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Subject: Upcoming news release: City approves \$11M for community service grants (March 11, 2025)

Dear Mayor and Council,

Following your approval at this week's Council meeting, I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release regarding approval of community service grants.

Maria will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Best,

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News release

March 11, 2025

City of Vancouver approves over \$11M in grants to support community organizations creating positive change

Today, the City of Vancouver approved more than \$11 million in community service and social development grants to Vancouver non-profit organizations. Of the funding allocated today, over \$7 million was granted for 2025 initiatives and \$4 million to support multi-year funding for ongoing services and programs.

The City's social development granting programs are guided by the [Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's Strategic Priorities, 2023-2026](#) and [Healthy City Strategy](#) and help non-profit partners to deliver services that create positive change in the community, from grants for childcare and youth programs to initiatives supporting seniors, sustainability, Reconciliation and community safety.

“These grants show our commitment to supporting the diverse needs of our community,” said Mayor Ken Sim. “By investing in these essential programs and services, we’re helping make life better for residents and ensuring everyone feels a sense of belonging. City Council is proud of the incredible work our community organizations do, and we know these grants will go a long way in helping them continue making a real impact.”

Funding highlights include:

- 411 Seniors Centre Society: \$210,000 over three years was granted for community information, referral services, and activities that promote active aging and social connection to their network of Vancouver's seniors, the majority of whom live on a very low income.
- Indigenous Healing and Wellness: \$245,000 was granted to organizations that provide traditional, spiritual and cultural healing and wellness activities to support Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers in Vancouver’s urban Indigenous community.
- Leave Out Violence (LOVE) Society BC: \$34,628 was granted for programs and workshops to address violence prevention for at-risk youth.
- Neighbourhood Houses in Vancouver: \$1.3 million collectively was granted to support a wide range of programs, activities and services in neighbourhood houses across the city that address City priorities.
- QMUNITY, BC's Queer, Trans, and Two-Spirit Resource Centre Society: \$125,000 was granted to provide to improve the lives of 2SLGBTQIA+ through support, connection and leadership.

“We’re grateful to the City for this support. This grant will help us continue to support local seniors,” said Michael Volker, Executive Director 411 Seniors Centre Society. “By empowering seniors to be active, engaged and live with dignity, we enhance the overall well-being of our community. The positive impact of our seniors centre extends throughout the entire community.”

For more information on the approved grants and the organizations receiving funding, [read the full report](#).

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