



2021 GREENEST CITY GRANT INFORMATION GUIDE



GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The City of Vancouver is now accepting grant applications for the 2021 Greenest City Grant. The Greenest City Grant program offers grants for place-based, community-driven initiatives that help advance sustainability, including the City of Vancouver's [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#), while supporting equity in our city. Through these grants, we hope to foster sustainability leadership and collaboration, create opportunities for innovation, and mobilize community in taking collective action on climate throughout Vancouver, with a specific focus on addressing inequity.

We are looking to fund projects that are:

- Place-based and contribute to the City of Vancouver's **Climate Emergency Action Plan goals** and supporting focus areas, including zero waste and healthy ecosystems;
- Actively working to **reduce the systemic inequities** experienced by residents throughout the city;
- **Meaningfully engage local residents/communities** to increase the sense of ownership of climate solutions and strengthen social connections among individuals and networks.

ELIGIBILITY

- Registered non-profit societies; registered charities in good standing with the Canadian Revenue Agency; First Nations Bands;
- Must have an independent, active governing body composed of volunteers. By-law provisions that no Board Director can be remunerated and that no staff member can be a voting member of the Board or executive;
- Demonstrate accommodation, welcomeness and openness to people of all ages, abilities, sexual orientation, gender identities (including trans*, gender-variant, 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 the demonstrated functional capacity and sufficient resources to deliver the initiatives to which the City is being asked to contribute;
- Show costs that are reasonable and on par with other similar programs;
- Deliver the funded initiative in Vancouver to Vancouver residents.

FUNDING AMOUNT:

Up to \$50,000 per project. Matching funds (which may include in-kind contributions) are strongly encouraged.

PROJECT LENGTH:

1 – 2 years

FOCUS AREAS:

- Consumption and waste
- Food systems
- Active transportation
- Ecosystem restoration/ carbon sequestration
- Energy efficiency & green buildings

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Sunday December 6, 2020
at midnight

QUESTIONS?

Contact

Greenest.CityGrant@vancouver.ca

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- Contribution to climate resilience in Vancouver
- Contribution to reducing systemic inequities experienced by residents in Vancouver
- Impact
- Scalability
- Learning and knowledge transfer
- Community engagement and partnerships
- Realistic plan and budget
- Applicant’s organizational commitments to sustainability and equity

INELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS

- Individuals and for-profit organizations
- Land acquisition or large-scale capital costs
- Exclusive university-led research

We will only fund the same organization/project/initiative a maximum of 2 times per 5-year period.

GRANT PROCESS

Application available	November 6, 2020	Applicant & City of Vancouver
Application support webinar*	November 19, 2020	Applicant & City of Vancouver
Application Deadline	December 6, 2020	Applicant
Application Review	December 7, 2020 – January 3, 2021	City of Vancouver
Funding recommendations	January, 2020	City of Vancouver
Applicant notifications	1 week before Council date	City of Vancouver
Final approval	Mid-February, 2020 Council meeting (TBD)	City of Vancouver

**Attendance is not mandatory but encouraged, especially for first time applicants. Register at <http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/green-grants.aspx>*

HOW TO APPLY

Application documents can be found on the City’s website at: <http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/green-grants.aspx>

Email complete applications to socialpolicygrants@vancouver.ca (digital versions only) by the application deadline: Sunday December 6, 2020 at midnight. Late applications will not be accepted.

