

**ATTACHMENT B**



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<b>Title:</b>	Council Support Policy	<b>Repeal Date:</b>	
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**PURPOSE:**

To respond consistently to groups or organizations that request support from the City of Nanaimo in their endeavors.

**SCOPE:**

This policy applies to groups or organizations seeking support from the City of Nanaimo by way of a letter of support to accompany grant funding applications, support in-principle, in-kind contributions, or partnerships where parties agree to collaborate to advance their mutual interests.

This policy does not apply to requests for grant funding by the City, including Permissive Tax Exemption requests, or in-kind funding for facility rentals (see Grant Policy and Guidelines for details on these requests).

**POLICY:**

The City of Nanaimo, from time to time, receives requests from groups or organizations seeking the City's support for their endeavors.

The City of Nanaimo will assess the impact of each request individually to determine the nature and level of support it will provide.

**DEFINITIONS:**

There are different types of support the City of Nanaimo may be able to provide under this policy:

In-Kind Contributions	Means non-monetary or cash equivalent resources that can be given a cash value, such as goods and/or services in support of a project or a proposal. In-kind contributions include staff time spent participating on the project.
Partnership	Means an arrangement in which the parties agree to collaborate to advance their mutual interests and will only be entered into if there is a significant benefit that aligns directly with Council's Strategic Framework and available funding and capacity. Clarity regarding the role of the partners and how the City of Nanaimo will be recognized as a partner of the project is to be provided along with the request.
Support in Principle	Means Council is in favour of the proposal or project, based on the information provided. The principle, or the idea, seems good and the City agrees with the outcome or benefit received.

## **APPLICATION**

Those seeking a letter of support from the City to accompany a grant funding application (support in principle), an in-kind contribution, or to enter into a partnership with the City, will be required to complete a 'Request for Support Form' and provide an Executive Summary, or short narrative that, at minimum, includes the following information:

1. That the request is from a local non-profit and/or recognized community organization or other local government;
2. The name of the contact person, mailing address, email address and telephone number of the person applying for the grant on behalf of the particular organization;
3. Background information on the organization requesting the letter;
4. Funding source of the proposed program, including any grants from other governments;
5. Services that are to be offered;
6. Target groups to be served, including the number of individuals to be served and where the services will be offered;
7. Timeframes or dates of when the proposed program is expected to be administered.
8. Anticipated outcomes of the program;
9. The proposed budget, in detail;
10. Indication of whether or not similar programs exist in the Regional District of Nanaimo area;
11. Indication, if known, of other organization(s) applying for the same funds;
12. If this is an on-going or continuation grant or project, indicate results of previous years, and
13. Coordination with other entities.

## **PROCESS:**

The applicant must follow these steps:

1. Submit a completed 'Request for Support Form' and Executive Summary that addresses the information highlighted above. Requests should be submitted as far as possible ahead of the submission deadline but no later than seven (7) days prior to the applicable Council meeting at which the request will go forward, and fourteen (14) days prior to the date the requestor requires the letter.
2. Include any supporting documents or materials and a detailed list of other funding partners (if applicable) and a draft of the letter of support you are requesting which the City can use as a guide.

The City of Nanaimo will follow these steps:

1. The applicant will be contacted within two days of receiving the application to confirm that the City of Nanaimo received all the information needed to produce the letter, to request additional information, or to arrange a call to discuss the proposal in more detail.
2. Once completed, the application will be placed on the next available Council agenda wherein Council will review the request to ensure that the application fits within the best interest of the residents of the City of Nanaimo and that the application is not in competition with any City grant applications.
3. Should Council approve the request, a letter will be provided to the applicant who is then responsible for forwarding the letter to the appropriate organization.

The Mayor may issue a letter of support on behalf of Council if the endeavour does not require a Council resolution, does not conflict with other City policies or initiatives, and meets the following criteria:

1. The request is from:
  - a local non-profit and/or recognized community organization, or another local government;
  - the project provides a direct general benefit to the overall community;
  - does not involve a financial contribution or in-kind contribution from the City;
  - does not contravene any applicable legislation or other City policy; and
  - would not be in competition with a grant application from the City or other non-profit community organization.

or

2. The request is from an organization that is partnering with the City of Nanaimo or completing a project that has the approval of Council.

**RELATED DOCUMENTS:**

Request for Support Application Form  
COU-185 - Grants Policy and Guidelines

**REPEAL or AMENDMENT:**

N/A