

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

MUNICIPAL COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PURPOSE OF THE GRANTS: To provide financial support to non-profit organizations which are working with each other, government and residents to address North Shore community social issues and needs, and bring about positive social change for North Vancouver District residents.

VALUES

WE BELIEVE:

- In the inherent worth and dignity of all people
- That our policies, programs and practices should enable and encourage human growth, inclusiveness, fairness and equality
- That we should work as a catalyst within the community to strengthen community capacity¹ and volunteerism and to find solutions to shared challenges
- In partnerships and interagency cooperation and collaboration, including those that build linkages with other sectors
- In programs that seek input from clients and respect the integrity and autonomy of participants
- In the participation of local citizens, volunteers, and clients
- In encouraging and nurturing innovation

GOALS:

1. To assist vulnerable populations
2. To promote a healthy, caring, safe and supportive community for all
3. To promote equity of opportunity, of access, of outcome
4. To provide services directed to residents who experience disadvantage or discrimination
5. To support capacity building (of individuals, groups and communities)
6. To promote the ongoing well-being of community residents

¹ Community development approaches to social change recognize the gifts of individuals and organizations within the community to improve quality of life. Development of community capacity involves empowering and assisting community members to improve their own situations and supporting them to work together to develop solutions to community issues as well as utilize opportunities for community enhancement.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The Municipal Community Service Grants support innovation or ongoing programs where there is demonstrated commitment, the likelihood of effectiveness, and strong potential to serve as a model to others
- Projects should build on the strengths of the community to respond to identified issues and priorities
- Projects should use, enhance, mobilize or expand the skills, capacities and assets of local people and their community.
- Where appropriate, those affected by the initiative should be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the project
- The organization should demonstrate a commitment to the project through a contribution of human and/or financial resources
- Significant and appropriate support from other funding sources (including the community) should be evident
- There should be evidence of collaboration and cooperation with the community and/or other agencies in the field
- The organization should demonstrate inclusiveness and respect for diversity.

CURRENT INTERESTS:

1. Projects that address the broad determinants of population health (such as poverty, inclusion, social support networks, housing, diversity, special needs, addiction)
2. Initiatives that allow older adults to maintain their dignity and independence in their community of choice
3. Capacity building for individuals, groups and communities
4. Promoting the development of the innate capacities of individuals and families, as well as their communities, to grow and adapt to change
5. Prevention and promotion activities in such areas as mental health, sexual abuse, violence, childhood injuries and other areas of critical need

WHAT WE FUND

- Operating costs of an agency
- Direct social services
- Prevention
- Education
- Advocacy
- Enhancement/augmentation of provincial or federal programs
- Collaboration/partnerships

WHAT WE DON'T FUND

- Individuals or businesses
- Fundraising projects or programs
- Agencies which are primarily funding bodies to other organizations

- Endowment grants
- Capital expenses
- 100% of a project's costs
- Debt retirement or reserves; mortgage pay-downs
- Retroactive funding
- Office equipment and furniture
- Activities of religious, ethnic or cultural organizations that serve primarily their membership and/or their direct religious purposes, unless the community at large will benefit significantly
- Amateur sports
- Community events
- Groups that disparage others
- Services which are primarily recreational, environmental or primarily academic or technical training or dissertation research
- Services that are primarily geared to animal welfare
- Computer labs
- Medical treatment, maintenance or rehabilitation programs that are covered by the Medical services Association
- Duplication of services which are clearly within the core mandates of other governments

Organizations receiving Municipal Community Services Grants may provide one or more of the services noted above, but the Municipal grant cannot be used for these purposes. Child care, community events, sporting activities and culture and arts programs are not funded from the Community Service Grants, but may be funded through other municipal granting programs.

If your program is ineligible for a Municipal Community Services Grant, please contact the municipal social planner to find out if you qualify for funding under another municipal grant program.