

Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP) Vancouver YOUTH SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS Information Package

General Overview of the BSCP Vancouver Grants

The City of Vancouver Youth Safety and Violence Prevention (YSVP) Strategy outlines a comprehensive approach to enhancing the safety and wellbeing of youth in Vancouver. It aims to address root causes of youth violence and identify community responses that effectively prevent its occurrence and recurrence. Developed as part of the Building Safer Communities Program, the YSVP Strategy primarily focuses on early violence prevention efforts that promote individual and community well-being, safety and belonging in the city. The Strategy sets out a plan to create safer spaces and empower young people and communities to develop and implement solutions.

To support the implementation of Strategy, the City will be administering the Building Safer Communities Vancouver Grants Program. Over the next three years grants will be available to support community-based organizations to build the capacity of the youth serving sector, to deliver early violence prevention programs and to implement youth-led action projects.

Objectives of the Building Safer Communities Program Vancouver Grants

The BSCP Vancouver grants have three primary objectives:

- To develop and deliver early violence prevention programs that address risk factors associated with gun and gang violence.
- To build the capacity of youth-serving organizations to deliver early violence prevention and intervention programs and establish community-based wraparound service models.
- To increase a sense of safety and belonging through youth projects that enhance protective factors for youth violence.

What are the focus areas for BSCP Vancouver Grants?

The focus areas for the BSCP grants are identified in the Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy. The YSVP Strategy is guided by a *vision of a city where youth feel safe, supported, connected, healthy and free of violence*. Focused primarily on upstream early violence prevention efforts and some downstream treatment interventions, this strategy promotes community-based solutions to youth violence.

There are five focus areas and key priorities proposed for collective action. Applications for all three grant streams must demonstrate alignment to one or more focus areas and clearly explain how the proposed initiative addresses the priorities included in the Strategy.

Focus Areas	Priorities
Focus Area 1: Create safer and protective community environments and public spaces for youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured and unstructured spaces for youth to gather • Safety in public spaces and on public transportation • Community based supports attached to schools, community centres and libraries • Community and civic programs that promote youth decision making and engagement in governance
Focus Area 2: Identify and strengthen community-based supports for healthy child development in the middle years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle childhood service provision and coordination of early violence prevention programs • Developmentally and culturally appropriate services and supports • Parent, guardian and family engagement in violence prevention and intervention Trauma informed middle childhood approaches and programs
Focus Area 3: Strengthen the coordination and provision of positive youth development services and programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve service planning and coordination • Targeted and identity specific strategies and programs for equity denied youth • Capacity building of the youth sector • Promotion of youth development through arts, sports, recreation and community participation
Focus Area 4: Connect youth to caring adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness about the importance of caring and supportive youth / adult relationships • Intergenerational programming • Mentorship programs • Youth sector staff development, capacity and recognition
Focus Area 5: Lessen the impacts of serious violence and crime on children and youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) reducing the risk, harm, criminality and future victimization • Mental health support for victims, offenders and bystanders • Intervention strategies for children and youth affected by cyberbullying, sexual exploitation and youth gang involvement

We recommend reviewing the [Strategy](#) to ensure your application is grounded in its focus area and respective priorities. The strategy also features in the research insights that may assist in developing a strong case for funding.

In addition, the Building Safer Communities Program Vancouver will be implementing an outcomes-focused approach to evaluation. If your grant application is successful, grantees will be required to complete an annual grant report and participate in evaluation activities with the support of the City's evaluation consultant.

Basic Eligibility Criteria

- Be a registered non-profit society, community service, co-op or social enterprise wholly owned by a non-profit and in good standing with the Registrar of Companies; OR, be a registered charity, in good standing with the Canadian Revenue Agency; OR, be a First Nations Band;
 - Please note that if you are not registered as one of the above you may partner with a fiscal sponsor that is a registered non-profit society or registered charity in order to meet this requirement.
- Demonstrate accommodation, welcoming and openness to people of all ages, abilities, sexual orientation, gender identities (including trans*, gender-diverse and two-spirit people), ethnicities, cultural backgrounds, religions, languages, under-represented communities and socio-economic conditions in its policies, practices and programs, except in instances where the exclusion of some group is required for another group to be effectively targeted;
- Have an independent, active governing body composed of volunteers. The bylaws must have provisions that no staff member can be a voting member of the board or executive;
- Be in compliance with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the British Columbia Human Rights Code;
- Have the demonstrated functional capacity and sufficient resources to deliver the programs or work to which the City is being asked to contribute; and,
- Deliver the funded program in Vancouver, to Vancouver residents or to Vancouver based non-profits.
- Engage in respectful communications with members of the public (including City officials and City staff).

How to Apply

Applications and budget templates will be available on [VanApply](#), the City's online grants management system and the project's [website](#). If you have any accessibility needs, please contact a Planner and we would be happy to assist.

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Stream 1: Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP) Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Program Grants

The BSCP Youth Program grants will provide multi-year funding to (existing or new) service delivery networks or partnerships across the city of Vancouver to deliver early violence prevention programs that address community level risk factors associated with gun and gang violence among equity-denied youth communities. Service Delivery Networks are defined as organizational partnerships between two or more agencies working together to deliver youth programs or services for a particular community. Programming must focus primarily on children in the middle years and/or adolescent youth belonging to equity-denied communities.

Proposed youth programs must demonstrate alignment to at least one Focus Area identified in the City of Vancouver Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy and clearly explain how the project addresses identified priorities.

*Grant type: 2 year project grant, \$300,000 - \$400,000 over three years.
Call for applications: November 2023 – January 2024*

Applications open: November 15th 2023
Deadline to Apply: Monday January 8th 2024

Types of Projects Supported

BSCP Youth Violence Prevention Program Grants fund the following types of interventions:

- Arts programming
- Awareness raising activities
- Case management
- Circle of Courage
- Counselling
- Cultural activities
- Culturally adapted programming
- Employment training and/or support
- Family supports
- Gang Reduction Program
- Harm reduction
- Healthy relationships
- Learning, education and training
- Leadership development
- Life skills
- Mental health supports/services
- Mentoring
- Peer support
- Prevention of Youth Sexual Exploitation
- Restorative Justice Initiatives
- Substance use education
- Substance use rehabilitation and harm reduction
- Supportive housing
- Sports/recreation activities
- Trauma-informed care
- Wraparound services
- Youth hub model

Eligible Expenses:

The following expense types are eligible as long as they relate directly to the proposed program:

- Salaries, wages and benefits
- Professional and consultant costs
- Recruitment and training costs
- Costs associated to conferences
- Travel, accommodations and related expenses
- Rent and normal utilities
- Office equipment, supplies and materials
- Minor renovations to facilities where program/service will take place;
- Translation and simultaneous interpretation costs
- Meals and refreshments for participants in activities or workshops related to the project
- Honoraria
- Culturally appropriate expenditures, including gifts for community feasts, ceremonies and ceremonial meals, gatherings and circles (for a maximum of \$100 per gift expenditure).

Ineligible Expenses

- a) Goods and services that, in the opinion of the City of Vancouver, are normally provided by the First Nation community or by the federal, provincial, territorial or local municipal government;
- b) Core or ongoing operating expenses
- c) Interest charges or costs of borrowing
- d) Amortization

**Funds cannot replace or displace existing federal or provincial funding and cannot be used to fund ongoing core activities.*

Funding Guidelines

- The program/initiative for which funds are requested must primarily support middle years children (6-12) and/or youth in adolescence (13-18) through early violence prevention activities.
- Proposed programs must demonstrate a strong alignment with at least one focus area one Focus Area, and respective priorities identified in the Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy. It must clearly explain how the priorities in the strategy are being addressed/advanced. address priorities included in the Strategy.
- Proposed programs must enhance and incorporate protective factors through activities and interventions. These may include: social-emotional skills development; leadership skills-building; restorative approaches to conflict

resolution; mentorship and positive adult role models; family engagement; culturally-specific programs; participation in traditional healing cultural activities; opportunities for social connectedness; positive peer relationships; empathy-building; etc.

- Applicants need to ensure equitable and inclusive service delivery to support diverse, equity-denied youth in Vancouver.
- Initiatives must be delivered through service delivery networks or partnerships across the city of Vancouver. Service delivery networks are defined as organizational partnerships between two or more agencies working together to deliver youth programs or services for a particular community.
- Lead organization must be an established youth-serving agency.
- Preference will be given to partnerships involving at least one grassroots organization in the implementation of the program.
- Lead organization will be required to participate and support the BSCP Vancouver outcomes-focused evaluation activities over the three years and submit annual grant reports.

How to Submit Your Application:

All applications will be accepted online via [VanApply](#). Applicants need to provide the following information with their submission:

Organization Information

- Name
- Contact information

Outline of Work

- Brief description of your proposed work
- What are the goals/objectives of your proposed program?
- What is the community gap/need addressed by your program? What are the risk factors that the project aims to address?
- Describe the primary target population for this program including relevant statistical or contextual information, and number of youth you aim to serve (feel free to refer to Section 2 and 6 of the YSVP Strategy which may include relevant data).
- What is the impact you are hoping to have with the proposed program?
- How does the proposed program align with the at least one focus areas and priorities of the Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy?
- What the key activities and outputs?
- What organizations will partner with this program? How are you going to be collaborating with these organizations? What are their roles in the delivery of the program? Include letters of support to strengthen your application.
- How many individuals do you plan reach annually with this grant?

Theory of Change Template:

- Upload of the program’s theory of change (requires use of supplied template on BSCP grants webpage)

Problem	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes	Desired State
What is the problem you are trying to solve?	What are the planned actions the program will undertake? (e.g., a series of workshops, a conference, expansion of a drop-in program)	What are the key deliverables and measurable effects of the program? (e.g. number of program sessions, number of youth reached, number of outreach activities)	What are the short-term changes you expect to see? (i.e. within the 3 year funded period)	What is the long-term change or impact you see as the goal for the program? What will your community look like if you achieve the objectives of your program?
Context	Assumptions			
Who is experiencing the problem? What is the scale of the problem?	What are the links between activities and outputs? What are the links between outputs and outcomes?			

Template: Adopted from the Innovation for Social Impact Partnership

Project Budget:

- Upload of the project’s proposed budget (requires use of supplied template on BSCP Grants webpage)

PROJECT BUDGET	Year 1 2024	Year 2 2025	Year 3 Jan-Mar 2026	Notes
1. City of Vancouver BSCP Grant (max \$400,000 over three years)				
2. other funders				
3. other funders				
4. other funders				

TOTAL PROJECT REVENUE				
PROJECT EXPENDITURES				
Expenditure Category	Year 1 2024	Year 2 2025	Year 3 Jan-Mar 2026	Notes (Please indicate which funds will be allocated to a partner organization)
Salaries + Wages + Benefits (for this project only)				
Costs associated with research conferences / workshops / dialogues / sessions				
Meals / refreshments for participation				
Honoraria				
Office equipment, supplies and materials				
Professional and consultant costs				
Recruitment and training costs				
Translation / interpretation				
Travel accommodation and other related expenses				
Culturally appropriate expenditures				
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES	\$0			

Supporting Documents: uploads

- Organization budget: audited financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year
- List of Board of Directors
- Minutes of the most recent AGM
- Minutes of the most recent board meeting
- Organization's by-laws/constitution (new org applicants or significant changes since last submitted).
- Incorporation document (New applicants only)
- Organization's policy on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (optional)
- Annual report (optional)
- Letters of support from partners.

In alignment with the City's ongoing work in reconciliation, equity, and accessibility, staff are available to support you in the application process. Should you require assistance please contact us at socialpolicygrants@vancouver.ca

Grant Timeline and Review Process

Applications are assessed by a staff-led review committee. The adjudication process will include a site visit and interview with a planner. Recommendations to council will be made February – March 2024.

Applicants are notified via email of staff recommendations prior to the meeting at which Council will consider the grant recommendations.

Term of Grant and Reporting

The term of a BSCP Youth Program Grant is from January 2024 – March 2026.

The Building Safer Communities Program Vancouver will be implementing an outcomes-focused approach to evaluation. If your grant application is successful, grantees will be required to complete an annual grant metrics and activity report and participate in evaluation activities with the support of the City's evaluation consultant.

Respectful Communications

All recipient organizations through this program must engage in respectful communications when interacting with the public (including City officials and City staff). If a recipient of this grant program makes statements or engages in conduct with the public which could be characterized as threatening, intimidating, harassing, or discriminatory, the following process will be followed:

- If the complaint is from a City official or City staff, the matter will be referred to the City's Legal department who will determine if the communications are threatening, intimidating, harassing, or discriminatory.
- Legal staff will engage with the organization's leadership (Board Chair and/or Management) to discuss the assessment and recommendation.
- If it is determined that the organization has engaged in communications with or about City officials or City staff that is threatening, intimidating, harassing, or discriminatory, it will be considered a breach of the grant agreement and as such, the City may require the recipient organization to return the grant to the City and that lawful actions may be taken to recover the grant.
- If the complaint is from a member of the public who is not a City Official or City staff, the same process as outlined in the Respectful Workplace section will apply.

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