

# NEWS RELEASE

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## City seeking applications for 2023 Social Planning Grants

### Summary

Beginning September 12, 2022, the City of Nanaimo will be accepting applications for the 2023 Social Planning Grant Program. The program aims to assist organizations in responding to issues of a social nature with initiatives that improve access to the social determinants of health, enhance social cohesion, address the root causes and impacts of poverty, contribute to the vitality of our community and foster social inclusion and social equity.

A total of \$85,000 is available under two separate grant categories: Community Vitality Grants and Social Response Grants. Community Vitality Grants are intended to support small projects with a total budget of typically less than \$5,000. Social Response Grants are intended to support larger initiatives. Total funding available for each grant is as follows:

- Community Vitality Grants: \$25,000
- Social Response Grants: \$60,000

Ongoing operational expenses cannot be funded through the grants.

All applications should address one or more of the following priorities: Social Equity, Community Diversity, Community Wellness and Vibrant Neighbourhoods.

Organizations that apply for funding must be based in Nanaimo and/or be proposing a project that primarily serves Nanaimo residents. Eligible organizations include non-profit societies, recognized religious groups and neighbourhood associations recognized by the City of Nanaimo.

Past projects that have received funding have addressed issues such as literacy, life skills, social isolation, community connectivity, homelessness and food security.

More details regarding the 2023 Social Planning Grants are provided in the Grant Guidelines and Criteria and application forms available on the City of Nanaimo's website: [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/SocialPlanningGrants](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/SocialPlanningGrants) . The deadline for submitting applications is 4:00 pm on Monday, October 17, 2022.

*Strategic Link:* This program supports Mayor and Council's livability theme and the City Plan goal of creating "A caring, healthy, accessible, inclusive, and safe community that empowers its community members to realize their aspirations."

### Key Points

- The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications for the 2023 Social Planning Grants, with a deadline of Monday, October 17, 2022 at 4:00 PM.
- The Social Planning Grants are an important part of the support that the City provides to our partners in addressing issues related to community wellbeing and livability.

## Quotes

"The City is pleased to offer these grant opportunities for local community organizations working hard to address important issues and provide beneficial services in our community."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

- The City of Nanaimo's Social Planning Grant Program has been operating since 2007.

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