

2024 HASTINGS LEGACY FUND GRANTS INFORMATION GUIDE

The City of Vancouver is accepting applications for the **2024-2027 Hastings Legacy Fund (HLF) Grants** program. This guide provides information about the objectives, criteria, and application process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Tuesday,
October 8rd,
2024 at
11:59 p.m.

Maximum Eligible Funding:

\$40,000/
application
per year.
Maximum
ask of
\$120,000 for
3 years.

Funding Cycle:

2024-2027
(3-years)

*Piloting
multiyear
funding.

Are you eligible?

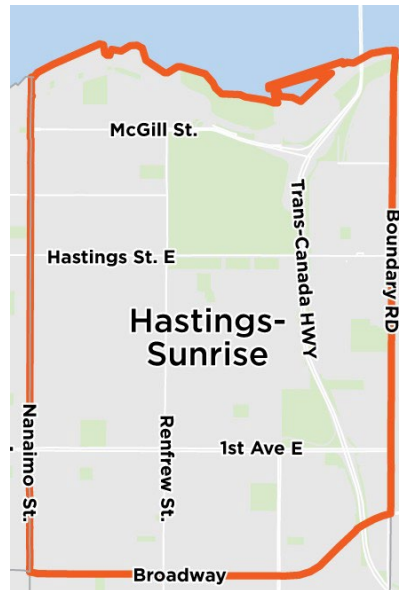
Funding must
occur or be
based in the
Hastings-
Sunrise area.

Program Overview

Hastings Legacy Fund grants are designed to support programs whose primary focus is addressing social issues in **Hastings-Sunrise**, in which the Hastings Racecourse is located. The goals of the HLF Grants are to:

- Build the capacity of the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood to address and respond to local social issues.
- Build a strong, safe, inclusive community based on the principles of community capacity building, public safety, civic engagement and supporting green initiatives at the neighbourhood level.
- Create local solutions to local problems and support new opportunities that bring about positive social change.
- Reinforce or support the goals of Vibrant Vancouver and the Healthy City Strategy.

The Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood is depicted below, with the City-defined boundaries in red.



What programs are funded?

Eligible programs must demonstrate:

- Ongoing programming with clearly demonstrated benefits for residents and businesses located in Hastings-Sunrise;
 - Programs should be in operation for more than 6 months at minimum.
- Serve a sufficient number of residents and businesses;
- Have the functional capacity and sufficient resources to deliver programs;
- Show costs that are reasonable and on par with other similar programs;
- Deliver the funded program within the City-defined boundaries of the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood; and,
- Advance City priorities and strategies.

Maximum Grant Amount Per Application: \$40,000/ year

**Total Maximum Grant Amount Per 3-Year Application:
\$120,000/ 3 years**

Note: While organizations are not required to be physically located within Hastings-Sunrise, *project/program activities must occur within the neighbourhood*. **Applicants based outside Hastings-Sunrise must demonstrate strong partnerships with organizations based within the neighbourhood.** Organizations based within the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood will be prioritized.

Examples:

To see recently funded programs, please visit the “Past Programs” section [here](#). Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact a Planner for additional advice and guidance on our application. Contact information can be found below.

Organization's Eligibility

An organization must:

- 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 to meet this requirement.
- Have an independent, active governing body composed of volunteers. The by-laws must have provisions that no Board director can be remunerated for serving as a director 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;
- Be in compliance with [the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#) and the [British Columbia Human Rights Code](#);

NOTE: Projects/programs that have received HLF grants in the past are eligible to apply again. Organizations may submit multiple applications. However, equity will be taken into consideration during the review process.

Exceptions to any of the above may be approved at the discretion of the Managing Director of Social Policy & Projects.

APPLYING FOR WORK THAT WAS NOT FUNDED LAST YEAR? Talk to a planner!
All new applicants are asked to contact a grants planner to discuss applications prior to submission. Applicants that were not successful in the previous year are also asked to contact a grants planner if you are considering applying again. This short phone call will ensure applicants are eligible and will be an opportunity to walk through the process, provide tips and answer questions.

Ineligible Programs

- Those which fall wholly or primarily within the mandate of other government departments, e.g. (but not limited to):
 - Direct healthcare programs (such as health self-help groups, health information programs, medical treatment, maintenance, or rehabilitation programs).
 - Employment training.
 - Initial settlement programs.
- Direct welfare supports, including food banks, meal programs and provision of clothing.
- Housing.
- One-on-one counselling with licensed psychologists, social workers, or registered

clinical counsellors.

- Programs which are primarily recreational (formal recreation programs such as clubs or teams), or educational (formal education leading to a credential).
- Travel expenses, attendance at, or fees for, conferences, workshops, or other forms of training.
- Delivery of conferences.
- Transportation expenses, except those that allow users or potential users to access services.
- Legal fees.
- Payment of: City property taxes; capital expenses, operating or capital deficits.
- Programs directed to the preservation of any particular ethnic or cultural heritage, except in instances for Reconciliation initiatives.
- Research.

Organizations receiving a Hastings Legacy Fund grant may provide one or more of the programs noted above, but the City's grant cannot be used to support those activities.

Exceptions to the above may be approved at the discretion of the Managing Director of Social Policy & Projects.

City Strategies

All the grant programs reinforce or support the goals of [Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's strategic priorities](#) and the [Healthy City Strategy](#). This long-term, integrated plan for a sustainable city where everyone can live, work, and thrive in a healthy way:

- The HLF grant should align with the [Social Policy Grants Statement of Intent](#);
- Align with strategic objectives of Vibrant Vancouver:
 - 5 – Safety and Security
 - 7 – Healthy, inclusive, and equitable
 - 8 – Reconciliation
- Reinforce or support the goals of the Healthy City Strategy with a specific focus on the following goals:
 - 1 – [A Good Start](#)
 - 4 – [Healthy Human Services](#)
 - 5 – [Making Ends Meet and Working Well](#)
 - 6 – [Being and Feeling Safe and Included](#)
 - 7 – [Cultivating Connections](#)
 - 13 – [Collaborative Leadership for a Healthy City for All](#);

Timeline and Review Process

Applications are reviewed and assessed by City staff using standard criteria. Staff bring funding recommendations to City Council where final recommendations are made. Applicants are notified of staff recommendations in writing prior to the meeting at which Council considers the grant recommendations.

As the review and recommendation approval process leading up to the final decision by Council is extensive, there is no appeal process for grant decisions. Planners are available to review past applications and advise on future applications.

Terms and Reporting

The term of a Hastings Legacy Fund Grant is one year from the date of City Council's approval of the grant. As this is a 3-year multi-year cycle, program activities will need to be completed 12 months after receipt of funds.

The following year's funding will be released upon receipt and satisfactory review of an annual report back to City staff. Report backs will be:

- Submitted on VanApply.
- Can include site visits, and/or additional communications.
- Organizations will be required to submit updated documentation, such as financials.

HOW TO APPLY

All applications are now being accepted online via [VanApply](#). The application will request information in the following areas:

- Organization Information
- Nature of Work: Outlining the type and impact of the work to be supported by the application Program-specific budget: Only for orgs with budgets over \$5M, OR for those with budgets under \$5M that choose to apply for one or more specific programs.
- Organization budget: An upload of financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year (i.e., audited, review engagement, notice to reader or some other type of financial statement).
- Program budget for 1 to 3 years: See the downloadable PDF on the Social Policy website.
- Additional supporting materials are required are as follows:
 - Annual General Meeting minutes
 - Annual Report (if available) Board of Directors List
 - Incorporation Documentation
 - Minutes of the Most Recent Board Meeting
 - Organization By-law/Constitution
 - Organization's Policy on Diversity (if available)

Please ensure you have all up to date required documents at hand to upload, as you will be unable to submit an incomplete application.

If you have questions or need assistance completing your application, please do not hesitate to contact us. Contact details are below.

Other grant programs are detailed on the City's web page at: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/community-grants.

SOCIAL POLICY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Vancouver, BC V6B 1H4

APPENDIX A – CITY PRIORITIES

City Priority	Description
Vibrant Vancouver: City Council's strategic priorities	<p>Outlines 9 strategic objectives to guide Council and staff on building a sustainable city.</p> <p>For more information please visit: https://vancouver.ca/your-government/city-council-s-strategic-priorities.aspx</p>
Homelessness Prevention	<p>Enhance support for populations experiencing marginalization to maintain existing housing and avoid homelessness.</p> <p>For more information on how the City is involved with issues of homelessness please visit: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/housing-and-homelessness</p>
UN Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP)	<p>Build resources and/or capacity in the urban Indigenous community including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing more equitable access to programs and services, • Supporting the transition for people moving from reserves to urban centres, • Initiatives that help to expand the integration of Indigenous practices and knowledge. • Implement all articles contained within the United Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) that are within our jurisdiction through the UNDRIP Task Force <p>For more information on how the City is involved with support for Urban Indigenous Peoples please visit: https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/reconciliation-policy.aspx</p>
Community Safety	<p>Increase community safety including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach, supports and referrals to services for women experiencing violence or marginalization, • Programs preventing youth sexual exploitation and increased access to sex worker safety programs, exiting supports and the destigmatization of sex work, • Initiatives that create a safe city in which residents feel secure. <p>For more information on how the City is involved in one area of community safety, the health, safety and destigmatization for sex workers and communities impacted by sex work, and the prevention of sexual exploitation, please visit: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/Health-and-safety-for-sex-workers</p>
Improving Service Access	<p>For persons with disabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support full participation by establishing and maintaining inclusive services, programs, and infrastructure • Identifying and removing barriers and recognizing the rights, dignity, and independence of people with disabilities. <p>For more information on the City's Accessibility Strategy, please visit: https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/accessibility-strategy.aspx</p>

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	<p>For individuals living with mental health challenges or with lived/living experience of substance use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance support to help populations experiencing marginalization to maintain existing housing and employment to avoid homelessness, and • Improving access to social, health, housing, and employment services. <p>For more information on how the City is involved with support for individuals living with mental health challenges or with lived/living experience of substance use please visit: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/mental-health-and-addiction</p>
	<p>For Newcomers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase newcomers' access to services and support and build stronger connections between more isolated newcomers and long-time residents. <p>For more information on how the City is involved with newcomers please visit: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/diversity-and-multiculturalism</p>
	<p>For Children, Families and Youth Experiencing Vulnerability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to quality, affordable services for children, youth and families experiencing vulnerability. • Early intervention and prevention for those youth most at risk of marginalization. <p>For more information on how the City is involved with children and families please visit: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/children-and-childcare</p> <p>For more information on how the City is involved with youth issues please visit: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/youth</p>
	<p>For Seniors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen programming for seniors that enhances social and cultural inclusion, provides peer support, and ensures access to basic services. <p>For more information on how the City is involved with seniors' issues please visit: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/seniors</p>
	<p>For Trans*, Gender-Variant and Two-Spirit (TGV2S)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and strengthen programming that enhances inclusion and access to services for trans*, gender-variant and two spirit people in Vancouver. <p>For more information on how the City is involved with TGV2S issues please visit: http://council.vancouver.ca/20160713/documents/cfsc6.pdf</p>
<p>Promoting Inclusion, Belonging and Connectedness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase opportunities for residents experiencing marginalization to feel included in their communities, connected to their social networks, and engaged in civic and community life. <p>For more information on how inclusion, belonging and connectedness is part of the City's Healthy City Strategy please visit: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/healthy-city-strategy</p>