

# Social Planning Grant Program

(Social Development and Community Service Grants)



Community Vitality Committee

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# Purpose

*The purpose of these grants is to help raise public awareness about social issues and to build community capacity and partnerships that address our community's social challenges.*

# History of Grant Programs

- The City of Nanaimo's Social Development Grant Program and Community Service Grant Program have been operating since 2007
- Annual funding of \$90K came from the Nanaimo Casino's community contribution agreement (\$60K used for SDG) and \$25K came from general tax revenue for the Community Service Grants
- Historically there have been two calls for proposals (Spring and Fall) on specific topics

# Eligibility

- Registered non-profit society or recognized religious group serving the Nanaimo population
- Funds could be used for up to 100% of costs (no matching required) because often used as the “bait to get the fish” (other funding)
- Same project could receive a maximum of two years funding

# Program Budget

- A total of \$85,000 available per year
- \$60,000 for the Social Development Grants
- \$25,000 for the Community Service Grants
- Grants can be split between several projects and applicants

# **Social Development Grant Topics (Past)**

- 2015: Reducing harm for sex trader workers and addressing child poverty
- 2014: Suicide prevention or social isolation
- 2013: Food infrastructure
- 2012: Poverty reduction through increased access to training or education opportunities
- 2011: Social Development strategy priorities
- 2005 - 2010: Poverty reduction

# **New Categories for Both Grants**

- Social Equity
- Community Diversity
- Community Wellness
- Vibrant Neighbourhoods

# Next Steps

- Grant Program Objectives
- Application Review Criteria
- Council Approval
- Applications (Spring and Fall)