

Social Planning Grants 2018-2026				
Year	Stream	Applicant	Project Description	Grant Amount Approved
2026	Social Planning Grant	Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society	The Digital Literacy for Senior Newcomers Mentorship Program: A new initiative, in partnership with the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL), that aims to address the growing need for digital literacy among senior newcomers by connecting them with youth mentors to provide digital skills tutoring.	\$20,858
2026	Social Planning Grant	Haven Society	Celebrate Life Project: Is designed to support women survivors of domestic violence in the third stage of healing. It integrates professional counselling, mindfulness, and creative expression, offering women practical tools for grounding, reflection, and sustained emotional wellness.	\$14,000
2026	Social Planning Grant	Nanaimo Brain Injury Society	Concussion 101: Workshops delivered year-round in schools, that are a grade-appropriate, science-based interactive presentations explaining concussions and prevention strategies, alongside relevant impactful stories from presenters with lived experience with concussion.	\$13,700
2026	Social Planning Grant	Nanaimo Family Life Association	Reducing Community Barriers for Seniors: An initiative that aims to directly support seniors and elders with resources for accessing the medical system, applying for handyDART, transit passes, meal services, taxi vouchers for appointments, wellness programming, and acquiring household items when transitioning into housing.	\$10,000
2026	Social Planning Grant	Nanaimo Foodshare	Shared Harvest: A pilot series of community-oriented workshops and cooking circles to strengthen food security by improving access to seasonally available foods and the knowledge to prepare them. The events will address food insecurity while fostering social connection and community resilience.	\$11,442
2026	Social Planning Grant	Spinal Cord Injury BC	Peer Support Program: Provides opportunities for people with a spinal cord injury (as well as their family and friends) to attend events and activities throughout the year, both in person and online. This creates connections for participants to share experiences, access valuable resources, diminish feelings of social isolation and build a strong sense of community.	\$5,000
2026	Social Planning Grant	Take a Hike Foundation	Take a Hike Nanaimo Program: A free program for youth, delivered full-time in the classroom throughout the school year, with open access to counselling throughout the summer. The program integrates clinical therapy support while immersing youth in outdoor activities to learn self-empowerment, build social and emotional skills, and improve mental health and well-being.	\$10,000

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2025	Social Planning Grant	Take a Hike Foundation	Take a Hike Nanaimo Program is a full-time, mental health and well-being, land-based learning program delivered to youth at Learning Alternatives. It takes place five days a week for six hours a day from September to June and weekly in the summer.	\$10,000
2025	Social Planning Grant	Volunteer Nanaimo	The Youth Network is a youth-led volunteer program for ages 11 to 29 who serve the community to participate in monthly planning meetings, three life-skills workshops and host six youth-led events.	\$13,500
2025	Social Planning Grant	Island Crisis Care Society	Rising Hope Community Kitchen is a program to support meal preparation and other food projects, including managing kitchen rentals, community partnerships and the day-to-day operations of the kitchen.	\$25,000
2025	Social Planning Grant	Nanaimo Alliance Church	The Food Bank Client Café will purchase a commercial refrigerator and freezer for their kitchen to support providing daily hot meals.	\$8,000
2025	Social Planning Grant	Haven Society	Safe Futures for Youth – Violence is Preventable is a peer-led, school-based initiative that trains youth ambassadors to deliver interactive, age-appropriate sessions on non-violence, trauma healing and essential life skills for violence prevention and healthy relationships with other children and youth.	\$15,000
2025	Social Planning Grant	Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Cultivate and Cook will provide hands-on workshops using locally grown seasonal produce at Park Street Farm and other community gardens to make healthy meals and develop skills within social housing communities, schools and non-profits.	\$7,000
2025	Social Planning Grant	Nanaimo Family Life Association	Kitchen Socials will upscale the number of participants in their bi-weekly, half day program serving marginalized adults to learn to prepare healthy meals, share lunch and socialize.	\$6,500

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2024	Community Vitality	Growing Opportunities Farm Community Co-op	Seniors & Youth Growing Seedlings is a volunteer program that aims to promote community connections, knowledge sharing and food security. In its second year, the program provides opportunities for interested seniors (55+) to participate in seeding, transplanting and caring for new plants in a greenhouse.	\$4,000
2024	Community Vitality	Mid Island Métis Nation	The Mid Island Métis Nation distributes culturally appropriate food to enhance the diets of Nanaimo's Métis families. The weekly program distributes fresh fruits and vegetables. Every second month we add Wild Rice and four times per year the program offers fresh, local Bison. These nutritious additions to the diet of low income Métis people help to maintain and improve physical health while creating a strong sense of cultural connection and belonging, resulting in improved mental health and overall well-being.	\$10,000
2024	Community Vitality	Nanaimo Community Kitchens	"Cooking Out of the Box for Youth" is an innovative cooking program, dedicated to equipping youth from diverse backgrounds with essential cooking skills and fostering overall well-being. The initiative, focuses on cooking with fresh fruits and vegetables and is conducted at schools and community centers. The program caters to participants from low-income families and multicultural groups. By addressing the potential decline of cooking knowledge over generations, the program aims to build confidence, strengthen community bonds, and offer crucial insights into nutrition.	\$6,000
2024	Community Vitality	Spinal Cord Injury BC	Peer Support & Outdoor Inclusion for People with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) in Nanaimo is a new peer support program for individuals living with SCI (or related physical disabilities) aims to reach out to younger and/or recently injured people with SCI and engage them in community activities and outdoor recreational events. These opportunities for adaptive recreation (such as cycling and kayaking) and social events (such as BBQ and trivia nights) help peers reconnect with their communities and develop key support networks that enable them to adjust, adapt and thrive in communities after a life changing injury or disease.	\$5,000
2024	Social Response	The Literacy Circle Society	The Literacy Circle - Learning for Life, is an opportunity for Indigenous elders and adults, Residential and Day School, and Multi-Generational Survivors to learn English literacy skills through the telling of their stories. TLC creates a safe and supportive class environment and provides certified teachers to assist the students on their learning journey. TLC also offers advocacy services to break down barriers created by illiteracy and racism. For example, assistance is provided with applications for housing, hunting licenses, HandyDART, Residential Tenancy Branch, sourcing counsellors, food security options and much more.	\$30,000
2024	Social Response	Wisteria	Food for Thought is a broad-based initiative that initially began in 2020 as a response to COVID, and one that will be revived as part of Stone Soup's nightly meal bag program. In addition to nightly meals that provide nourishment to those who really need it in the downtown core, the Food for Thought project will also distribute fresh fruit and vegetables, along with health information and critical supplies such as water, masks, personal hygiene, Narcan, harm reduction materials, blankets, clothes, books etc. As well, the project will use its nightly presence to post COVID and drug advisories, engage in community dialogue with the most vulnerable and marginalized in our city, as a way to help them remain as healthy and connected as possible.	\$30,000

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2023	Community Vitality	Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Event Series 2023. The Departure Bay Neighborhood Association will be hosting three events during the year. The first will be a Summer Street Concert to be held mid-August followed by a Movie Night in September. The series will conclude with a Beach Bonfire Night in early December to start the Christmas Season. These events provide opportunity for residents to meet and socialize with their neighbours.	\$2,400
2023	Community Vitality	Alliance Church	The Alliance Church will be taking over the operation of a Loaves & Fishes Food Bank depot. In addition to weekly food distribution, the Alliance Church will be providing a chance for food bank recipients and others time to socialize and make new relationships by expanding food distribution hours.	\$3,500
2023	Community Vitality	Nanaimo Climate Action Hub	The Nanaimo Climate Pledge is an integrated climate outreach project, designed to discover how to best encourage individuals and households in Nanaimo to take action on the climate crisis by reducing their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The project is focused on the ‘middle majority’ - those who have some awareness of the climate crisis and its impacts, but for one reason or another have not yet taken any substantive action.	\$8,000
2023	Community Vitality	Nanaimo Community Kitchens	Bellies To Babies Cooking Program is an 8-week cooking and skill-building program for those who are pregnant and parents of young children. Our program teaches that balanced nutrition is a foundation of healthy pregnancy and early child development. Each week, participants will be invited to go to an in-person cooking workshop or be provided with a free cooking kit that focuses on healthy and affordable meals. Additional support include access to current nutrition information provided to us by a registered dietitian and access to community supports. This program provides the much needed support to low-income families by increasing their access to nutritious fresh foods and nutritional resources.	\$8,000
2023	Social Response	Island Crisis Care Society	Project Rise is a new program of Island Crisis Care Society (ICCS) aimed to deliver pre-employment and employment skills training and work placement opportunities to people who have experienced homelessness, but are now ready to re-integrate more fully into independence and employment opportunities. Many ICCS clients face barriers to employment and re-connection to the community, based on adversity in their past, and the stigma of their present. This new program aims to fill that gap, supporting clients who have moved towards independence in housing but are unable to access the employment market take the next steps forward to regain the rhythm of community life.	\$25,000
2023	Social Response	Nanaimo Foodshare Society	The Good Food Box Expansion will be focused on creating a new pick up depot located in south Nanaimo, providing better access to affordable and nourishing produce to help create a healthy Nanaimo. With the rising cost of food on Vancouver Island, it is becoming harder for families and individuals to include healthy whole foods in their daily diets. The Good Food Box program is an affordable weekly produce box that strives to promote community wellness and social equity in Nanaimo. Removing barriers to accessibility and providing safe inclusive opportunities are central to the program where community members not only have access to healthy whole foods, but also a sense of community through the weekly newsletter as well as community interaction at their pick up location.	\$25,000
2023	Social Response	Take a Hike Foundation	Take a Hike Nanaimo engages local youth with vulnerabilities to change the trajectory of their lives through a full-time mental health and emotional well-being program delivered 5 days per week throughout the school year from September to June and weekly in the Summer, based at the former Woodlands Secondary. Take a Hike engages youth with intentional, continuous clinical counselling, outdoor experiential learning, and community. We empower youth with the skills and resilience they need to graduate high school, build healthy relationships, and achieve success – however they define it.	\$10,000

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2022	Community Vitality	Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association	Lost Lake Road Greenspace (Road Dedication) Enhancement: The Lost Lake Neighbourhood Association has connected residents to address issues that are a priority to them - this includes building community. The Road Dedication area at the corner of Hiquebran and Lost Lake Road was identified as an area that was central, on Lost Lake Road and with the potential to serve as local park for many residents and persons passing through the area. This project is to build upon the efforts and donations of volunteer residents to create a space for connection. This project will address all four strategic priorities.	\$1,600
2022	Community Vitality	Nanaimo Climate Action Hub Society	Community Climate Circles www. communityclimateconnectors.ca . The climate crisis is becoming more urgent and climate anxiety is growing, especially among the young, but cities are finding it tough to reduce their emissions. In 2010 Nanaimo set a target to reduce its emissions by 33% by 2020, only to see them rise by 18%. In 2019 the city declared a climate emergency, and adopted a new target to reduce them by 50% to 58% by 2030. Personal engagement will be essential to achieve this goal. Community Climate Circles is an initiative of the Nanaimo Climate Action Hub. We train people to become Community Climate Connectors with the skills and knowledge to invite neighbours, friends and workmates to a Community Climate Circle where they learn how to reduce the climate pollution caused by their transportation, heating, food and wastes. If we train 2% of Nanaimo's residents to become Connectors, we will reach every household in the city.	\$5,000
2022	Community Vitality	Nanaimo Community Kitchens	Nanaimo Community Kitchens' has a long history of working to increase food security by providing programs that build food preparation skills. Our program, Cooking Out Of The Box, connects people with resources related to healthy food and nutrition through cooking workshops. More than just a food delivery program, COB addresses the immediate food security needs and wellness associated with proper nutrition and connection to the community. Participants learn by doing and in the process improve their life skills and reduce the mental health impacts related to social isolation. Everyone can participate to the level they feel comfortable. Access to food is a determinant of health and cooking together helps reduce social isolation and encourage the use of other community resources.	\$4,400
2022	Community Vitality	South End Community Association	SOUTH END DAY - Historically known as The Miner ' s Heritage Picnic, this annual South End community event was held for over 25 years in Deverill Square Park. Following a 3-year COVID hiatus, we are looking to relaunch this annual event with nostalgic favourites and new elements that embrace the ENTIRE history of this land that we live on, giving a nod to the diverse and vibrant community that is The South End. Since the last event, we will have seen a new supportive housing and open large-scale developments finished, with several new people moving into the neighbourhood, living and working beside those that have been here for generations. It is time we gather.	\$4,000
2022	Social Response	Island Crisis Care Society	Lifeskills for Connection. People who have experienced homelessness need more than just shelter; they need support to adapt, move forward, and find skills and confidence that can help them towards recovery, community connection, well-being and independence. The Lifeskills for Community Connection program will work to support this learning for change, creating new mechanisms for clients to access learning and lifeskills that will lead to their longer term well-being, recovery and development.	\$27,500
2022	Social Response	Nanaimo Foodshare	Grow Nanaimo will provide a series of in-person workshops centering around a personalized approach to empowered food cultivation. These events will promote social inclusion, learning through diversity, and community wellness. Social cohesion will be strengthened through Grow Nanaimo by bringing together diverse residents for a community focused approach to gain knowledge about successfully growing their own food garden, local food production, and food accessibility and security. Removing barriers to inclusion is central to the program design where community members of all ages and skill/knowledge levels will be supported to participate in sharing ideas, questions, and knowledge. Food based activities have a unique capacity to strengthen social equity and create inclusive spaces for the community to engage with one another while taking proactive steps towards addressing food security and access through personal empowerment. Food growing workshops include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening basics • Container/patio gardening • Indigenous food and medicinal plants • Local pollinators • Composting 	\$16,500
2022	Social Response	Nanaimo Literacy Association	The program we are proposing will be working with women in the Nanaimo region who are experiencing low income, have low-literacy skills, come from diverse backgrounds, and have been impacted by abuse including financial abuse. This program will help vulnerable clients acquire needed information and guidance to make the best possible financial choices for themselves and their children. Literacy Central Vancouver Island sees Financial Literacy as the foundation for empowerment in all areas of life including addressing social exclusion, barriers to un/underemployment; income inequality and poverty; which affects one's mental wellbeing. The goal of the program is to equip women participants, to understand and navigate financial systems and be empowered individually to make positive change to one's relationship to public and private financial services and system.	\$16,000

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2021	Community Vitality	Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society helps families and individuals with a restricted income and other barriers learn how to cook healthier and follow a healthy lifestyle. Our program titled Cooking Kits For Families provides all the ingredients to make healthy meals at home. These healthy cooking kits encompass the true spirit of community kitchens. The cooking kits are based on recommendations from the Canada Food Guide and utilize fresh fruits and vegetables as the main portion of the meal. The kits also include a recipe card and a link to a video of instruction on how to prepare the meal. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with a facilitator online who will offer cooking and nutrition tips.	\$7,000
2021	Community Vitality	Protection Island Lions Club	Protection Island Neighbourhood Connections (PINC) is a festival that connects people to each other and connects neighbours to their community through a series of events that are open to all Protection Island residents. The events include informative speakers, local amateur theatre, games, contests, and social activities that revolve around art, literature, music, and local history. These events are designed to draw people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds together during the dark, wet winter and spring months when people tend to become more isolated. The goal is to have fun while we learn more about our island community and get to know each other better. This program will maintain social connectedness, promote wellness, foster personal and community resiliency, and infuse a sense of pride in our community. We will accomplish these goals while honouring our community's commitment to stay safe and healthy during the COVID pandemic.	\$2,900
2021	Community Vitality	Newcastle Community Association	Illuminight December 2021 is a celebration of community, hope, creativity, resilience and inclusion through festive lighting during the holiday season in any way that allows participation. This home grown sponsored event will foster a sense of community and pride of place by creating an identity and highlighting the diversity of Newcastle. Next year the need to celebrate ALL things will be stronger than ever and ILLUMINIGHT 2021 will be a welcome light after a troubling year.	\$2,000
2021	Community Vitality	Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	Clothing for Success: The Nanaimo Region John Howard Society, with the assistance of the City of Nanaimo and partnering with a local business is proposing a clothing for employment program. This would provide assistance through a loan extended to a clients in need of suitable clothing for employment. An appropriate repayment schedule would be established that allows for minimal, gradual repayment. Vouchers would be issued to the clients to be used at a partnering Nanaimo business.	\$11,600
2021	Community Vitality	Old Age Pensioners Nanaimo	The Social Inclusion Program works to maximize opportunities for social inclusion for seniors, who may otherwise be socially isolated. Through providing activities that are specific to meeting the needs of seniors in the community our centre is participating in a process of community building by working towards a more age friendly city.	\$1,500
2021	Social Response	AVI Health Centre	AVI's Trans Wellness Program: This project aims to enhance social inclusion, build equitable community and health services, promote community building, and foster social connectivity. In collaboration with AVI's Clinical Services, Harm Reduction and Health Promotion Programming, and Gay, Bi, Queer Men's Wellness Program, this project creates opportunity for Trans and Gender Non-binary community members to meaningfully lead the development of trans health, community, and support services and to steer community building projects, health promotion strategies, and social programming. The goal is to foster a culturally safer, gender affirming space for trans folk in Nanaimo.	\$35,000
2021	Social Response	Nanaimo Foodshare	The EAT (Everyone at the Table) Project serves adults with diverse abilities in building knowledge and skills, sharing stories and experiences, creating opportunities for employment and inclusion. EAT works with people with diverse abilities to build a sustainable, equitable food system.	\$25,000
2021	Social Response	Literacy Central Vancouver Island	The purpose of the Word on The Street is to make literacy accessible and relevant to people who are transient, socially isolated, homeless and underhoused in Nanaimo, including both adults and youth. Literacy is recognized as being connected to personal and social empowerment, inter-personal confidence and creative expression. Word on The Street is committed to engaging individuals wherever they're at, to encourage learning and enjoyment of literacy. The goal of this program, is to rethink traditional models of literacy services and work to improve access, rather than expecting people who are vulnerable including those who are homeless to "fit in".	\$30,000

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2020	Community Vitality	Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation	<p>The \$10,000 Community Vitality Grant awarded to the Take a Hike at Risk Youth Foundation (“Take a Hike”) was to be used towards the purchase of a 24-passenger van to be used to take youth at risk on adventure-based learning activities. Take a Hike is requesting permission to redirect the \$10,000 grant towards mental health supports for their students. Take a Hike has advised that COVID-19 has impacted the foundation’s need and ability to secure the originally-proposed passenger van. Social distancing restrictions and school closures have reduced the immediate need for the passenger van. COVID-19 has also hampered the foundation’s fundraising efforts to raise the required additional funds to purchase the van. Their applicant’s grant application indicated they were waiting to secure a Variety Sunshine Coach grant to also help purchase the van.</p> <p>Delegation: 1. Anne Martin, Take a Hike at Risk Youth Foundation Board member, spoke regarding the impact that COVID-19 has had on youth and how hiring a clinical counselor would provide greater support to their students’ mental health and resilience. <i>It was moved and seconded that Council authorize Staff to redirect a \$10,000 Community Vitality Grant toward mental health supports for students of the Take a Hike at Risk Youth Foundation. The motion carried unanimously.</i></p>	\$10,000
2020	Community Vitality	Spinal Cord Injury Organization of BC	Nanaimo's SCI BC Peer Support Program and Infoline address the social exclusion of people with disabilities in Nanaimo. The project supports people with spinal cord injuries (SCI) or related physical disabilities and their families adjust, adapt and thrive as they deal with a new injury or struggle with the ongoing challenges of living and aging with a disability.	\$5,000
2020	Community Vitality	Society for Equity, Inclusion and Advocacy (SEIA): Central Vancouver Island	Project keep SEIA housed is an initiative that our new society is taking to ask the community for support as an organization with a mandate to promote greater equity and inclusion in our community for a varied and broad group of vulnerable clientele, we have to be creative in locating and developing a safe space that meets the needs of all those we serve. SEIA is a newly amalgamated society, merging from the Nanaimo Citizens Advocacy Association and the Nanaimo Women's Resources Society, this was a decision supported by many community agencies, including the City of Nanaimo.	\$10,000
2020	Social Response	Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	Circles of Support are a form of community building practice that serves to engage newly housed individuals and families with trained volunteers to foster social inclusion. Evidence suggests that the newly housed continue to face numerous barriers to social inclusion after attaining housing stability. The project will recruit, train, and link community volunteers with the formerly homeless to form ‘Circles of Support’. The goal will be for Volunteers to demonstrate positive role modeling and provide support for participants through common every day interactions and help break down stigma associated with homelessness. These Circles of Support will help improve the quality of life of our most vulnerable community members, increase public knowledge around homelessness and those who experience it, as well as improve social cohesion.	\$15,000
2020	Social Response	United Way Central and Northern Vancouver Island	There is a significant social crisis on the ground in Nanaimo. At present, over 500 people are homeless or precariously housed and in need of services. (see 2018 Point-in-Time Count). Nanaimo has an established multi-stakeholder Homeless Coalition (NHC) to drive solutions to end homelessness by uniting the organizations, citizens, and governments, which support residents experiencing homelessness, while also working to diminish harm caused by homelessness on community. This project will implement the NHC Communications Strategy (2019). The Strategy builds public understanding of the complex root causes of homelessness and works to shift the current conversation around homelessness to one based on accurate information, understanding and positivity. This project will build, amplify and strengthen positive messaging about actions being taken on the ground to address homelessness in Nanaimo. This grant would allow the NHC to support the City’s mandate and be a collective voice on homelessness, its impacts and community solutions.	\$15,000
2020	Social Response	Literacy Central Vancouver Island	Word on the street: A Literacy Resource Program for street involved /homeless populations. Word on the street will be a program making literacy accessible and relevant to people who are transient, socially isolated, homeless, and underhoused in Nanaimo. The program will facilitate literacy for homeless adults through development of a learning environment provision of tutoring, a writing group, and other literacy engagement points for learning activities. It will include: Working to improve access to literacy for homeless adults, & training shelter and community agency staff through literacy workshops and mentoring.	\$30,000

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2019	Community Vitality	Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Vancouver Island	YOUTH EARLY PREVENTION PROGRAM: „YEP!“ – delivered since 2014 – is a partnership between Nanaimo RCMP, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Vancouver Island and School District 68. The program is for children, Grades 3 - 5, who are the survivors of trauma, live in poverty and experience other risk factors for disruptive, aggressive behaviour. The program’s aim is to reduce youth-related crimes and violence by increasing children’s social, emotional and physical well-being. Program activities develop self-regulation skills, prosocial behaviours, respectful interaction with peers and effective communication. Children with strengthened emotional intelligence have a greater ability to apply coping strategies when faced with challenging situations which could lead to criminal behaviours.	\$2,225
2019	Community Vitality	Haven Society	Wellness Circle at Ravens Lelum Teen Parent Learning Centre: Haven Society will facilitate a Wellness Circle for young mothers at Ravens Lelum. Wellness Circle sessions focus on healthy relationships, abuse, stress, how to cope, and other topics of interest to the participants. The Wellness Circle offers the mothers a safe space to open up and to confide in one another, and to reduce the silence around violence. Their sharing empowers them and validates their experiences and the strategies they employ to resist the violence. They learn safety and coping strategies from the counsellor and from each other. The Circle is a place where they will be supported emotionally and where they will be reminded that they are capable, fierce resisters of violence, sparking self-worth and healing.	\$3,600
2019	Community Vitality	Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Bellies to Babies and Beyond is a 10 week cooking and skill building program offered 3 times/year for low income pregnant women and parents of young. Parents learn about healthy lifestyles for pregnancy and infancy, other community supports, and each week prepare a meal to fit their family size. Child minding is offered for preschool children. The program runs at Island Health’s Princess Royal Family Center downtown.	\$5,000
2019	Community Vitality	South End Community Association	The Miner's Heritage Picnic is a day-long event, beginning with a pancake breakfast, followed by a First Nations prayer and speakers, and a Heritage Walk around the historic South End neighbourhood led by city planner Chris Sholberg. There's a pet parade, named the Signy Pet Parade in memory of South End resident Signy Gauer, and the Laura Ramsay Memorial Tea, named after author and long-time South End resident Laura Ramsay. The picnic also offers local live music and entertainment, art, painting and crafts, pony rides and a petting farm, a climbing wall, miniature train ride, bouncy castle, and face-painting, and is focused on activities for families with children. It is all free, thanks to the generosity of local businesses and SECA's fund-raising efforts throughout the year.	\$2,500
2019	Community Vitality	Cilaire Community Group	The Cilaire subdivision was planned around a one mile circle (see attached map). The residents drive in to the subdivision from Departure Bay Road to Cilaire Drive. The drop in elevation is approximately 24 metres from the top of Cilaire Drive to the bottom. It is a lovely walk around the circle, but as our community ages, fewer people are completing the entire circuit due to the elevation challenges. There are two designated public park areas along the lower part of Cilaire Drive that could accommodate a bench or table and chairs that would serve as a resting spot for walkers and a spot for members of the community to meet and spend time together, rather than simply a brief hello and continuing their walk.	\$5,000
2019	Community Vitality	Spinal Cord Injury of BC	Nanaimo's SCI BC Peer Support Program and Infoline address the social exclusion of people with disabilities in Nanaimo. The project supports people with spinal cord injuries (SCI) or related physical disabilities and their families adjust, adapt and thrive as they deal with a new injury or struggle with the ongoing challenges of living and aging with a disability.	\$6,675
2019	Social Response	Nanaimo Women’s Resources Society	CORE is a short term initiative to increase capacity and respond quickly to the growing needs emerging around homelessness and poverty in Nanaimo. We plan to increase staffing, resources, and outreach to bridge the lack of appropriate drop in (gathering spaces) in the community. CORE will provide basic need items on an outreach basis to people of all genders while providing a critical female only safe space. We will provide individuals with nutritious snacks, dry clothing, and access to health and hygiene products. The NWRS will increases a sense of connectivity for all stakeholders by expanding upon our existing network of supporters to engage the community to contribute to solutions. Additionally, we will connect individuals with tenancy support, the Ministry, Mental Health or other health services. Trained support workers act as navigators for short term crisis, and for long term planning.	\$24,000
2019	Social Response	United Way	Nanaimo Homeless Coalition Coordination/Communication Project. Nanaimo has a crisis with over 500 homeless needing homes and services (see 2018 Point-in-Time Count). Many more are precariously housed and in need of affordable housing. The City of Nanaimo has approved two comprehensive plans, one on affordable housing and the other on homelessness. Nanaimo has an established multi-stakeholder Homeless Coalition that meets monthly and we have federal funding with a small amount of resources available from the United Way to manage the investment of federal dollars through the Coalition. However, in order to support the City in the efforts to implement the plans and to secure the maximum amount of funding from the province, the Coalition urgently needs resources to manage the public education, communications and coordination of the priorities identified in the two plans. Other communities who are successful in moving their plans forward, have a backbone organization and resources to drive the work.	\$36,000

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2018	Community Vitality	Nanaimo Family Life Association	The Vulnerable Youth Art Project: The project will engage vulnerable youth from diverse backgrounds in a facilitated project that will create and establish a permanent piece of art honouring Nanaimo youth and in memory of Makayla Chang.	\$10,000
2018	Community Vitality	Pacifica Housing	Pacifica’s Housing Hub proposal would determine the need and formalize a process for establishing a “one-stop shopping” storefront for residents looking for affordable and supportive housing and complementary services. In order to establish a plan and process, Pacifica intends to conduct research that will involve organizing a consultation with other Nanaimo housing and service providers, examine best practices, develop a budget, and identify sustainable sources of ongoing funding.	\$5,000
2018	Community Vitality	Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Bellies to Babies and Beyond is a 10 week cooking and skill building program offered 3 time/year for at risk pregnant women and parents of young. Participants learn about healthy lifestyles, for pregnancy and infancy, community supports, and each week prepare a meal to fit their family size. Child minding is offered for preschool children.	\$4,000
2018	Community Vitality	Radio Malaspina Society (CHLY)	Development, creation and delivery of a series of Public Service Announcements (PSA's) which will showcase Nanaimo-based community service organizations. Presented as The CHLY Community Services Billboard, these PSA's will provide pertinent information about each organization; including an overview of their role in the Nanaimo community, how their services may be obtained and any relevant contact information. Targeted agencies will focus on those providing services related to health, literacy, social welfare, seniors, youth and similar elements addressing community wellness, inclusion and diversity.	\$3,500
2018	Community Vitality	South End Community Association	The Miner's Heritage Picnic is a day-long event, beginning with a pancake breakfast, followed by a First Nations prayer and speakers, and a Heritage Walk around the historic South End neighbourhood. The picnic also offers local live music and entertainment, art, painting and crafts, pony rides and a petting farm, a climbing wall, miniature train ride, bouncy castle, and face-painting, and is focused on activities for families with children.	\$2,500
2018	Social Response	Nanaimo Women’s Resource Society	The Youth Partnership Coordinator is a joint initiative of several community agencies who are committed to identifying and supporting vulnerable youth in the community. The coordinator will have a mandate to support resource coordination and support program development for partner agencies. The coordinator will work out of Sanala to develop youth services on location, and will also work on community outreach.	\$32,000
2018	Social Response	The Men’s Centre	The Boots to Suits is a poverty relief program which provides free work boots and work clothing as well as outer garments and casual clothing to men and women in the community. Over 50% of participants are Aboriginal, and 70% of all users are male and 30% are female. It provides a safe place for participants to discuss and get assistance and referral help with a wide range of health related problems they may be having.	\$15,000
2018	Social Response	Pacific Housing	Pacifica is requesting \$10,000 to convert a volunteer role into a paid position, as well as to expand the program to our Harbourview Property on Nicol St. The goal of this project is to enable the strongest and most competent among participants to convert their volunteer work in to a part time, paid contract. The Peer Support Work Program Coordinator would manage other staff, identify equipment needs, procure items, and develop accounting and businesses procedures for delivering a small contract service.	\$5,000
2018	Social Response	Nanaimo Foodshare	Evaluation: Seniors Food Engagement Project The evaluation uses a pre and post questionnaire to determine if the project activities have outcomes for participating seniors. Other measures will be collected as the project progresses through record keeping and will be included in the final report.	\$5,000
2018	Social Response	St. Andrew’s Presbyterian	This Community Lunch Program provides a free Soup and Sandwich Lunch every Thursday, excluding Christmas and July and August. It serves to feed both members of the community as well as students from Wellington Secondary School.	\$3,000