and the distribution of summer safety supplies to women and gender-diverse street-based sex workers experiencing housing instability.	

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Working Gear Clothing Society	Clothing for Our Community	\$2,500	This grant will fund seasonal clothing distribution events that provide essential items and personal care supports to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.	
<b>TOTAL = 16</b>		<b>\$43,000</b>		

**APPENDIX J-2  
2026 HOMELESSNESS SERVICES GRANTS  
Not Recommended**

AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Hopelessness Ends Lives Progress Society (HELPS)	Humanizing Experiences through Access to Resources & Togetherness (H.E.A.R.T Project)	\$0	This grant would fund on-foot outreach to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Grandview-Woodland and Strathcona.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Mission Possible	Building Capacity and Housing Literacy: RentSmart Training and Housing Navigation Support	\$0	This grant would fund housing literacy training and individualized housing navigation services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
REACH Community Health Centre	Through Our Eyes	\$0	This grant would fund people experiencing or at risk of homelessness to share their experiences through photography and storytelling.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Three Links Foundation	Sunday Breakfast Program	\$0	This grant would fund nutritious meals and essential supplies for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities

Union Gospel Mission	Bridging to Stability: Voices, Support, and Community Connection	\$0	This grant would fund outreach, basic-needs supplies, transportation assistance, and referrals for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Unique Get Together Society	Voices Unheard: Youth Homelessness Engagement and Storytelling Project	\$0	This grant would fund storytelling and peer connection activities for youth experiencing homelessness.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Veterans Memorial Housing Society	Seniors Story Series	\$0	This grant would fund the sharing of stories and experiences of seniors and veterans who have experienced or are at risk of homelessness in the Downtown Eastside.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
YWCA British Columbia	Preparing Women Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness to be a Renter	\$0	This grant would fund trauma-informed rental readiness workshops for women experiencing or at risk of homelessness or living in temporary housing.	<b>NOT RECOMMENDED:</b> Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
<b>TOTAL = 8</b>		<b>\$0</b>		

**APPENDIX K**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**One-Time Project Grant – Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service**  
**Enhancements Framework Program - Recommended (Recommendation K)**  
**Funding Source: 2027 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget**

The Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Program, led by Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH), was initiated through a Council motion on November 22, 2022 entitled [Enabling the Requisitioning and Hiring of 100 New Police Officers and 100 Mental Health Nurses](#) (Member's Motion B.5). The framework for the program was approved by Council in February 2023. 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 Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Service Enhancements Framework. Subsequent updates on implementation progress were presented to Council on October 23, 2024 ([RTS 16446](#)) and October 7, 2025 ([RTS 17934](#)), and grants approved on [November 27, 2024](#) and [November 26, 2025](#), respectively, based on budgets provided by VCH.

The Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) Service Enhancements Framework guides the implementation of interdisciplinary mental health crisis response services and supports through the hiring of health care workers to:

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

**Program details:**

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

To date, VCH has hired 41.5 new health workers (87% of a target of 47.5 FTE) and continues to recruit and deploy skilled and qualified staff, with a phased approach. See Tables 1 and 2

(below) for a breakdown of the forecasted number of staff for 2027 for each partnership/team, and the anticipated expenses.

*Table 1. 2027 Forecast Staffing for Urgent MHSU Service Enhancements Program*

Staffing (in FTE)	CAR 87/88 / OCCLN	MoDe	ICRT	Total
# of Current Staff	14	18.5	9	41.5
# of Staff Remaining to Hire	0	6	0	6
<b>Total Staffing Complement:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>47.5</b>

*Table 2: 2027 Forecast Budget for Urgent MHSU Service Enhancements Program*

Budget Line Item	CAR 87/88 / OCCLN	MoDe	ICRT	Total
Staffing Salaries and Benefits	\$ 2,668,722	\$ 3,599,239	\$ 1,167,562	\$ 7,435,523
Other Non-Labour Expenses	\$ 217,984	\$ 158,762	\$ 139,000	\$ 515,746
<b>Total Budget (Forecast):</b>	<b>\$2,886,706</b>	<b>\$3,758,001</b>	<b>\$1,306,562</b>	<b>\$7,951,269</b>

The budget presented in Table 2 is based on figures provided by VCH. Based on this budget, as outlined in Table 3 below, staff recommend that Council approve a grant to Vancouver Coastal Health Authority in the amount of up to \$7,951,269 for 2027 to continue implementation of VCH's Urgent MHSU Service Enhancements Framework Program, with funding disbursed in accordance with the terms and conditions that are consistent with this report to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy and Projects.

*Table 3. 2027 Funding Recommendation for RTS 18476*

Funding Item	Total per line
2027 Grant Recommendation	\$7,951,269
2026 Grant Funding Remaining (forecast) for Carry Forward [See Note below]	- TBD
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$7,951,269</b>

Note: Actual amount disbursed for 2027 may be lower than approved, dependent on funds remaining from the 2026 grant to be carried forward into 2027. In 2026, the carryover from 2025 was \$1.5M; however, in 2026 the carry forward amount is expected to be substantially less given that the program has now been deployed at near full capacity over the past year.

**APPENDIX L**  
**2026 SOCIAL POLICY GRANTS**  
**Council Authority/Previous Decisions**

Grant recommendations in this report are guided by a range of Council authority and previous decisions, including (in chronological order):

- 2STGD+ Safety and Inclusion Action Plan: [February 24, 2026](#)
- Older Persons Strategic Framework and 2026 Early Actions: [February 5, 2026](#)
- Healthy City Strategy (2026): [February 3, 2026](#)
- 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](#)
- Housing Vancouver Three Year Action Plan 2024–2026: [June 25, 2024](#)
- Mental Health & Substance Use: Motion from Council ([November 22, 2022](#), Member's Motion B.5), and subsequent annual progress reports and Council-approved grants.
- Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026: [October 31, 2023](#)
- 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](#); 2017-2020 Action Plan: [October 3, 2017](#)
- Community Services Grants: March 7, 1978

**APPENDIX M**  
**2026 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. 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 2026 report only. For funding awarded for the February 2026 grant cycle, please see the previous report: [RTS 18412](#).*

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"> <li>• No grants recommended within this report.</li> </ul>	0	\$0
2 – Housing*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create awareness and engage residents in solutions to homelessness and support individuals experiencing homelessness.</li> </ul>	16	\$43,000

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\* Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Objective 2 is not typically a focus of Social Policy Grants; this allocation represents the grants administered through Homelessness Services included in this report.

Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Objective	Examples of Key Aligned Work recommended to be funded in this report	Number of Grants	Recommended Funding
5 - Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance the City’s youth violence prevention strategy through onboarding youth organizations into Core Support Grants.</li> <li>• One-time grant to support the VCH Urgent Mental Health and Substance Use Services Enhancement Framework Program.</li> </ul>	4	\$8,048,975
6 – Climate Emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support retrofit upgrades to enhance resilience of social infrastructure and services for marginalized groups.</li> <li>• One reallocation to support HVAC upgrades from previous Council report.</li> </ul>	5	\$88,869
7 - Healthy, Inclusive, Equitable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to support the implementation of the City’s Accessibility Strategy and Older Persons Strategic Framework to ensure Vancouver is a seniors-friendly, accessible City.</li> <li>• Implement the City of Vancouver’s Childcare Strategy and ensure sufficient childcare options for Vancouver families.</li> <li>• Onboard Black-led and Black-serving organizations to ongoing core operations grants.</li> </ul>	105	\$3,038,678
8 - Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide programming and supports for Elders and Knowledge Keepers through community events.</li> </ul>	2	\$35,000
<b>TOTAL=</b>		<b>132</b>	<b>\$11,254,522</b>