



## REQUEST FOR SUPPORT APPLICATION FORM

Date of Request	Dec 11, 1014
Organization/Group making the request	Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank
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Type of Support Requested (Select one)	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Letter of Support in Principle <input type="radio"/> In-Kind Contribution <input type="radio"/> Partnership  <i>Note: This policy is not applicable to requests for grant funding by the City, including Permissive Tax Exemption requests, or in-kind funding for facility rentals (see Grants Policy and Guidelines for further details)</i>

### IF APPLICABLE:

Name of grant or program for which you are applying:

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Amount of Funding Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide an executive summary or short narrative that addresses each of the points outlined in the "Council Support policy". Include a draft letter, any supporting documents or materials and a detailed list of other funding partners (if applicable).

Please submit this form, with accompanying materials, to the attention of the Corporate Officer, Legislative Services, City of Nanaimo, 455 Wallace St. Nanaimo, BC V9R 5J6, or by email to: [legislative.servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca](mailto:legislative.servicesoffice@nanaimo.ca).

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# **A FOOD RECOVERY & DISTRIBUTION WAREHOUSE FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND – To Better Serve Those in Need**

## **Urgent Need for Federal Funding**

Loaves & Fishes Food Bank is urgently asking the federal government for \$7,200,000. This is matching provincial, regional and municipal contributions, to build a shovel-ready 24,000-square-foot centralized food recovery and distribution centre in Nanaimo. This facility will serve Vancouver Island's most vulnerable Canadians in remote, urban and Indigenous communities.

## **The Project**

Good food should not go to waste when it can instead, be given to people in need. Loaves & Fishes knows that nobody needs to go hungry on Vancouver Island. A proven model has been demonstrated since 2012 that effectively diverts food waste while providing good food to people and the inedible food to farms and compost. Addressing food insecurity and climate change simultaneously.

Currently Loaves & Fishes Food Bank sources an average of 400,000 pounds of food a month and has reached our storage and operating capacity in the current 6,000 square foot warehouse.

Lack of warehouse space is inhibiting our ability for further growth of food collection and distribution. Loaves & Fishes Food Bank need to build a facility to meet the need.

During an affordability crisis, there is no reason anyone on Vancouver Island should experience food insecurity while millions of pounds of food is wasted. Since 2012, Loaves & Fishes Food Bank has diverted over 21 million pounds of food from landfills and saved over 54 million pounds of CO2E from being released.

## **Commitments To Date**

- The City of Nanaimo has provided the land and road at 1861 East Wellington Rd in Nanaimo to build the warehouse at the cost of \$1,400,000.
- The Regional District of Nanaimo has given \$272,500 for development costs.
- The Government of BC invested \$7 million towards construction costs.

A building permit has been issued and preparation of the land has begun. The only missing piece is the Federal Government support to complete construction.

### The Project is Shovel Ready Now

- Construction company and building contractors secured.
- Permitting processes for construction complete.
- Provincial, regional and municipal financing secured.
- Federal government 2024 pre-budget submission was not successful – urgent call on federal government to support project through Infrastructure and Communities Canada funding.
- January 2026 – Loaves & Fishes intends to move operations into the new facility and expand reach locally and across Vancouver Island.

### Current Communities Served by Loaves & Fishes Food Bank



## Who We Are – Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank

Loaves & Fishes Food Bank operates a Food Recovery and Distribution Program and gives the food to people and other organizations in need across Vancouver Island, free of charge. Currently Loaves & Fishes serves over 15,000 people in more than 44 communities, including 15 Indigenous communities.

In 2023 we sourced and distributed \$9 million worth of good food that was given to people directly through 11 free food markets in Nanaimo and Cedar (7 days a week), 1 free food market in Port Hardy (6 days a week) and Woss, Sointula and Port Alice (monthly). Over \$3.4 million worth of food was given, free of charge to over 100 other non-profits, food banks, schools and Indigenous communities across Vancouver Island. All food and deliveries are provided completely free of charge.

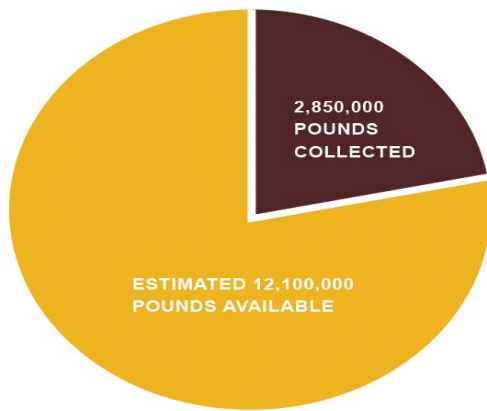


We currently employ an average of 40 full and part time employees depending on the time of year. Currently, 30 of these employees work directly with food recovery and distribution. We expect to increase our paid employees by 25% in 2026 through 2027 given urgent and growing demand.

Food Recovery is a program that collects all surplus food regardless of quality and redirects it to the highest and best use. This surplus food is primarily fruit, vegetables, meats, bread and dairy items that grocery retailers have traditionally thrown to dumpsters. Our Food Recovery Program offers retailers a cost effective, socially responsible and environmentally sustainable way of disposing of food they are not able to sell.

As the Food Banks BC National Hub for Vancouver Island since 2016, we source large volume food donations through local, regional and national partnerships. Loaves & Fishes Food Recovery Program collects surplus food from 36 food recovery partners in Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Nanoose, Port Alberni, Comox and beyond.

19 of these grocery store partners receive food recovery collection 7 days a week and the others several times a week or monthly.



**2023**

**TOTAL FOOD COLLECTED VIA FOOD RECOVERY**  
**= 2,790,000 POUNDS (18%)**

**ADDITIONAL FOOD LEFT TO RECOVER**  
**= 12,160,000 POUNDS (82%)**

Our fleet of refrigerated trucks are on the road 7 days a week, 364 days a year collecting food from our Food Recovery partners. The only day operations close is Christmas Day.

In total, Loaves & Fishes 3-ton and 5-ton trucks and drivers travel over 10,000 km a month sourcing and delivering food across Vancouver Island, free of charge.

**Community Partner Organizations and Indigenous Communities**

Loaves & Fishes currently partners with over 100 other charities, food banks, schools and 15 Indigenous communities. We expect to increase the number of partners by 10% each year and the amount of free food they are provided by 20% each year.

It is estimated that in 2023; 12,160,000 pounds of food on Vancouver Island was not recovered by Loaves & Fishes, entirely because of our lack of necessary food storage and distribution space.

We project a 10% increase in food recovered each year which will amount to 64 million pounds of food saved from landfills in between 2026 and 2030 when the building is fully equipped, staffed and operational. This will account for over 120 million pounds of carbon emissions prevented from being released by unnecessary CO2E from decomposing food.

This growth is expected to continue as we access more food from local, regional and national partners into the future.

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### Community Support for Loaves & Fishes Food Bank and This Project

Over 30 of Loaves & Fishes Community Partner organizations and Indigenous Community Partners have submitted letters of support for the new Food Recovery and Distribution Centre. Provincial Government representatives have repeatedly plead the case for this project to the Government of Canada. Additionally, 1,800 post cards have been written, signed and sent to the House of Commons by individuals from across Vancouver Island imploring the Federal Government to make the final investment into this facility.

### Donors and Volunteers in Our Current Facility and Free Food Markets - 2023

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**Captain Michael Ramsay**  
Salvation Army  
Port Alberni, BC

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# WAREHOUSE COMPLETE BUDGET 2024

<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
30 Year Land Lease with City of Nanaimo for \$10	1,300,000
Hansen Rd Construction (City of Nanaimo)	100,000
Regional District of Nanaimo	272,500
Province of BC (invested in GIC's by L&F)	7,000,000
Interest on GIC's	312,500
	8,985,000
<u>Project Expenses</u>	
Land	
Land Acquisition	1,300,000
Hansen Rd Construction	100,000
	1,400,000
Construction	
Division 1 General Conditions	852,483
Division 2 Site work	1,543,760
Division 3 Concrete	1,321,947
Division 4 Masonry	79,000
Division 5 Metals	1,462,475
Division 6 Woods and Plastics	91,954
Division 7 Thermal and Moisture Protection	2,115,243
Division 8 Doors and Windows	571,699
Division 9 Finishes	434,525
Division 10 Specialties	255,856
Division 11 Equipment	911,553
Division 12 Furnishings	25,000
Division 13 Special Construction	-
Division 14 Conveying Systems	162,500
Division 15 Mechanical	1,260,000
Division 16 Electrical	658,466
	11,746,461
CM fee @ 5%	587,325
	<b>12,333,786</b>
Allowances	
Contingency	120,670
Testing	50,000
Temporary Heat	25,000
CCTV & Security	20,000
Building Access (FOBs)	10,000
Partner Pickup Coolers	25,000
Preconstruction paid to date	336,209
DCC's	89,583
Remaining consultant costs	137,811
Subtotal Allowances	814,273
Total Construction and Allowances	13,148,059
GST @ 50%	328,701
	<b>13,476,760</b>
Additional project costs	
Contingency @ 3% of Construction	394,442
Appraisal	4,500
Quantity Surveyor	29,000
Move Binzilla	10,000
General Moving	10,000
Forklift Proposal from Pac West	200,000
Empties Sorting Machine	400,000
Conveyor belt system	100,000
Generator	80,000
Contingency @ 2% of Additional project costs (NIC Const. contingency)	16,670
	1,244,612
Subtotal Additional project costs	1,244,612
GST @ 50% - Additional project costs	31,115
	1,275,727
<b>Total Project Cost incl Land, Construction and Additional Project Costs</b>	<b>16,152,487</b>
<b>Total Income Received to Date</b>	<b>8,985,000</b>
<b>Project Income to be Raised</b>	<b>7,167,487</b>





**LOAVES & FISHES**  
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



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& DISTRIBUTION WAREHOUSE  
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND**



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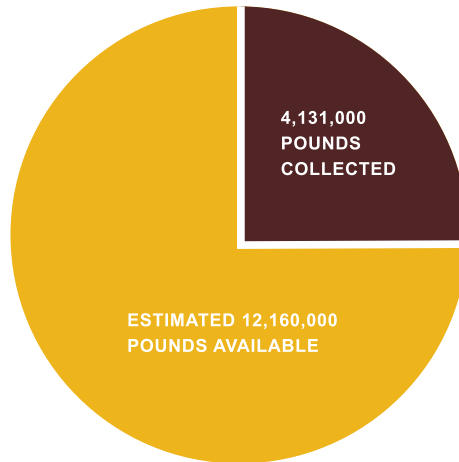


*Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank is requesting \$7,200,000 from the Government of Canada to complete the construction of a 25,000 square foot centralized food recovery and distribution warehouse to serve Vancouver Island's remote, urban and Indigenous communities. The City of Nanaimo, Regional District of Nanaimo and Provincial Government of BC have already contributed a total of \$8,985,000 towards this project. A building permit has been issued and construction can begin with this final funding secured.*



## **GROWING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE & THE PLANET ON VANCOUVER ISLAND**

Loaves & Fishes has built a salable system to continue diverting food waste across Vancouver Island and use this food to address food insecurity, assist local farmers and fight climate change. Lack of warehouse space is inhibiting our ability to increase food collection and distribution. There are many opportunities to grow vital partnerships across Vancouver Island that will build a better future for people and the planet.



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**= 4,131,000 POUNDS (25%)**

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**= 12,160,000 POUNDS (75%)**

*There is no reason anyone on Vancouver Island should experience food insecurity while millions of pounds of food goes to waste. We have a proven track record and plan for the future to dramatically reduce food waste and ensure all people have reliable access to food.*



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# ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF FOOD WASTE

## Accessing Food:

Our fleet of 5 ton and 3 ton refrigerated trucks operate 7 days a week and 364 days a year collecting food from 33 food recovery partners from Ladysmith to Port Alberni, Comox and Port Hardy. The only day we close is Christmas Day. We also source food from regional and national partnerships, including farmers (agriculture, aquiculture and ranchers). Our food recovery program began in 2012 and has continued to grow yearly.



**Deborah Murray**  
A Frame Church  
Port McNeill, BC

*"People talk about a food shortage issue in the world. But we don't have that. We have a food waste issue. This food, without Loaves & Fishes would have probably gone to the dump."*



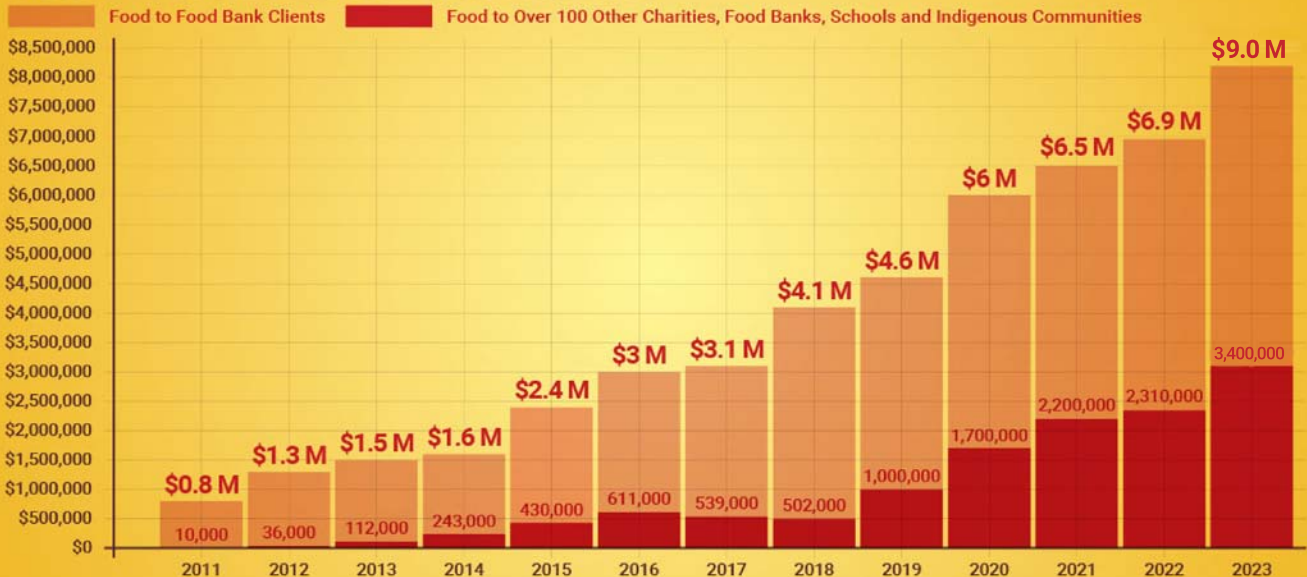
## Sorting Food:

Food is brought back to our central warehouse where it is sorted by our staff and team of over 200 volunteers per month. Food that is unfit for people is provided to farmers, free of charge for livestock and compost. The food farmers do not take is disposed of via our industrial compost partners.

### FOOD WASTE SOLVING FOOD INSECURITY



## Value of food sourced & distributed



# INCREASING FOOD SECURITY 3 WAYS

**1.** Good food is provided to individuals through 16 free food markets in the central and north island. Food is available on the central island 7 days a week and on the north island 6 days a week.

**2.** A food hamper delivery service is available to people who are medically unable to come to the free food markets due to physical or mental health challenges.

## **Inclusive Service with Respect for Dignity:**

**Low barrier access** - Loaves & Fishes free food markets operate on an “everyone welcome” policy with only one piece of government issued ID for everyone in the group or household required.

## **Indigenous Partnerships**

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## **Schools**

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## **Organizations**

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## **Other Food Banks**

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(If someone does not have ID, we allow up to 3 visits without and point them in the direction of where to obtain ID).

**\*The term “group or household” is used to encompass the diversity of living situations and provide a welcoming environment for all people including LGBTQ2S and people experiencing homelessness\***

**No income or address check** - Loaves & Fishes does not require proof of address or income to access food.

**Dignity of choice** - Loaves & Fishes free food markets operate on a shopping model to give people their choice of food. This model is especially appreciated by Indigenous people, new Canadians, Refugees and people with dietary restrictions as they are able to select food which is familiar to them.

**Daily visits encouraged** - We do not limit how often people can come for food. Each day and location a Loaves & Fishes free food market is open, food is available to all.

## **Opportunity to collect for others** -

People who cannot make it to a free food market are welcome to give their ID to someone else to collect food for them.

**Accessibility** - Loaves & Fishes free food markets are fully accessible and a mix of drop in or by appointment. They are located in various neighbourhoods and open at various times to accommodate diverse needs and schedules. Loaves & Fishes website and social media is always up to date with the most current information regarding schedules, locations and food access. Paper schedules are readily available along with regular office hours for people to phone or stop in for information if they do not have access to internet.

**3.** Supplying food, free of charge to over 100 community partners across Vancouver Island via free delivery or collection from Loaves & Fishes current warehouse. The food provided by Loaves & Fishes allows these groups to divert their funding towards their valuable programs, serving diverse people across Vancouver Island.



**Stephanie Bernard**  
**North Island Building Blocks**  
**Mt Waddington Region, BC**

*“We rely on Loaves & Fishes and our community is really grateful.”*

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**Since 2011 over \$13,093,000 worth of food has been given to these groups FREE of charge.**

# GROWING TO MEET THE INCREASING NEED ACROSS VANCOUVER ISLAND

## Delivering Food Across Vancouver Island:

In 2019 Loaves & Fishes Food Bank began significantly expanding out service to communities across Vancouver Island and surrounding areas. Many remote and Indigenous Communities struggle with food insecurity and the challenges of equitable food access. Since then, we have continued to grow this service each year to keep up with the increasing need.

**LOAVES & FISHES  
CURRENT FOOD REACH VIA  
COLLECTION OR DELIVERY**



### 2016

Loaves & Fishes became the National Food Sharing Hub for Vancouver Island

**SOURCING & DELIVERING FOOD = OVER 10,000 KM PER MONTH**



## FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE BY DIVERTING FOOD WASTE

Loaves & Fishes has been lowering carbon emissions from food waste for over a decade. When food is wasted it also wastes the resources that went into the food's growth, packaging and shipping.



## Food 4 Farms Program

In order to ensure food is put to its highest and best use, food that is unfit for people is made available to farmers, free of charge, for their livestock and compost.



**Randy Langelier**  
Farmer - Nanaimo, BC

*"Loaves & Fishes gives it (animal food) to me free of cost and I can use it to supplement and make the difference between a profit and a loss..."*



**SINCE 2012**

21,796,800 POUNDS OF FOOD DIVERTED FROM THE **LANDFILL**

54,492,000 CO<sub>2</sub>E POUNDS OF SAVED

## INNOVATION THROUGH RECYCLING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Loaves & Fishes has leveraged our expertise in collecting and sorting food to collecting and recycling returnable drink containers. Our Empties 4 Food social enterprise in partnership with Regional Recycling began in 2018 and has been directly responsible for recycling 13,268,000 drink containers donated by the community. With over 30 public donation bins spread across Vancouver Island and 20 additional partnerships with businesses and strata councils, fewer refundable drink containers are going to landfills.

- 2018** – 5 donation bins throughout Nanaimo = \$44,000 raised
- 2019** – 15 donation bins in Nanaimo & area = \$83,000 raised
- 2020** – 20 donation bins in Nanaimo & area = \$230,000 raised
- 2021** – 30 donation bins in Nanaimo & area = \$287,000 raised
- 2022** – 5 additional bins placed in Parksville, Sayward, Tahsis, Ladysmith and Chemainus = \$300,000 raised
- 2023** – 32 public donation bins across Vancouver Island and 20 business and strata partners = \$348,650.00 raised



## A Commitment to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Loaves & Fishes Food Bank is here to serve all persons in need of help regardless of race, gender identity, ability, religious beliefs, economic status or sexual orientation.

### Hiring Practices & Volunteer Recruitment:

Loaves & Fishes actively fosters a diverse workplace for employees and volunteers by recruiting people from all backgrounds. Opportunities are available to IBPOC (Indigenous, Black and People of Colour) as well as refugees, new Canadians, LGBTQ2S people and those experiencing barriers to employment. Examples include collaborations with the Nanaimo Association of Community Living and Island Crisis Care Society.

## A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF RESPONSIBLE USE OF INVESTMENT

- 2012** – \$69,000 from the City of Nanaimo towards a 5 ton refrigerated truck → Food Recovery begins → 1 food recovery partner → 476,000 + pounds of food diverted from the landfill.
- 2015** – \$275,000 from the City of Nanaimo towards current warehouse → 15 food recovery partners  
1,049,000 + pounds of food diverted from the landfill.
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*In 2020 Loaves & Fishes accepted and distributed 9,000 dozen eggs a week across Vancouver Island.*



*Loaves & Fishes warehouse after a large national shipment.*



*In 2019 Loaves & Fishes opened ongoing food bank services on the North Island.*

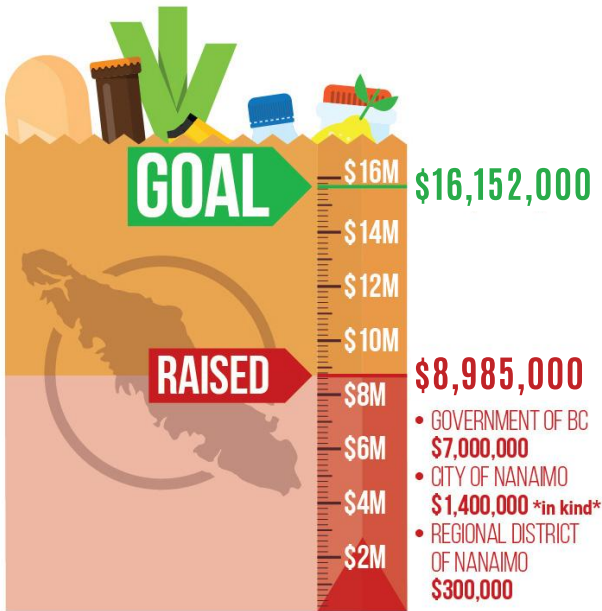


# COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

**9,800** INDIVIDUAL DONORS

**OVER 9,500 FOLLOWERS**  
ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS & GROWING

Current large investments towards the new warehouse capital project:



**IN 2023**

**1,034 PEOPLE** **28,973**

**VOLUNTEERED**  
PREPPING, SORTING & DISTRIBUTING



**VOLUNTEER HOURS**  
**LOGGED**

**1,202**  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
**SHIFTS**

by individuals or groups



**370**  
**FIRST TIME**  
**VOLUNTEERS**

AT CURRENT MINIMUM WAGE EQUALING A FINANCIAL GIFT OF

**\$485K+**

**VOLUNTEERS**



Rosaline Glynn  
Hardy Bay Senior Citizens Society  
Port Hardy, BC

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*“We would not have been able to make our food pantry as big of a success without Loaves & Fishes.”*



# WAREHOUSE COMPLETE BUDGET 2024

<u>Income</u>	<u>Total</u>
30 Year Land Lease with City of Nanaimo for \$10	1,300,000
Hansen Rd Construction (City of Nanaimo)	100,000
Regional District of Nanaimo	272,500
Province of BC (invested in GIC's by L&F)	7,000,000
Interest on GIC's	312,500
	8,985,000
<u>Project Expenses</u>	
Land	
Land Acquisition	1,300,000
Hansen Rd Construction	100,000
	1,400,000
Construction	
Division 1 General Conditions	852,483
Division 2 Site work	1,543,760
Division 3 Concrete	1,321,947
Division 4 Masonry	79,000
Division 5 Metals	1,462,475
Division 6 Woods and Plastics	91,954
Division 7 Thermal and Moisture Protection	2,115,243
Division 8 Doors and Windows	571,699
Division 9 Finishes	434,525
Division 10 Specialties	255,856
Division 11 Equipment	911,553
Division 12 Furnishings	25,000
Division 13 Special Construction	-
Division 14 Conveying Systems	162,500
Division 15 Mechanical	1,260,000
Division 16 Electrical	658,466
	11,746,461
CM fee @ 5%	587,325
	<b>12,333,786</b>
Allowances	
Contingency	120,670
Testing	50,000
Temporary Heat	25,000
CCTV & Security	20,000
Building Access (FOBs)	10,000
Partner Pickup Coolers	25,000
Preconstruction paid to date	336,209
DCC's	89,583
Remaining consultant costs	137,811
Subtotal Allowances	814,273
Total Construction and Allowances	13,148,059
GST @ 50%	328,701
	<b>13,476,760</b>
Additional project costs	
Contingency @ 3% of Construction	394,442
Appraisal	4,500
Quantity Surveyor	29,000
Move Binzilla	10,000
General Moving	10,000
Forklift Proposal from Pac West	200,000
Empties Sorting Machine	400,000
Conveyor belt system	100,000
Generator	80,000
Contingency @ 2% of Additional project costs (NIC Const. contingency)	16,670
	1,244,612
Subtotal Additional project costs	1,244,612
GST @ 50% - Additional project costs	31,115
	1,275,727
<b>Total Project Cost incl Land, Construction and Additional Project Costs</b>	<b>16,152,487</b>
<b>Total Income Received to Date</b>	<b>8,985,000</b>
<b>Project Income to be Raised</b>	<b>7,167,487</b>



To:

December 2024

Honourable Sean Fraser  
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada  
K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Fraser,

The City of Nanaimo City Council urges you and the Government of Canada to support Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank's request for the final \$7,200,000 in funding needed to construct their new 24,000 square foot Food Recovery and Distribution Centre in Nanaimo, British Columbia. As the elected representatives for our community, we can speak directly to how essential their services are locally and across Vancouver Island. The City of Nanaimo has already provided the land and road access with an investment of \$1.4 million, the Regional District of Nanaimo has provided \$272,500 and the Government of BC has given \$7 million towards the construction of this much needed facility. These significant investments into this project reflect the confidence of our local, regional and provincial governments in Loaves & Fishes Community Food Bank's ability to responsibly manage resources and construct a building that will address the growing food insecurity across Vancouver Island for the next several decades.

Loaves & Fishes has a proven food recovery and distribution model that demonstrates they are capable of reliably sourcing and distributing large volumes of food across Vancouver Island. We are confident that with a new warehouse, they will be able to significantly increase the food supply and keep up with the growing needs of people while addressing climate change through food waste diversion.

Every level of government besides the Government of Canada has provided funding. Your support for this project is imperative to not only reduce poverty on Vancouver Island but keep millions of pounds of good food out of landfills.

Sincerely,

(Your name)

City of Nanaimo

(Contact info)