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Hello Mayor and Councillor,

At the Council briefing on Monday March 3, 2025, related to the 2025 Community Services and Other Grants report (RTS 17704) staff committed to providing follow-up responses related to several questions raised by Councillors during the discussion. Please see additional information below from Margaret Wittgens, General Manager of ACCS.

1) What are the amounts recommended for seniors' support in the report?

Seniors access support through various avenues: they are main clients of multi-service organizations (such as Neighbourhood Houses) and also access seniors specific supports. As such the scope of support they receive from the City through granting can be broken down into Direct and Indirect Support. The table below shows 2025 to date funding towards Direct and Indirect Supports. In addition to the supports shown below, staff anticipate other grants being recommended for seniors support in the two remaining 2025 social policy grant reports.

Funding to Senior Serving Organizations, Programs and Multi-Service				
	2025: Recommendations to date		2024: Funded	
	Direct Funding	Indirect Funding	Direct Funding	Indirect Funding
Number of unique organizations	12	10	17	10
Total funds	\$639,296	\$1,219,693	\$878,204	\$1,219,693

## 2) How much of a reduction are staff recommending Renters Services Orgs experiencing?

As staff continue to align Community Services Grants to the 5 priority areas of Vibrant Vancouver outlined in RTS 16145, staff are recommending a shift away from supporting legal services. This includes organizations providing renters supports which also are eligible for funding through the annual Renters Service Grants. In 2025, renter services organizations that previously received social policy grants are recommended to receive 50% of their funding from the year prior, as a notification grant. They are anticipated to be recommended for \$0 in social policy grants in 2026.

The March 2025 grant report includes a recommended reduction for one renter services organization (TRAC) and the July grant report is anticipated to include reductions for two additional organizations, pending their application. The specifics for the March report are as follows:

- 2024: TRAC received a total of \$131,000 from the City (\$56K from Core Support Grants and \$75k from Renter Services Grants).
- 2025: In this report TRAC are recommended to receive \$28,000. When combined with the \$75,000 renter services grant awarded in February, their 2025 total would be \$103,000, a reduction of \$28,000 over 2024.

## 3) Clarification on Indigenous Healing and Wellness Grant Totals:

Indigenous Healing and Wellness (IHW) Grants are just one program available to support urban Indigenous people. The grant is focused on supporting the integration of Elders and Knowledge keepers into programming. There are also significant grants provided to urban Indigenous organizations to support their core operating costs, examples of which can be found in this reports Multi Year Funding stream (Appendix C).

IHW Grants are recommended to be issued as 2 year grants this year for the first time. Community adjudicators advised 5 grants for a 2-year terms (\$85K) and 4 grants to be recommended for a 1-year term (\$75K) with a possible renewal or reallocation of that grant in 2026. Adjudicators took into consideration the programming's stability, organizations history and standing in the community. Support for Elders /Knowledge Keepers has also been rolled into several multi year funding grants (\$133,500).

Should members of Council have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Wittgens at [Margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca](mailto:Margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca) and she will endeavor to provide a response in advance of this report being before Council on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 or will ensure staff are ready with information to respond on March 11.

Thank you,

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