

2023 HASTINGS LEGACY FUND GRANTS INFORMATION GUIDE

Deadline: Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

This guide provides information about the objectives, criteria and process for the Hastings Legacy Fund (HLF) grants program. HLF grants are one of many grant streams offered through the Social Policy and Projects Grants Program. Other grant programs are detailed on the City's web page at:

www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/community-grants

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Hastings Legacy Fund Grants Priorities

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

Given the wide variety of projects, issues and programs potentially supported by HLF grants, there is no set goal or benchmark for the actual number of individuals to be served. However, applicants must demonstrate that the number of participants served will be sufficient to produce a noticeable impact on the community.

All the grant programs reinforce or support the goals of the [Healthy City Strategy](#), with a specific focus on goals 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 13 (highlighted below). This long-term, integrated plan for healthier people, healthier places, and a healthier planet has 13 goals:

- The HLF grant should align with the [Social Policy Grants Statement of Intent](#);
- 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](#);

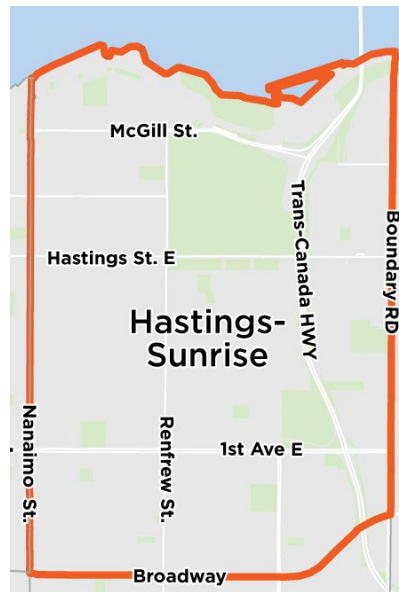
Eligibility

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 in order 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](#);
- Have the demonstrated functional capacity and sufficient resources to deliver the programs to which the City is being asked to contribute;
- Show costs that are reasonable and on par with other similar programs; and,
- Deliver the funded program within the City-defined boundaries of the Hastings-Sunrise neighbourhood and must clearly demonstrate benefits for residents and businesses located in Hastings-Sunrise.

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.

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



NOTE: Projects/programs that have received HLF grants in the past are eligible to apply again. While applications will be assessed using the same criteria that are applied to new applicants, the outcomes of previously funded HLF projects/programs will also be taken into consideration.

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.

Timeline and Review Process

Applications are reviewed and assessed by Social Policy staff using standard criteria. Staff bring funding recommendations to City Council where final funding decisions 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.

Term of Hastings Legacy Fund Grants

The term of a Hastings Legacy Fund Grant is one year from the date of City Council's approval of the grant. Grants will normally be distributed in two installments: Successful applicants generally receive the first payment, equal to 90% of the total approved grant, within two and a half weeks of approval.

Maximum Grant Amount: \$40,000

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).
- 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 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.

SOCIAL POLICY CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A – CITY PRIORITIES

City Priority	Description
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>
Support for Urban Indigenous Peoples	<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. <p>For more information on how the City is involved with support for Urban Indigenous Peoples please visit: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/indigenous-communities</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> <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>

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	<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 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 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>