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2024 Community Vitality Grants – Applications Received

Organization	Project	Request	Recommended Allocation
Growing Opportunities Farm Community Co-op	Seniors & Youth Growing Seedlings: This program will provide opportunities for interested seniors (55+) to participate in seeding, transplanting and caring for new plants in a greenhouse. The plants will support education programs for young students in schools.	\$5,500	\$4,000.00
Haven Society	Her Voice: A photo sharing and storytelling project to explore and learn about the resilience of women who have been impacted by domestic violence.	\$5,000	\$0
Nanaimo and District Men's Shed Society	Facility Improvement: To renovate and equip an existing building to provide a base of operation with space for creation, learning, and connection.	\$13,500	\$0
Nanaimo Area Public Safety Association	Public Safety Meeting: A public meeting to discuss the current state of public safety in Nanaimo and possible solutions.	\$4,950	\$0
Nanaimo Community Kitchens	Cooking out of the Box for Youth: A cooking program to be conducted in schools and community centres that cater to low-income families and multicultural groups. The program is dedicated to equipping youth with essential cooking skills and fostering over-all wellbeing.	\$7,000	\$6,000.00
Nanaimo Area Network of Drug Users	NANDU Narratives: A podcast project dedicated to the stories of individuals who use illicit drugs in Nanaimo, with the goal of sharing the realities and struggles of these individuals in order to challenge stereotypes.	\$5,000	\$0
Nanaimo Old City Association	Franklyn Milton Street Park Rejuvenation: Beautification of the park/boulevard at Franklyn Street and Milton intersection. The project would include the addition of Indigenous plants and benches.	\$5,000	\$0
Spinal Cord Injury Society	Peer Support and Outdoor Inclusion for People with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) in Nanaimo: Aims to reach younger and/or recently injured people with SCI and engage them in community activities and outdoor recreational events.	\$5,000	\$5,000.00
Pacifica Advisory Association	Pacifica Seniors Lodge (PSL) Social Enrichment Program: Ensures low-income seniors living at Pacifica Seniors Lodge can celebrate holidays and milestones by enjoying special meals and social events.	\$6,000	\$0
Mid Island Metis Nation	Metis Cultural Food Share: Distributes culturally appropriate food to enhance the diets of Nanaimo's low-income Metis families. This weekly program distributes fresh fruits, vegetables, wild rice and sometimes local bison.	\$10,000	\$10,000.00

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Harewood Neighbourhood Association	Harewood Canopy Initiative: Expand Harewood's tree canopy. Benefits will include increased shade, heat mitigation, ecosystem health, and connection to nature.	\$5,000	\$0
Departure Bay Neighbourhood Association	Event Series 2024: Four neighbourhood events including, Magic in the Park, Summer Street concert, Movie Night, and Bonfire Night for Departure Bay residents.	\$3,600	\$0
Newcastle Community Association	Newcastle Emergency Preparedness & Practice: Gather community leaders from Block Watch, Strata Councils, Property Management, and businesses to educate and prepare Newcastle Neighbourhood for emergency event(s).	\$3,000	\$0
Total Available/Recommended		\$25,000.00	
Total Funding Requested		\$78,550	

2024 Social Response Grants- Applications Received

Organization	Project	Request	Recommended Allocation
BGC Central Vancouver Island	Impactful Accessible Summer Camps: Providing free recreational summer camps including transportation to low-income families.	\$10,000	\$0
Dover Bay Secondary School (SD68)	Outreach Connection: A program to support connection and belonging by providing opportunities for all through recreational and wellness services (e.g., rock climbing, canoe trips etc.)	\$14,165	\$0
Nanaimo Foodshare Society	Kids Get Cooking: Program works with the SD68, Grade 3 – 5 science curriculum, to supply meal kits and learning activities for 4 weeks/classroom, rotating through schools throughout the year.	\$16,460	\$0
Risebridge	JEDI Training: This program will create a safe space for community members interested in learning and engaging in discussions that include anti-racism, multi-cultural awareness, mental health and addiction, trauma-informed communication, and 2sLGBTQ+, allyship, and upstander training.	\$25,000	\$0

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Take a Hike Foundation	Take a Hike Nanaimo Program: Engages vulnerable youth throughout the school year with intentional, continuous clinical counselling, land-based learning, and community engagement.	\$10,000	\$0
Wisteria Community Association	Food for Thought: The funds will contribute to the provision of approximately 91,000 portions of fruits and vegetables in meal bags to be distributed 7 nights per week over the next several months.	\$30,000	\$30,000.00
Island Crisis Care Society	Compassionate Self-care: A program to provide support for people who have experienced homelessness in order to adapt, move forward, find skills and confidence to help them move towards recovery.	\$25,000	\$0
CMHA Mid-Island Branch	Out Shop: Provides essential survival supplies such as tents, sleeping bags, tarps, first aid kits, flashlights, socks, underwear, and hygiene supplies, through a twice-weekly low-barrier drop-in depot and community organizations who provide support and outreach services.	\$60,000	\$0
The Literacy Circle Society	The Literacy Circle - Learning for Life: An opportunity for Indigenous Elders and adults, Residential and Day School, and Multi-Generational survivors to learn English literacy skills through the telling of their stories. The program also offers advocacy services to break down barriers created by illiteracy and racism.	\$30,000	\$30,000.00
Worker Solidarity Network	Solidarity Stewards Program Nanaimo Outreach: Program to provide accessible and resourceful 'Know Your Rights' materials to acquaint workers under-enforced laws that are meant to protect them from workplace standard violations and health and safety risks.	\$50,000	\$0
Total Available/Recommended		\$60,000.00	
Total Funding Requested		\$270,625	