



City of Nanaimo **Social Planning Grants**

Guidelines & Criteria

2022 Deadline:

Monday, November 15, 2021 (4:00 pm)

**For more information, please contact Community Planning
at 250-755-4464 or socialplanning@nanaimo.ca**

Grant Categories

There are two categories of Social Planning Grants, which are allocated on an annual basis:

- **Social Response Grants**
Intended for initiatives and projects of a more significant scope. The total budget available for this category is \$60,000; individual applications for up to \$60,000 will be accepted for 2022.
- **Community Vitality Grant**
Intended for projects of a smaller scale. The total budget available for this category is \$25,000.

Ineligible Projects

Funds from the Social Planning Grants may not be used for the following purposes:

- Ongoing operational expenses incurred during the normal course of business;
- Projects occurring outside the City of Nanaimo; or
- Payment of pre-existing debts.

Projects will not be funded for more than two consecutive years in a row; however, an organization may submit an application for a separate project.

Ineligible Organizations

- Groups or organizations with outstanding balances owed to the City of Nanaimo.
- Organizations may not be eligible for Social Planning Grant funding if they have received other funding assistance through the City of Nanaimo within the same grant year period.

Please contact socialplanning@nanaimo.ca with any questions you may have.

Application Review Criteria

30% - Merit

Proposal quality, project alignment with organization's mandate, community support

40% - Relevance/Feasibility

Does project reflect the City's Strategic Priorities?

What is the capacity and demonstrated ability of the applicant?

30% - Potential Impact

How many will be impacted? How great the impact? How critical is the issue being addressed?

Grant Process

Applications will be received and reviewed by the Social Planning section, and recommendations will be forwarded to the Finance and Audit Committee and then to Nanaimo's City Council for approval. Once disbursed, funding must be spent within the next twelve (12) months and a report provided at project completion or at the end of the twelve month period, whichever comes first. If the applicant chooses to submit an application for the following year, a report regarding the previous project funding grant must be received prior to the submission of the new grant.