New Westminster

New Westminster Community Grants

Community Impact Report 2025



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Message from the Mayor



New Westminster is a special community, one where people and organizations work together and support each other. The City is proud to be a part of this collaboration, and has funded more than 60 organizations doing incredible work here in the community the past year. From providing meals to residents in need to helping people feel a sense of belonging and connection, to supporting arts and heritage offerings that inspire and spark imagination, the Community Grants program supports us all to thrive and to feel at home in New Westminster.

We often hear that New Westminster is a small town feel in a big city wrapper, and it is through the non-profit community that we are able to make so many of those vital connections. We recognize the value of supporting the development of welcoming, respectful, and inclusive processes, activities, and spaces. The social and cultural make-up of New Westminster continues to evolve and is more diverse now than ever; it is vital that we all foster a community in which everyone feels they belong.

I hope you enjoy Love New West and find inspiration in the power of giving to one another.



Mayor Patrick Johnstone

Overview

Community Partners play a crucial role in making New Westminster vibrant and livable. They deliver essential, creative, and innovative programs, services, supports, facilities, and engagement opportunities for the people of New Westminster. Through the New Westminster Community Grants Program, the City aims to recognize and support this important work, which is key to achieving the City's vision of **a vibrant, compassionate, sustainable city that includes everyone.**

The Community Grants program is guided by six core principles:

- Building Community Capacity
- Community Partnership
- Supportive Process
- Responsiveness
- Stewardship
- Impact Evaluation and Reporting

Who are Community Partners?

Community Partners are community groups, non-profit societies, registered charities, and service organizations delivering activities in New Westminster.

Who decides which applications get funded?

Three Grant Advisory Committees are responsible for reviewing all grant applications and making recommendations to the Chief Administrative Officer for approval. Each Grant Advisory Committee includes a minimum of three and up to ten community content experts representing various sectors within each grant portfolio.

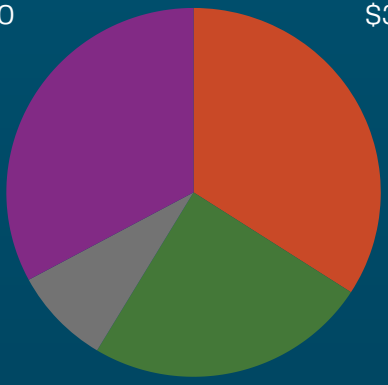
The three Grant Advisory Committees are:

- Community Livability and Social Equity
- Social and Cultural Vibrancy
- Community Economic Activators

Community Impact: $1,008,550 funds distributed in 2025

Portfolio 1: Community Livability and Social Equity
$331,440

Portfolio 2: Social and Cultural Vibrancy
$343,966

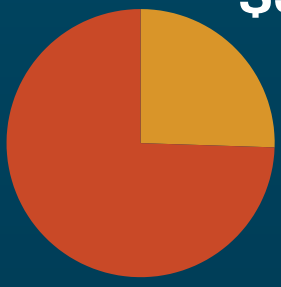


Portfolio 3: Community Economic Activators
$85,926

All Portfolios: City Services
$247,228

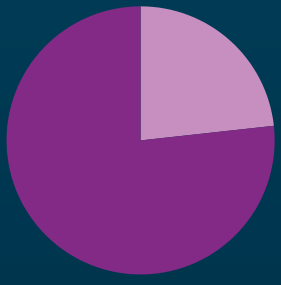






$345,334 for Festivals in 2025





$305,700 for Social Services in 2025



Community Partners

Community Livability and Social Equity

- BC Poverty Reduction Coalition
- Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver
- Canadian Mental Health Association Vancouver-Fraser Branch
- Communities Embracing Restorative Action
- Elizabeth Fry Society of Vancouver
- Family Services of Greater Vancouver
- Glenbrooke Daycare
- Living in Community
- Lower Mainland Purpose Society
- Lumara Grief & Bereavement Care Society
- New West Hospice Society
- New West Neighbourhood House
- New Westminster Climate Action Hub
- New Westminster Environmental Partners
- New Westminster Family Place
- New Westminster Homelessness Coalition
- Pacific Immigrant Resources Society
- Pioneer Community Living Association
- Queens Park Preschool
- Red Fox Active Healthy Living Society
- Seniors Services Society of BC
- St Aidan's Presbyterian - Don't Go Hungry
- St Barnabas Daycare Society
- Supporting Women's Alternatives Network
- Umbrella Health Co-op
- Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society
- W.I.N.G.S. Fellowship Ministries
- Westminster House

Community Economic Activators

- Downtown New West BIA
- New Westminster Farmers Market
- Sapperton Business Collective
- Tourism New West

Social and Cultural Vibrancy

- Arts New West
- Comunidad Mexicana en Vancouver Services
- Dancers of Damelahamid
- Diwali Fest Society
- Fraser River Discovery Centre Society
- Inarte Society
- Khalsa Diwan Society New Westminster
- Massey Theatre Society
- Native Art Renaissance Foundation
- New West Improv
- New West Minor Baseball Association
- New West Pride Society
- New Westminster Film Society
- New Westminster Firefighter's Charitable Society
- New Westminster Heritage Foundation
- New Westminster Hyack Festival Association
- New Westminster May Day Community Association
- New Westminster Minor Lacrosse Association
- New Westminster Minor Softball Association
- New Westminster Secondary School
- New Westminster Symphony
- Pickle Underground Artist Society
- Queensborough Special Program Committee
- Recovery Day New West Society
- Royal Canadian Theatre Company
- Royal City Literary Arts Society
- Royal City Musical Theatre
- Royal City Track and Field Club
- Scouts Canada - 12th New Westminster
- Uptown Business Association
- Uptown Swing Collective
- Vancouver Chamber Music Society
- West End Business Association
- Zornitza Dance Ensemble