

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Nanaimo launches second Community Watershed Restoration Grant intake**

*Applications open February 17*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo is inviting applications for a second intake of the recently launched Community Watershed Restoration Grant. The purpose of the grant is to support community organizations, environmental non-profits, and individual residents that aim to carry out watershed restoration projects focused on urban stream and riparian restoration or enhancement and natural environment protection.

The grant was launched Sept. 9, with funding provided to two successful applicants. Not all funds were allocated, so the City is launching a second grant intake. Based on community feedback, the second funding intake has been timed to support the fall planting season and support important environmental restoration work.

Individual applications of up to \$11,907.25 in funding will be accepted, however, funding of less than \$11,907.25 may also be split between more than one successful applicant. Funding may be used to provide financial support for restoration planning and design studies, material purchase, invasive plants disposal, equipment rental, and labour. Those looking for financial support for a environmental restoration project on or near a watercourse are encouraged to apply.

More details regarding the Community Watershed Restoration Grants are provided in the Grant Guidelines and Criteria and application forms available on the City of Nanaimo's website at [www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/grants/community-watershed-restoration-grant](http://www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/grants/community-watershed-restoration-grant). The deadline for submitting applications is 4:00 pm Monday, March 27. Successful applications will be announced and grants awarded in May.

*Strategic Link:* This program supports Council's Environmental Responsibility priority "to protect and enhance Nanaimo's natural environment by looking after the community's biological diversity and adapt the way we live, work, recreate and move".

#### **Key Points**

- The grant application deadline is Monday, March 27 at 4 pm.
- A second round of up to \$11,907.25 of Community Watershed Restoration Grant funding is now available to support community watershed restoration projects.

#### **Quotes**

"I invite community members interested in restoring and enhancing the City's wonderful watercourse spaces to take advantage of this second round of City funding, and thank them for their volunteer stewardship efforts."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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