

Staff Report for Decision

DATE OF MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2017

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SUBJECT SOCIAL PLANNING GRANTS – 2018 RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval for the 2018 Social Response and 2018 Community Vitality grant allocations.

Recommendation

That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the 2018 Social Response and the 2018 Community Vitality grant recommendations.

BACKGROUND

Each year since 2001, the City of Nanaimo allocates two social planning grants; the Social Response grants and the Community Vitality grants; providing a total of \$85,000 annually to non-profit societies and/or recognised faith groups to address social issues affecting Nanaimo residents.

The City issued a call for proposals for the 2018 social planning grants with a submission deadline of 2017-NOV-30. Eight (8) applications were received for the Social Response grants and ten (10) applications were received for the Community Vitality grants, representing a total funding request of \$234,060. Staff reviewed eligible applications relative to the grant guidelines, and recommend allocating a total of \$85,000 to ten (10) applicants.

2018 Community Vitality Grants

Organization	Project	Request	Recommended
Nanaimo Family Life Association	Vulnerable Youth Art Project	\$10,000	\$10,000
Pacifica Housing	Housing Hub Feasibility Assessment	\$5,000	\$5,000
Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Bellies to Babies and Beyond	\$4,000	\$4,000
Radio Malaspina Society (CHLY)	CHLY Community Services Board	\$5,500	\$3,500
South End Community Association	Miner's Picnic	\$2,500	\$2,500

2018 Community Vitality Grants (continued)

Organization	Project	Request	Recommended
First Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo – Weather Shelter	Far From Home Educational Program	\$6,300	\$0
Nanaimo BMX	Track rebuild	\$10,000	\$0
NARSF Programs Ltd.	DU2 Nanaimo Save Yours	\$2,400	\$0
V.I. Integrated Counselling Society	Harewood Walk-in Counselling Clinic	\$2,000	\$0
Wellington Action Committee (WAC)	Community Benches	\$10,000	\$0
Total Requested		\$57,700	\$25,000
Total Available		\$25,000	\$25,000

2018 Social Response Grants

Organization	Project	Request	Recommended
Nanaimo Women's Resource Society	Youth Partnership Program Coordinator	32,000	\$32,000
The Men's Centre	Boots to Suits	\$53,000	\$15,000
Pacific Housing	Peer Support Work Program	10,000	\$5,000
Nanaimo Foodshare	Seniors Food Engagement Project	\$17,210	\$5,000
St. Andrew's Presbyterian	Community Lunch Program	\$3,000	\$3,000
Tillicum Lelum	How Nuq Youth Camp 2018	\$5,000	\$0
Nanaimo Citizens Advocacy	Street Outreach Advocacy	\$31,150	\$0
Legion Branch 10	Kitchen Upgrade	\$25,000	\$0
Total Requested		\$176,360	\$60,000
Total Available		\$60,000	\$60,000

OPTIONS

1. That the Finance and Audit Committee recommend that Council approve the 2018 Social Response and the 2018 Community Vitality grant recommendations.
 - **Budget Implication:** The recommendations do not exceed the total available budget of \$85,000 for the 2018 Social Planning grants.
 - **Strategic Priorities Implication:** The Social Response and Community Vitality grant allocations are consistent with the strategic priorities established for the Social Planning grant program and with the City's *Community Value* of social equity.
2. That the Finance and Audit Committee provide alternative funding recommendations. |

SUMMARY POINTS

- The City received eighteen (18) eligible applications with a total request of \$234,060 for the Social Response and Community Vitality grant programs.
- The total Social Planning grant program budget for 2018 is \$85,000. It is recommended that \$85,000 be allocated to ten (10) applicants. |

ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A – Social Planning Grant Program – Grant Guidelines & Criteria

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ATTACHMENT A

City of Nanaimo Social Planning Grants

Guidelines & Criteria

2018 Deadline:

4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 30, 2017

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

Introduction

The City of Nanaimo recognizes the importance of fostering a socially sustainable community that nurtures a caring, healthy, inclusive and safe environment, and which empowers all of its citizens to realize their aspirations. The Social Planning function, housed within the Community and Cultural Planning section, has a mandate to support initiatives and actions that further the community's social objectives.

Purpose

The purpose of the Social Planning grant program is to assist organizations in responding to issues of a social nature with 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.

Eligibility Criteria

Organizations applying for funding must be based in Nanaimo and/or be proposing a project that primarily serves Nanaimo residents.

The following types of organizations are eligible to apply:

- A non-profit society incorporated under the BC Provincial Societies Act or federally designated as a registered charity ;
- A recognized religious group with ongoing activities and a congregation; or,
- A neighbourhood association recognized by the municipality.

Strategic Priorities

The City of Nanaimo's strategic funding priorities for the Social Planning Grant program are as follows:

- Social Equity (e.g. Projects addressing issues related to poverty or social exclusion)
- Community Diversity (e.g. Projects that support multiculturalism and the integration of newcomers)
- Community Wellness (e.g. Projects addressing the social determinants of health)
- Vibrant Neighbourhoods (e.g. Projects that build community by enhancing social connectivity)

Project proposals should respond to one or more of the above categories.

Grant Categories

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

- **Social Response Grants** (previously the Social Development Grant Program)
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.
- **Community Vitality Grant** (previously the Community Service Grant Program)
Intended for projects of a smaller scale. The total budget available for this category is \$25,000; individual applications for up to \$10,000 will be accepted.

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.

Application Review Criteria

30% - Merit

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

40% - Relevance/Feasibility

Does project reflect City's identified priorities?

What is the capacity and demonstrated ability of 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.