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TO: Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities

FROM: General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services

SUBJECT: 2026 Community Services and Other Grants

Recommendations

Operating and Capital Grants

A. THAT Council approve 11 Social Innovation Project (SIP) Grants totalling $420,000 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 one-time operating grant funding through 12 grants totalling $128,447 from the 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the Neighbourhood House organizations listed in Appendix B for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2026 Recommend" column.

C. THAT Council approve a One-Time Grant of $305,000 from the 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating budget to the Carnegie Community Centre Association as described in Appendix C.

D. THAT Council approve a correction to a grant recipient's name from a previous report (RTS 18476) from Jewish Seniors Alliance of Greater Vancouver Foundation to instead be the Jewish Seniors Alliance of British Columbia Society as listed in Appendix D.

E. THAT Council approve eight Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants totalling $187,073 from the 2026 Social Policy Capital Grants budget ($162,073), and the 2026 Social Infrastructure Grants – Climate budget ($25,000) to the organizations listed in Appendices E-1 and E-2 for the amounts recommended to each organization in the "2026 Recommend" column.

F. THAT Council approve a grant of $270,000 to Atira Women's Resource Society as described in Appendix F, to support continuation of the Oppenheimer Park Field House Washroom Monitoring Program through December 31, 2027. The source of funds is the 2026 Operating budget.

Other Applicable Recommendations

G. THAT, pursuant to Section 206(1)(j) of the Vancouver Charter, Council deems any organization listed in Appendices A to F of this report that is not otherwise a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency to be contributing to the health and welfare of the City.

H. THAT Council delegate its authority to the General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services to negotiate and execute agreements to disburse the grants described in Recommendations A to F 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.

I. 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 F require at least 2/3 affirmative votes of all Council members under section 206(1) of the *Vancouver Charter.*

Purpose and Executive Summary

This report seeks Council approval for a variety of social innovation projects and other operating and capital grants aligned with City social development priorities, including:

- A total of $853,447 in funding recommended through 24 grants to community social service organizations and service partners to support programs and services for Vancouver residents. This total includes one-time operating funding grants of $128,447 to Neighbourhood Houses (supplemental to the $1,229,693 in operating funding to Neighbourhood Houses approved by Council in March 2026, RTS18412); these one-time grants, funded through grant program contingency will address priority needs arising from escalating costs and increasing service complexity and demand.

- A total of $187,073 in funding recommended through eight small-medium capital grants to community social service organizations for space improvements including accessibility, health & safety, and climate-related improvements that support the delivery of community services.

Table 1: Summary of Grant Recommendations in this Report

GRANT STREAM	REC.	GRANT PROGRAM	NO. OF GRANTS	TOTAL $$ RECOMMENDED	TOTAL $$ REQUESTED	APPENDIX
Community Services	A	Social Innovation Projects	11	$420,000	$2,161,252	A-1
	B	Neighbourhood House Grants	12	$128,447	$128,447	B
	C	One-Time Grant	1	$305,000	$305,000	C
Subtotal			**24**	**$853,447**	**$2,594,699**	
Capital	E	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	8	$187,073	$283,316	E-1, E-2

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Subtotal			**8**	**$187,073**	**$283,316**	
Other Grants	F	Oppenheimer Park Field House Washroom Monitoring Program	1	$270,000	$270,000	F
Subtotal			**1**	**$270,000**	**$270,000**	
		GRAND TOTAL	**33**	**$1,310,520**	**$3,148,015**	

Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Please see Appendix G for Council Authority and Previous Decisions.

City Manager's Comments

The City Manager concurs with the foregoing recommendations.

Context and Background

The Social Policy and Projects grant programs support the delivery of community services and childcare programs across Vancouver through non-profit partners and are guided by the direction from Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026 (detailed in Appendix H)1 and the City's long-range social sustainability plan, the Healthy City Strategy (2026) (detailed in Appendix I). Several complementary strategies and priority areas aligned with the Healthy City Strategy, the City's overarching social development framework, help guide priority areas supported through Community Grants in this report. These include gender safety, the Anti-Black Racism Framework and Action Plan, the Vancouver Food Strategy, Spaces to Thrive: Vancouver's Social Infrastructure Strategy, and the Older Person's Framework and Action Plan (see Appendix G for complete list).

Community services in the non-profit sector are experiencing significant and compounding pressures, including increasing demand for services, more complex client and community needs, rising operating costs, workforce challenges and reduced funding from other government and philanthropic sources. Together, these challenges create financial and operational strain, reducing organizations' capacity to innovate, collaborate and respond to emerging community needs. As demand for the City's grant programs continues to grow, staff regularly assess funding allocations across grant streams to ensure funding remains responsive to evolving community and sector needs within the context of Council policy and priorities. Social Grants support organizational sustainability, service delivery, project implementation, and sector capacity building.

Following the Office of the Auditor General's 2026 Audit of Community Grants, staff continue to implement the audit's recommendations, with expected completion by the end of 2027.

[1] As Council updates priorities for the current term, these will be integrated into grant program processes.

Discussion

This report seeks Council approval for a range of investments designed to strengthen social supports for Vancouver residents, particularly those from equity-deserving groups. Descriptions of each grant stream and relevant context for the recommendations are provided in the appendices. If approved by Council, key investments will include:

- **Social Innovation Project Grants:** project-based funding recommended for initiatives and community-led projects that build organizational capacity, enhance sector resilience, and pilot innovative approaches to address emerging social issues aligned with the City's Social Policy priorities. A key objective of this intake is to support Indigenous Food Systems through dedicated grant funding, in alignment with Council Members' Motion from July 24, 2024. Other sector capacity-building grants will address accessibility, gender safety and women's equity, community safety, seniors' services coordination, and food systems.[2] (*Recommendation A)*

- **Operating Funding for Neighbourhood Houses:** recognizing the critical role of Neighbourhood Houses in advancing the City's Healthy City Strategy and responding to increasingly complex community needs, a one-time operating funding grant is recommended through a year-end allocation of operating grant funds (supplemental to the $1,229,693 in core operating funding to Neighbourhood Houses approved by Council in March 2026, RTS18412); to help address rising operating costs, and increased demand for services. *(Recommendation B)*

- **Community Program Continuity:** two grants are recommended to support City partners delivering priority services and programming: the Oppenheimer Park Field House Washroom Monitoring Program in the Downtown Eastside and the Balmoral Hotel Site Interim Site Activation. *(Recommendations C & F)*

- **Social Space Improvements:** eight small-medium capital grants are recommended to support renovations and upgrades to enhance accessibility, health and safety, and climate resilience at social service and childcare facilities. *(Recommendations E)*

Financial Implications

Funding for grant recommendations totalling $1,310,520 and the remaining budgets, according to funding source, are summarized in Tables 2 and 3 below.

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

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	2026 Budget	Previously Approved	Rec'd in this Report	Balance
A, B, C	Social Innovation Projects Grants, Neighbourhood House Grants, One-Time Grant	Social Policy Grants Operating Budget	$7,913,484	$7,060,037	$853,447	$0

[2] Applications focused on youth services submitted through the Social Innovation Project Grant stream were reassigned for consideration under the upcoming Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP) Youth Sector Capacity Building stream, which will be adjudicated in Q1 2027.

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	2026 Budget	Previously Approved	Rec'd in this Report	Balance
E	Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants	Social Policy Capital Grants Budget	$542,952	$375,009	$162,073	$5,870
		Social Infrastructure Grants - Climate	$431,633	$188,869	$25,000	$217,764
TOTAL			**$ 8,888,069**	**$7,623,915**	**$1,040,520**	**$223,634**

Table 3: Financial Overview of Recommended Grant Streams
*Source: **2026 General Government Operating Budget***

Rec	Grant Stream	Source of funding	Rec'd in this Report
F	Oppenheimer Park Field House Washroom Monitoring Program	2026 Operating Budget	$270,000
TOTAL			**$270,000**

Legal Implications

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

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APPENDIX A-1
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS
Social Innovation Project (SIP) Grants - Recommended (Recommendation A)
Funding Source: 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget
Including Existing & New Grantees

The Social Innovation Project Grants (SIP) provide one-time funding to spark innovative approaches to complex social problems and create positive social outcomes. SIP grants support organizations and partnerships to test new ideas through pilot projects, scale promising approaches, and apply innovative methods to their work. The primary focus of the 2026 SIP program is to strengthen sector capacity by fostering community resilience, enhancing network coordination, supporting collective efforts, and advancing organizational and community learning. Priority areas include accessibility, addressing anti-Black racism, community safety, food systems (Indigenous Food Sovereignty), supporting social-serving ethnocultural organizations, and issues affecting seniors-serving sector, women's safety, gender equity and 2STGD+ communities.

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC dba Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	$50,000	Return to Basics: Neighbourhood Houses Community Development Learning Circles	This project strengthens the collective capacity of Vancouver's Neighbourhood Houses by fostering collaboration, trust, and shared leadership to build more connected, resilient, and thriving communities. Through research, knowledge sharing, and collective action, the initiative explores how the sector can move beyond responding to the impacts of systemic challenges and instead help imagine, model, and advance more equitable, community-centered approaches that create lasting change.	
Disability Alliance BC Society	$30,000	Making Service Delivery Cyber Safe and Accessible	This initiative strengthens the social-serving nonprofit sector's ability to deliver services that are both secure and accessible by developing a shared framework for cybersecurity and inclusive digital service delivery. The project aims to reduce risks,	

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			improve client protection, and equip organizations with practical approaches that balance cybersecurity requirements with the diverse accessibility needs of the communities they serve.	
Foundation for a Path Forward	$50,000	Safe Point	The pilot project strengthens the ability of Vancouver faith, ethnocultural, neighborhood, Indigenous, settlement, and youth-serving organizations to respond consistently and effectively to hate incidents. Through a shared incident-readiness standard, the pilot builds organizational capacity to provide timely support, documentation, communication, and referrals for those harmed, while creating a scalable model that can be adopted across the broader sector.	
Muslim Food Bank and Community Services Society	$30,000	Actualizing Self-Reliance by Providing Inspiration, Resources and Education (ASPIRE) Vancouver Pilot	This pilot places staff and volunteer community navigators at MFBCS daily meal line.to ensure that residents experiencing hardship receive both immediate assistance and longer-term support. By treating the meal line as a point of intake, referral connection and navigation, the project seeks to reduce service gaps, improve outcomes for vulnerable households, and generate evidence on the eligibility and funding barriers that contribute to ongoing food insecurity and economic precarity.	
Providing Advocacy Counselling & Education Society	$50,000	Mutual Solidarity Framework	This project explores how sex workers can collectively design, govern, and sustain their own systems of mutual support by developing a community-led solidarity network. Through co-	

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			design, paid leadership, and pilot testing, the initiative aims to strengthen collective resilience, build community-owned infrastructure, and create sustainable approaches for sharing resources, knowledge, and support that are grounded in trust, reciprocity, and self-determination.	
Simon Fraser University	$25,000	RADIUS: Black Entrepreneur-ship Hub	The project designs and tests a sustainable operating model for a Black Entrepreneurship Hub in Vancouver that addresses systemic barriers faced by Black entrepreneurs, including access to capital, networks, markets, mentorship, and business infrastructure. Through engagement with Black-led organizations, entrepreneurs, and institutional partners, the project will explore governance, partnership, programming, and revenue models for a collaborative hub that strengthens social and economic inclusion, supports business growth, fosters organizational collaboration, and creates more equitable pathways to opportunities, investment, and procurement.	
Sole Food Urban Farm Society	$35,000	Sole Food Street Farms Social Enterprise Pilot	This pilot project aims to create sustainable partnerships to expand Sole Food Farms' social enterprise operations at two Vancouver secondary schools while scaling food production, local food procurement, youth employment and volunteering, land-based learning, and community food access. Through collaboration with the Vancouver School Board and community organizations, it aims to increase opportunities for Indigenous, racialized, and	

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			other youth facing barriers, strengthen local food systems, generate earned revenue to support long-term sustainability, and create a scalable model that advances food security, educational outcomes, and community wellbeing.	
Supporting Women's Alternatives Network (SWAN Vancouver) Society	$30,000	Legal Support Pathways for Immigrant Women and Gender-diverse People Engaged in Sex Work	This project seeks to enhance access to legal information, navigation, and support for immigrant women and gender-diverse people engaged in sex work by working directly with community members to identify barriers and co-design more accessible solutions. Through community consultation, partnership building, and service innovation, the initiative seeks to improve access to justice while generating insights that can help create more responsive, inclusive, and equitable legal service systems.	
The Revitalizing Orca Society	$60,000	Indigenous Food Sovereignty Circle	The project strengthens collaboration and collective capacity of Indigenous-led initiatives working in Vancouver through relationship building, knowledge sharing, coordination, and mutual support. Like fireweed, which returns and thrives after disturbance, the Circle aims to regenerate relationships with food, water, land, culture, and community. The Circle advances Indigenous self-determination through practices of land stewardship, medicine gathering, food distribution and cultural revitalization and supports the physical, emotional, and spiritual	**CONDITION:** Funding will be released subject to organization meeting conditions outlined in the notification letter, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Social Policy.

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			wellbeing of Indigenous peoples and communities in Vancouver.	
Vancouver Women's Health Collective Society	$30,000	Equitable Pathways to Opportunity	This project explores how community-serving organizations can expand equitable access not only to services, but also to opportunities for learning, contribution, leadership, connection, and belonging. By reducing barriers to participation and strengthening reciprocal relationships, the project seeks to build durable community infrastructure that recognizes and values the skills, knowledge, and lived experience of women and gender-diverse people, while creating a framework that can be adapted across the social-serving sector.	
West End Seniors' Network Society	$30,000	NOVA Network	This project builds the relational infrastructure needed to connect Vancouver's diverse seniors-serving organizations, fostering collaboration, peer learning, and collective leadership. By strengthening sector coordination and shared voice, the initiative seeks to increase efficiency, reduce duplication, and improve outcomes for older adults across the city.	
TOTAL = 11	**$420,000**			

APPENDIX A-2
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS
Social Innovation Project (SIP) Grants – Not Recommended

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Better Not Bitter Society	$0	Thriving Women Project	This project empowers Black, racialized, and equity-deserving women and youth to build leadership, strengthen connections, and co-create solutions to community challenges, transforming lived experience into community-driven change	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
BIPOC Creative Association	$0	BIPOC-CA's Initiative	The project supports Black and Indigenous through community-led programming that strengthens access, inclusion, and belonging in the arts sector while fostering relationships and insights to advance long-term systemic change and cultural equity.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Bridge Generations Society	$0	Generations Connect: Vancouver Seniors Access Partnership	The project tests a coordinated referral model to help seniors, particularly newcomer and racialized older adults, more easily access community services while strengthening collaboration among service providers.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Canadian Young Women in Business Society	$0	YWIB Conference	This project aims to bring together young women and gender-diverse individuals to build leadership, business, and entrepreneurship skills through networking, mentorship, learning opportunities, and community connection.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities

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Community Impact Real Estate Society	$0	Residents' Advisory Council	The project embeds the Residents' Advisory Council within the Coordinated Community Response Network to strengthen resident-led decision-making on housing, health, economic inclusion, and community wellbeing in the Downtown Eastside. The initiative aims to build resident leadership and strengthen community-driven responses to complex social issues.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Disabled Independent Gardeners Association	$0	Practical Accessible Gardening Toolkit	This project aims to capture and share accessible gardening knowledge, tools, and practices to help more people and organizations create inclusive gardening opportunities and support independent participation across Vancouver.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Familogue Education Society	$0	Bilingual Family Navigator Program	This program supports Chinese-speaking newcomer families in accessing services for children with developmental and learning needs by reducing language and cultural barriers.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Food Stash Foundation	$0	Resilient, Circular Food Ecosystem Pilot	This pilot develops a strategic roadmap for a more equitable, sustainable, and community-led food recovery network. The project aims to improve food access, reduce food waste, and strengthen long-term food system resilience.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Great Lakes Networking Society of BC	$0	Black Community Connections Lab	The project strengthens trust and community safety by bringing African-descent communities and institutions together to address anti-Black racism, build relationships, and test community-led solutions.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Hastings Crossing Business Improvement Association	$0	Crossing Collective	This project helps Indigenous, Black, and other equity-deserving food entrepreneurs transition into commercial storefronts through training, mentorship, and business supports, while activating vacant spaces and advancing economic inclusion in Hastings Crossing.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Jewish Family Service Agency of Vancouver	$0	Intergenerational Knowledge Exchange Network	This pilot connects seniors and youth through mutual mentorship, reducing isolation, building digital skills, and preserving community knowledge through shared storytelling and legacy projects.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Jewish Seniors Alliance of British Columbia Society	$0	Strategic Later Lifestyle Planning	This project helps older adults and caregivers proactively plan for aging, increasing awareness of available supports and reducing crises through personalized planning across health, housing, care, and financial needs.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Marpole Oakridge Family Place Society	$0	Connecting Families to Community	The project strengthens collaboration among residents, families, volunteers, seniors, youth, and community organizations to improve	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			community connections, resource sharing, and coordinated support across South Vancouver. The project aims to build collective capacity and develop a model for community-wide collaboration for Family Places.	recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Multi-lingual Orientation Service Association for Immigrant Communities	$0	Reciprocal, Sustained, and Responsive Connections	This initiative explores and strengthens its approach to building reciprocal, long-term relationships with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities by identifying organizational barriers and developing practices that support more meaningful, respectful, and sustained partnerships.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
National Congress of Black Men Canada	$0	Cut Through the Silence	This project uses trusted community spaces such as barbershops and salons to provide culturally responsive mental health conversations, reduce stigma, strengthen social connections, and improve access to mental health support for Black, Indigenous, and racialized communities.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Pacific Immigrant Resources Society	$0	Trauma Informed Training for Service Providers	This project strengthens the capacity of settlement and ethnocultural organizations from the VLIP network to provide trauma-informed services through training and a community of practice, helping reduce re-traumatization and improve outcomes for immigrant and refugee communities.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
People for Education	$0	The Education Promise Western Regional Summit	This project brings together education, community, business, and policy leaders to strengthen cross-sector collaboration and advance policy solutions that support a stronger, more resilient public education system in Western Canada.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
PHS Community Services Society	$0	Dental Benefits Coordination Pilot	This pilot improves access to dental care for low-income seniors, people with disabilities, and Downtown Eastside residents by helping individuals navigate and apply for federal and provincial dental benefit programs.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
The Dugout Drop-In Centre Society	$0	Food Supply Pilot	This pilot strengthens food recovery and distribution systems by testing improved logistics, donor partnerships, and route coordination to increase access to surplus food for food-insecure residents. The project aims to build a scalable, shared model that enhances food system resilience, reduces food waste, and supports capacity across Vancouver's food security sector.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
The Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia	$0	Growing Connections: Newcomer Family Food Systems Participation Pilot	This Program increases newcomer families' participation in Vancouver's food system through multilingual education, volunteer mentorship, and guided community food experiences. The project tests a supported pathway that helps families build food	**NOT RECOMMENDED:** Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications **rate** higher in addressing City priorities

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			knowledge, navigate community resources, and overcome barriers to participation	
True Network Community Solutions Society	$0	Connected Aging Vancouver: A Seniors-Serving Nonprofit Ecosystem Intelligence and Coordination Pilot	This pilot strengthens collaboration among seniors-serving organizations by mapping the sector, improving information sharing, and testing tools that help organizations coordinate services, build partnerships, and better support older adults across Vancouver.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Vancouver Association for the Survivors of Torture (VAST)	$0	What We Carried: A Living Archive of Belonging and Safety in Vancouver	This program uses expressive arts and peer connection to support healing, belonging, and community building among refugees, newcomers, and racialized communities. Through collaborative creative activities and a public living archive, the project fosters social inclusion, cultural expression, while generating approaches to strengthen community connection and safety.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Vancouver Community Network	$0	Digital Safety Response Hub	This project helps Vancouver residents identify and respond to digital scams and online threats through guided support, community partnerships, and trusted referral pathways, strengthening digital safety and early intervention across the community.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Vancouver Cooperative Radio	$0	The COOP	This project combines in-person gathering, training, and community media production to strengthen connections among Indigenous, immigrant, LGBTQ+, and other underrepresented communities. The project aims to build community capacity, amplify diverse voices, through community-led dialogue and radio broadcasting.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Warm Hands Society	$0	Bridge Systemic Health-Community Silos: Pilot	This project improves support for ethnocultural seniors by testing culturally and linguistically accessible care navigation, hospital-to-community referral pathways, and caregiver supports. The initiative aims to reduce isolation, strengthen care coordination, and help seniors navigate health transitions with greater dignity and confidence.	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	$0	Vancouver Communication Access Toolkit	This project helps social-serving organizations improve communication accessibility for Deaf, Blind, and Hard of Hearing residents by testing practical service improvements and developing a toolkit to support inclusive, accessible service delivery.	**NOT RECOMMENDED:** Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
YMCA BC	$0	Mindful Mum Program	This program provides a 7-week group-based mental health program for new mothers, offering peer connection and evidence-based coping strategies to reduce social isolation,	**NOT RECOMMENDED**: Organization meets eligibility criteria, but funding not recommended as grants budget is

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
			support wellbeing, and address mental health challenges during the postpartum period.	limited and other applications rate higher in addressing City priorities
TOTAL = 27	**$0**			

APPENDIX B
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS
Neighbourhood House Grants - Recommended (Recommendation B)
Funding Source: 2026 Social Policy Grants Operating Budget

Neighbourhood House Grants (NHG) provide core operational and service funding to 12 neighbourhood houses in Vancouver to support a wide range of programs, activities and services that address the goals of the Healthy City Strategy. As a supplement to the $1,229,693 in Neighbourhood House Grants approved in March 2026, RTS18412, one-time operating funding grants are recommended to address high-priority need, escalating costs and increasing service complexity and demand.

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Arbutus Neighbourhood House	$7,304	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House	$11,712	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	$10,610	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Gordon Neighbourhood House	$10,834	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Kitsilano Neighbourhood House	$10,334	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Marpole Neighbourhood House	$10,334	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	$10,834	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	$11,918	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	$11,950	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood House Society	$10,834	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Association	$11,949	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	$9,834	**COMMENT**: One-time supplemental operating funding
TOTAL = 12	**$128,447**	

APPENDIX C
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS
One-Time Grant - Recommended (Recommendation C)
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	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Carnegie Community Centre Association	$305,000	Balmoral Hotel Site Interim Site Activation (2027-2028)	This funding will support outdoor programming at the former Balmoral hotel site, until the end of 2028. The interim site activation, led by Carnegie Community Centre in collaboration with community-based partners, has supported culturally safe activities since June 30, 2025, operating 5 days a week, 6 hours a day.	
TOTAL = 1	**$305,000**			

APPENDIX D
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS
Reallocation of a 2026 Core Support Grant - Recommended (Recommendation D)

This recommendation for reallocation of $16,000 is the result of a correction to the grant recipient for a grant to Jewish Seniors Alliance of Greater Vancouver Foundation, previously approved by Council in July 2026 (RTS 18476). The correct recipient's name is Jewish Seniors Alliance of British Columbia Society.

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Jewish Seniors Alliance of British Columbia Society	$16,000	Community Support Services Program	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.	**COMMENT:** New Core Support Grants grantee this year.
TOTAL = 1	**$16,000**			

APPENDIX E-1
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation E)
Funding Source: Social Policy Capital Grants 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 Capital Grants Budget.

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
A Better Life Foundation	$19,177	Kitchen Wash Bay Renovation	This grant will support the replacement of the heavily used kitchen wash bay. The funding will support fabrication, installation, and plumbing to improve sanitation, food-safety workflow, and reliable capacity for high-volume food security programs serving DTES residents.	
Association of Neighbourhood Houses of British Columbia DBA South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	$25,000	Program Storage Renovation	This grant will support the replacement of non-compliant storage shelving with new storage cabinets designed to increase the storage space to meet Work Safe BC requirements.	
Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of British Columbia	$23,000	Roof Replacement Project	This grant will support the roof replacement project at the Vancouver facility, including the removal of the aging roof, repairs to the roof deck as needed, and installation of a new SBS roofing system. This project will address water ingress and ensure uninterrupted service delivery.	

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council	$17,554	Snackin Lelum Kitchen Renovation	This grant will support the upgrades to the kitchen spaces to address space usage challenge. The renovation will offer greater counter space, dry storage for rodent protection, larger format sink in a more accessible position, as well as solutions to electrical issues.	
Mt. Pleasant Family Centre Society	$25,000	Playground Structure Replacement and Safety Improvements	This grant will support the replacement of the deteriorated wooden playground structures. Grant funding will support the removal of damaged structures and installation of durable replacements. The project will improve safety, accessibility, and longevity.	
Seniors First BC Society	$42,000	Accessibility Retrofit at the Community Advocacy & Support Center	This grant will support the retrofit upgrades to improve accessibility at the community hub at 485 W 42nd Ave. The retrofits include installation of automatic door openers, braille signage, visual alarms, hearing loops, adjustable lighting and acoustic paneling in the sensory/wellness room and selected meeting areas.	

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House Society	$10,342	Accessible Washroom Door Openers	This grant will support the installation of automatize door openers to the two universal washrooms in the new facility. The door opener buttons will improve the accessibility for individuals using wheelchair, walkers, or scrollers.	
TOTAL = 7	**$162,073**			

APPENDIX E-2
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
Social Small-Medium Capital Grants - Recommended (Recommendation E)
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).

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver	$25,000	Facility HVAC Replacement Initiative	This grant will support the replacement of three aging HVAC units in the facility. The project will improve the health, safety, and climate resilience of the space where children, youth, families, mentors, volunteers, and staff participate in mentoring programs and community activities.	
TOTAL = 1	**$25,000**			

APPENDIX E-3
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS - CAPITAL GRANTS
Social Policy Small-Medium Capital Grants – Not Recommended

AGENCY	2026 RECOMMEND	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Downtown Eastside Women's Centre	$0	DEWC Shelter Renewal Project	This project is to paint the walls at the emergency shelter at 412 East Cordova to improve its health and safety.	**NOT RECOMMENDED:** Application does not meet program criteria.
Downtown Eastside Women's Centre	$0	Shelter Bed Divider Replacement Project	This project is to replace the bed dividers at the emergency shelter at 412 East Cordova to improve its health and safety.	**NOT RECOMMENDED:** Application does not meet program criteria.
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	$0	Directions Youth Services Health and Safety Upgrades	This project is to purchase air conditioners and air purification units for the 10 supportive housing units in the Supported Housing Program located at 1138 Burrard Street. Funding will also support the key replacement at the Drop-in Center.	**NOT RECOMMENDED:** Application does not meet program criteria.
Vantage Point Strategies Society	$0	Facility Upgrades - Phase 2	This project is to replace dishwasher, refrigerator, and hand dryers as they are past their reliable service life, posing sanitation risks.	**NOT RECOMMENDED:** Application does not meet program criteria.
TOTAL = 4	**$0**			

APPENDIX F
2026 ACCS GRANTS
One-Time Project Funding – Oppenheimer Park Field House Washroom Monitoring Program – Recommended (Recommendation F)
Funding Source: 2026 General Government Operating Budget

The Oppenheimer Park Field House washrooms have had attendants in place since 2020. Attendants were implemented in response to acute misuse, safety issues and ongoing operational challenges that resulted in property damage and eventual facility closure. The presence of on-site attendants ensures safe, equitable, and trauma-informed access to the washrooms, while reducing incidents of vandalism and supporting patrons with complex needs.

The program received Federal grant funding from 2021 to 2024. In 2025 and 2026, the service has been sustained through City funding. The current City funding for the Oppenheimer Park Field House washroom monitoring program will cease on December 31, 2026.

As part of the Washroom Framework approved in 2026, work is underway with relevant departments to identify sustainable service delivery approaches. In the meantime, a one-year grant is recommended to enable the continuation of washroom supervision to protect the asset and ensure safe and equitable washroom operation, through to December 31, 2027.

If the grant recommendation is approved, General Government Operating Budget funds from the City of Vancouver will provide one-time funding up to a total of $270,000 to Atira Women’s Resource Society, to enable continuity of this service and support safety for all park users, preservation of the facility asset, with trauma-informed practices in this high-use public space.

CONDITION: Funding will be released subject to organization meeting conditions outlined in the grant agreement, to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Non-Market Housing and Social Operations.

APPENDIX G
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS
Council Authority/Previous Decisions/City-Wide Action Plans

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

- Anti-Black Racism and Cultural Redress Framework & 2026-2027 Action Plan: May 2026
- The Anti-Racism Framework and 2026-2027 Action Plan (ARAP): May 2026
- 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
- Washroom Strategic Framework: January 20, 2026
- Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Priority Alignment to Social 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
- Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026: October 31, 2023
- Accessibility Strategy**:** July 19, 2022**;** Multi-Year Action Plan, 2024-2026: 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
- City of Vancouver 2023-2026 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 H
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS
Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Priority Alignment to Social 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 (2026). 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 December 2026 report only. For funding awarded for the March 2026 and July 2026 grant cycle, please see the previous reports: RTS 18476 and 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	• Support and strengthen capacity building for social serving ethnocultural organizations, Indigenous, 2STGD+ communities, seniors and youth serving sectors through Social Innovation Project grants.	2	$80,000
5 - Safety and Security	• Support sex worker and gender safety programs through a community-led networks, and equitable pathway programming. • Curate cyber-security resources and supports for communities with diverse accessibility needs. • Sustain the Oppenheimer Park Washroom Monitoring Program.	4	$380,000
6 - Climate Emergency	• Capital Grants: support retrofit upgrades to enhance capacity and resilience of social infrastructure for marginalized groups	8	$187,073

Vibrant Vancouver Strategic Objective	Examples of Key Aligned Work recommended to be funded in this report	Number of Grants	Recommended Funding
7 - Healthy, Inclusive, Equitable	• Support the implementation of the City's Accessibility Strategy and Older Persons Strategic Framework to ensure Vancouver is a seniors-friendly, accessible City. • Support a wide range of programs, activities and services that address the goals of the Healthy City Strategy through Neighbourhood House Grants. • Work with other partners to advance City priorities.	18	$603,447
8 - Reconciliation	• Support an Indigenous Food Sovereignty Collective for convening and capacity building across the sector.	1	$60,000
	TOTAL	**33**	**$1,310,520**

APPENDIX I
2026 SOCIAL GRANTS
Social Grants Alignment with Healthy City Strategy Strategic Priority

The City's social development granting programs are guided by the City's long-range social sustainability plan, the Healthy City Strategy (HCS). The following table shows the percentage of total funding by HCS goal that the grant program contributes to for January to December 2026, including grants awarded (February 2026 and July 2026 grant reports) and recommended (December 2026 grant report).

Table 1: Social grants alignment with Healthy City Strategy Goals

Healthy City Strategy Goal	Objective	Total 2026 (%)
Belonging and Connection	• A healthy city enables people to connect within and across the diverse communities they wish to belong to.	26%
Complete Neighbourhoods	• A healthy city creates connected and walkable neighbourhoods with a wide range of amenities, services, housing, and job opportunities.	24%
Good Health Throughout Life	• A healthy city enables people to grow and thrive through all developmental stages and life transitions, from birth to death.	13%
Care and Support Networks	• A healthy city connects people with the programs, services, and supports they need to thrive.	10%
Community Safety	• A healthy city ensures people feel safe, respected, and able to fully express their identities and experiences.	10%
Food Systems	• A healthy city fosters a just and sustainable good system that contributes to the health and well-being of all peoples and ecosystems, and where everyone has the power to choose what and how they eat.	6%
Climate Change and Disaster Resilience	• A healthy city produces zero emissions, restores, and maintains ecosystems, and fosters adaptive and resilient communities that withstand and recover from hazards and emergencies.	4%

Healthy City Strategy Goal	Objective	Total 2026 (%)
Active Living	• A healthy city enables all people to lead active lives, by weaving access to parks, nature, and recreation into everyday life.	3%
Affordable, Safe, Secure Housing	• A healthy city supports a diverse, inclusive, accessible, and affordable housing system for people across all incomes, household types, and access or support needs.	2%
Income and Economy	• A healthy city nurtures its local economy through inclusive access to opportunities, resources, and pathways to living a high quality of life.	2%
	TOTAL	**100%**