

2026 CITY OF NANAIMO GRANT RECIPIENTS SUMMARY

(CULTURE OPERATING, PROJECT & DOWNTOWN EVENT REVITALIZATION FUND)

GROUP NAME	TYPE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT ALLOCATED	DETAIL
8758999 Canada Society dba Artists' Collective Theatre (ACT Theatre)	Operating – 3YR	\$22,589	\$20,000	Operating Funds
	DERF	\$28,252	\$24,240	The Island Summer Theatre Festival
A Cappella Plus Choral Society	Operating – 1YR	\$2,702	\$2,400	Operating Funds
Minah Lee (Art Action Earwig)	DERF	\$8,000	\$6,370	Pulling To Gather
Crimson Coast Dance Society	Operating – 3YR	\$68,000	\$65,800	Operating Funds
	Project	\$10,812	\$5,045	Leadership Transition & Development, Phase 2: Journey Toward Sustainability
	DERF	\$11,882	\$10,920	Nature of Us / Tender City
Downtown Nanaimo Business Association	Project	\$500	\$415	Community Mural
	DERF	\$10,500	\$9,140	Picnic in the Plaza
	DERF	\$17,500	\$13,940	WinterFest
Footprints Infertility & Pregnancy Loss Support Society	DERF	\$28,000	\$4,980	Women of Influence Nanaimo Awards Gala
Friends of Nanaimo Jazz Society	DERF	\$7,825	\$6,715	Jazz Affair
Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce	DERF	\$40,000	\$26,970	2026 Commercial Street Night Market
Island Bel Canto Singers Society	Operating – 1YR	\$3,000	\$2,700	Operating Funds
Island Consort Society	DERF	\$1,900	\$1,750	Concert: Luminous Music of the Soul (Fall)
	DERF	\$1,535	\$1,410	Concert: The World of Music (Spring)
L'Association des francophones de Nanaimo	Operating – 3YR	\$20,000	\$19,000	Operating Funds
	Project	\$9,000	\$6,530	Maple Sugar Festival du Sucre d'Erable
LEAF Festival Society	Project	\$3,700	\$2,300	Movement Lab Residency
Malaspina Choir Society	Operating – 3YR	\$6,000	\$5,650	Operating Funds
Margins of Sound Society (MOSS)	DERF	\$9,400	\$8,065	Resonance
Nanaimo African Heritage Society	Operating – 1YR	\$20,000	\$17,000	Operating Funds
	Project	\$10,000	\$5,550	Black History Month Gala

Nanaimo Arts Council	Operating – 1YR	\$19,500	\$19,000	Operating Funds
	Project	\$1,750	\$1,125	Website Redevelopment
	DERF	\$8,800	\$8,090	Artwalk
Nanaimo Ballroom Dance Society	Project	\$10,000	\$7,050	Island Fantasy Ball Provincial & International Championship & Showcase
Nanaimo Blues Society	DERF	\$40,000	\$34,320	Nanaimo Blues Festival
Nanaimo Chapter, Federation of Canadian Artists	DERF	\$3,500	\$3,000	Nanaimo Fine Arts Show
Nanaimo Chapter of the SPEBSQSA (Tidesmen)	Operating – 1YR	\$5,000	\$4,500	Operating Funds
Nanaimo Concert Band Society	Operating – 1YR	\$6,000	\$5,800	Operating Funds
Nanaimo Conservatory of Music	Operating – 3YR	\$21,000	\$20,500	Operating Funds
	Project	\$1,800	\$1,310	Island Notes Chamber Music Festival
Nanaimo Fiddle Society	Operating – 3YR	\$20,000	\$19,400	Operating Funds
Nanaimo Malayalee Association	Project	\$8,862.50	\$4,870	Celebration of Onam
Nanaimo Paddling Club / NPC Dragon Boat Club	DERF	\$15,000	\$7,355	Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival
Nanaimo Quilters' Guild	Project	\$5,050	\$3,040	Material Magic Quilt Show
Nanaimo Theatre for Young People Association	Project	\$5,471	\$3,970	NextGen Ensemble Theatre
Nathaniel Tougas	DERF	\$3,500	\$1,930	Multicultural Dance Festival
Old City Quarter Association	DERF	\$14,000	\$11,150	Sounds of Summer
	DERF	\$3,500	\$2,660	Winter in the OCQ
One in Spirit Healing Arts Society	Operating – 1YR	\$18,500	\$14,800	Operating Funds
Pacific Coast Stage Company	Operating – 3YR	\$25,000	\$23,900	Operating Funds
	Project	\$7,500	\$5,600	Rise & Shine: Indigenous Script Development
	DERF	\$18,000	\$16,550	Community Outreach
Positively Vegan Society	DERF	\$7,500	\$6,895	VegFest
Radio Malaspina Society	Operating – 1YR	\$50,000	\$25,900	Operating Funds
Rang South Asian Arts & Culture Society	Operating – 1YR	\$7,410	\$3,638	Operating Funds
	DERF	\$3,412	\$1,880	A Glimpse of India – Diwali Edition

Reconciliation Theatre Society	Project	\$5,000	\$3,730	Winter Performance Writers' Intensive
	DERF	\$17,500	\$16,090	Reconcile Canada Day
	DERF	\$5,000	\$4,600	Halloween Spooktacular
South End Community Association	DERF	\$4,200	\$3,600	South End Day Heritage Picnic
Spirit of Nanaimo Society	DERF	\$8,500	\$4,690	Harvest Event
Vancouver Island Short Film Festival Society	Operating – 3YR	\$6,450	\$6,200	Operating Funds
	Project	\$1,900	\$1,380	Youth Showcase
Vancouver Island Symphony	Operating – 3YR	\$110,000	\$101,000	Operating Funds
	DERF	\$15,000	\$12,690	Cuban Vibes
Western Edge Theatre	Operating – 3YR	\$25,000	\$24,500	Operating Funds
	Project	\$2,500	\$1,818	Cutting Edge Play Development