

NEWS RELEASE

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Applications open for City's 2026 Social Planning Grants

Summary

On Sept. 8, 2025, the City of Nanaimo will begin accepting applications for the 2026 Social Planning Grants Program. These grants aim to support initiatives that enhance social cohesion, address the root causes and effects of poverty, contribute to the vitality of our community and foster social inclusion and social equity. A total of up to \$85,000 in funding is available. Typically, eligible organizations have received grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$30,000.

Eligible organizations include non-profit societies, recognized religious groups and/or neighbourhood associations that are based out of Nanaimo and/or propose a project that serves City of Nanaimo residents. Ongoing operational or administrative expenses cannot be funded through the Social Planning Grants program. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 8, 2025.

Past projects that have received funding have been for initiatives that improve community connectivity, mental health and well-being, life skills, social inclusion, food security, and healthy relationships and opportunities for youth. For a listing of past funded projects, more details regarding the 2026 Social Planning Grants program and to apply, please visit the [grant page on the City of Nanaimo's website](#).

Strategic Link: The priorities for the Social Planning Grants Program support the City Plan's goal for a Healthy Nanaimo.

Key Points

- The City of Nanaimo is accepting applications for the 2026 Social Planning Grants program beginning Monday, Sept. 8, 2025, with a deadline of 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025.
- All applications should support the desired outcomes and policies outlined in the City Plan's goal for "A Healthy Nanaimo: Community Well-being & Livability".
- Social Planning Grants are just one of the ways that the City works to support community safety, well-being and livability.

Quotes

"Social Planning Grants continue to make a positive investment in our community by enabling local organizations to respond to evolving social challenges, promoting equity and strengthening community well-being. On behalf of Council, I am proud to support these initiatives, recognizing the essential role of local community organizations in building a safe, inclusive and resilient Nanaimo."

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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