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2025 Social Planning Grants Program – Applications Received

Organization	Project	Request	Recommended Allocation
Art Action Earwig	Pull Together for Earth: An eco-art project bringing ecological restoration and arts together through a series of local artist-led and community-driven activities and events.	\$8,500	\$0
Community Lunch Program	Community Lunch: A free community luncheon once a week, ten months of the year at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for students and community members.	\$4,000	\$0
Ecole Oceane	Ecole Oceane Garden Revitalization Project: A project to revitalize a community garden servicing the francophone community in Nanaimo.	\$7,800	\$0
Growing Opportunities	Planting Seeds for an Inclusive Community: To expand farming activities at Westwood Farm with a focus on seed-saving.	\$6,000	\$0
Haven Society	Safe Futures for Youth – Violence is Preventable: A peer-led, school-based initiative that trains youth ambassadors to deliver interactive, age-appropriate sessions on non-violence, trauma healing and essential life skills for violence prevention and healthy relationships with other children and youth.	\$15,000	\$15,000
Island Crisis Care Society	Rising Hope Community Kitchen: A program to support meal preparation for vulnerable populations and other food projects, including managing kitchen rentals, community partnerships and the day-to-day operations of the kitchen.	\$25,000	\$25,000
Kiwanis	Community Bathing Program: Spa room renovations to offer seniors a space for community bathing.	\$15,000	\$0
Nanaimo Association for Community Living (NACL)	Planting Possibilities: A Seed for Every Ability: Community events that bring together seed producers, students, seniors and community members to plant, grow, and harvest seeds to donate to Seed Libraries at Vancouver Island Regional Libraries.	\$3,590	\$0
Nanaimo Alano Club	Resource Referral Worker for People in Recovery - Pilot Project: A pilot program to hire a person at two hours a week for six months to provide referral and information resources to people in recovery.	\$6,000	\$0
Nanaimo Alliance Church	Food Bank Client Café – Kitchen Upgrades: To purchase a commercial refrigerator and freezer for their kitchen to support providing daily hot meals.	\$8,000	\$8,000

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Nanaimo Community Kitchens Society	Cultivate and Cook: To provide hands-on workshops using locally grown seasonal produce at Park Street Farm and other community gardens to make healthy meals and develop skills within social housing communities, schools and non-profits.	\$7,000	\$7,000
Nanaimo Family Life Association (NFLA)	Kitchen Socials: To upscale the number of participants in their bi-weekly, half day program serving marginalized adults to learn to prepare healthy meals, share lunch, socialize and increase food security.	\$10,000	\$6,500
Spinal Cord Injury BC (SCI BC)	Peer Support for People with Spinal Cord Injury in Nanaimo: To support hosting online and in-person events for their Peer Support Program.	\$5,000	\$0
Snuneymuxw First Nation	Break the Cycle: Snuneymuxw Uplifting Food Security Program: To provide support for grocery shopping, nutritional information/support, budgeting and meal planning for twenty families.	\$85,000	\$0
St Paul's Anglican Church	St Paul's Front Door Ministry: To expand the number of lunches and gift cards to clients they serve from once a month to twice a month.	\$20,000	\$0
Take a Hike Foundation	Take a Hike Nanaimo Program: A full-time, mental health and well-being, land-based learning program delivered to youth at risk at Learning Alternatives. Takes place five days a week for six hours a day from September to June and weekly in the summer.	\$10,000	\$10,000
Vancouver Island Social Justice Society	Nanaimo Free Store Center: To rent a space for the Nanaimo Free Store to provide a local resource centre for resource sharing and redistribution.	\$27,000	\$0
Volunteer Nanaimo	Youth Network: A youth-led volunteer program for ages 11 to 29 who serve the community to participate in monthly planning meetings, three life-skills workshops and host six youth-led events to address and support social issues related to youth.	\$13,500	\$13,500
Wisteria	Stone Soup Dining and Social Centre: A drop-in location to offer low income, marginalized and unhoused individuals to receive two prepared meals a day (breakfast and dinner) along with a space for friendship, activities, information, resources and other supports.	\$30,000	\$0
Total Available/Recommended		\$85,000.00	
Total Funding Requested		\$306,390.00	