

**2021 City of Vancouver
Homelessness Action Week
& Supportive Housing Grants**

Homelessness Action Week 2021: Oct 11-17-2021

**Application Deadline is
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, at 4:30pm**

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES & ELIGIBILITY

Homelessness Action Week (HAW) is a campaign across various Lower Mainland municipalities aimed at raising awareness and understanding about homelessness, as well building community capacity and partnerships for local solutions to homelessness. **HAW and Supportive Housing Grants are intended to support Vancouver-based non-profit societies that want to host an event or do a project in Vancouver that keeps within the spirit of HAW and supports residents living in supportive housing.** Events or projects may occur during the week of HAW or within a year of City of Vancouver Council approval of the grant. For more information about Homelessness Action Week please visit, vancouver.ca/homelessnessactionweek and stophomelessness.ca

Goals of the City of Vancouver HAW and Supportive Housing Grants are to:

- a) Support Vancouver residents who are experiencing homelessness or living in supportive housing
- b) Use creative approaches to increase community awareness of homelessness and the drivers of homelessness
- c) Build greater understanding with citizens on solutions to homelessness including supportive housing
- d) Engage the voices of those with lived experience.
- e) Decrease the stigma associated with homelessness and the exclusion experienced by Vancouverites experiencing homelessness

HAW & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING GRANTS and the Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic:

While we have seen incredible resilience within Vancouver's social service sector, we recognize the difficulty of future-oriented planning during a pandemic. In a recent Vantage Point survey, 92% of Vancouver's non-profit social service organizations reported that COVID-19 caused major disruptions to their projects, programs and services. We are aware of the financial challenges currently faced by many non-profits, and are aware that Homelessness Action Week and associated events will be very different again this year in 2021 due to COVID-19.

Basic Criteria

Two Grants Streams

- **Small Grants up to \$3,000**
- **Large Grants up to \$10,000**

Stream A – Small Project Grants (Maximum funding is up to \$3,000 per project):

All projects that will receive funding will meet the following criteria:

- **For 2021, Projects that are designed to directly respond to HAW goals in light of COVID response, COVID recovery, or events aligned with current public health requirements will be considered**
- Projects should be designed to directly benefit people who are experiencing homelessness, recently experienced homelessness, at risk of homelessness or living in supportive housing within neighbourhood in Vancouver (Direct Services Projects)
- Projects should focus on destigmatizing homelessness including building greater community understanding of the drivers and solutions to homelessness (Destigmatization Projects)
- Project should align with the goals of HAW explained above.

Eligible Projects can NOT request funding for:

- On-going operations (including organizational staff salaries/wages, or regular, existing programming. Exception: honoraria for people with lived experience, which is allowable under grant parameters)
- Include Costs of staffing

Stream B – Large Project Grants (Maximum funding is \$10,000 per project):

Projects that apply for Stream B **will meet all of the criteria above in Stream A and:**

- Projects should demonstrate a significant, direct impact on those experiencing homelessness, recently experienced homelessness, at risk of homelessness or living in supportive housing within a neighbourhood in Vancouver
- May include costs of staffing of no more than 10% of the funding request from City of Vancouver (up to \$1000).

Applicants:

- Must be a registered British Columbia non-profit society or Canada Revenue Agency registered charity or a First Nations Band based in Vancouver, in good standing.
- Must have a proven track record for delivering projects, services and/or hosting events.
- Will be considered for **one** HAW Grant per year.
- Must plan a project or event that is to be held, based in Vancouver, and serves populations in Vancouver.
- If applicable, organization will include information on the application form about the organization that pertains to
 - Registration no:
 - Charity Status:
 - Effective date of status:
 - Designation:
 - Charitable Organization (Y/N):
 - Website:

Prioritizing Partnerships:

- Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate a strong level of partnership with a range of key local stakeholders. This might include, but not be limited to, neighbourhood groups, Business Improvement Associations, schools, faith groups, operators and tenants of Supportive Housing including Temporary Modular Housing, operators and tenants of social housing, and other local non-profit societies.
- Priority will be given to proposals that leverage funding from other sources.

Previous HAW Grant Recipients:

- Applicants that have received HAW grants in the past are eligible to apply. All applications will be assessed using the same criteria and considerations.
- Applicants that have received previous HAW Grant(s) must have successfully completed their project deliverables, including a Final Evaluation Report. If an organization has not submitted a final evaluation report in previous years, this could affect 2021 HAW Grant funding.
- **If the grant monies were for HAW 2020, and therefore only received from the City in December 2020, grant project updates may be requested as part of HAW 2021 applications, but with the understanding that the project is not yet completed.**

Evaluation Criteria

For Small Grants: up to \$3,000 for Small Grant Stream Request for either type of project

For Large Grants: up to \$10,000 for Large Grant Stream Request for either type of project

Project Proposals will address the following needs for:

1. **Direct Services Projects:** Projects should demonstrate a need or opportunity in your Vancouver neighbourhood to directly benefit people who are experiencing homelessness, recently experienced homelessness, at risk of homelessness or living in supportive housing.
 - These projects will provide direct services or directly benefit people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness or living in supportive housing
 - This may include, but not be limited to, opportunities to include residents of social/supportive housing in neighbourhood activities, and connect residents of supportive and social housing with other neighbourhood residents.

2. **Destigmatization Projects:** Projects should offer unique and creative solutions that can build greater community understanding of the experience of homelessness, systemic and individual experiences that lead to homelessness, and combat the stigma and discrimination of people who have are experiencing homelessness and poverty
 - These projects will specifically aim to create awareness and decrease the stigma associated with homelessness
 - This may include building understanding for solutions to homelessness including supportive housing & health supports, engaging the voices of those with lived experience, targeting a unique audience,
 - addressing housed residents fear, anxiety, discomfort and internalized stigma about homelessness and associated drivers (eg. mental health, racism and colonialism, drug use, sex work)
 - decreasing the stigma associated with homelessness and the exclusion experienced by Vancouverites experiencing homelessness

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Demonstrate how this will affect people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or with lived experience of homelessness in Vancouver
- Demonstrate strong partnerships or ability to leverage new partnerships with this project
- Clearly outline the target group(s) : e.g. youth, seniors, women, urban Indigenous (see Appendix A)
- Offer innovative solutions to homelessness
- Offer innovative dialogue and engagement opportunities with communities and groups with limited experience and awareness of homelessness
- Outline achievable deliverables and outcomes
- Outline a reasonable budget

- Demonstrate functional capacity and resources
- Demonstrate how this will reduce stigma, build neighbourhood and community capacity, and respond to Council priorities (see Appendix B for a list of key strategies and policy areas)
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of staff and public is top priority for the City. Grant applicants will be required to comply with all applicable public health requirements and guidelines relating to COVID-19 and to make the safety of its employees and volunteers and members of the public a top priority.

Ineligible Activity

- Projects that take place outside of Vancouver or that are coordinated by a community group that is not based in Vancouver
- Projects whose central focus/theme is not directly related to benefitting people who are experiencing homelessness, recently experienced homelessness or at risk of homelessness or reducing stigma on homelessness in Vancouver
- **On-going operations (including organizational staff salaries/wages, or regular, existing programming)**
- **Staff wages (10% of funding request is eligible for \$10,000 projects ONLY)**
- New programs or regular, or existing programming (Grant is **project-based**); these funds are one-time and time limited, and therefore for are best utilized for projects, rather than programs

Grant Terms

Timelines: Completed application forms must be submitted by **Friday, April 23 at 4:30pm**. City funding must be spent within one year of City Council's approval.

Approvals and Dissemination of Funding: Grant applications will be reviewed by a staff team from Arts, Culture, and Community Services (ACCS). Following the review process, recommendations will be made by staff to City Council as all grants will require Council approval. Applicants will be notified of the staff recommendations together with notice of the City Council meeting date, in mid-2021, at which the grants will be considered. There is no appeal process in place for this grant stream.

Upon Council approval, funds will be disbursed according to City policy and standards and upon a successful applicant entering into a grant approval letter. Applicants generally receive funds within 30 days of Council approval.

***Within one month of completing the project**, the grantee must provide to the City of Vancouver's assigned staff a Final Evaluation Report. Failure to do so may affect future applications for funding under this grant.

How to Apply

Application forms are available electronically on the City's website at vancouver.ca/homelessnessactionweek. The application form is in Word format for you to download. Please complete the questions, print, and have the form signed by a signing officer of your organization's Board of Directors.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

1. If you have questions with regards to your project (including suitability for the grant stream), please contact Mary Ellen Glover at homelessness@vancouver.ca or 604-673-8443
2. If you need a copy of the Budget Template to use for your submission, please contact homelessness@vancouver.ca
3. If sending your application electronically, please scan the signed form, and send it as an email attachment to the Homelessness Services Department at: homelessness@vancouver.ca
4. If you plan to submit a hard copy, please contact Mary Ellen Glover at homelessness@vancouver.ca or 604-673-8443 to make arrangements for drop off
5. The application package must be complete, with responses to each question and all relevant information attached (e.g. application form and budget). Applications that do not have a response to each question will not be considered.
6. Applications must be received by the Homelessness Services Department by **4:30pm on Friday, April 23, 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted.

For more information or if you have questions about the grants or application process, please contact Mary Ellen Glover at the City of Vancouver at 604-673-8443 or homelessness@vancouver.ca

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APPENDIX A – PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Urban Indigenous
<p>Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee https://vancouver.ca/your-government/urban-indigenous-peoples-advisory-committee.aspx City of Reconciliation vancouver.ca/people-programs/city-of-reconciliation.aspx</p> <p>Vancouver's Indigenous Communities https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/indigenous-communities.aspx</p>
People with Mental Health & Addiction Challenges
<p>Mental Health & Addictions vancouver.ca/people-programs/mental-health-and-addiction</p> <p>Vancouver's Overdose Crisis https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/drugs.aspx</p>
Vulnerable Children, Families & Youth
<p>Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee vancouver.ca/your-government/children-youth-and-families-advisory-committee.aspx</p> <p>Children and Childcare in Vancouver vancouver.ca/people-programs/children-and-childcare</p> <p>Giving Vancouver's Youth a Strong Voice vancouver.ca/people-programs/youth</p>
Multiculturalism
<p>Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee vancouver.ca/your-government/racial-and-ethno-cultural-equity-advisory-committee.aspx</p> <p>Diverse Communities and Multiculturalism vancouver.ca/people-programs/diversity-and-multiculturalism</p>
Seniors
<p>Seniors' Advisory Committee vancouver.ca/your-government/seniors-advisory-committee.aspx</p> <p>Programs and Support for Vancouver's Seniors</p>

vancouver.ca/people-programs/seniors

Women & Girls

[Women's Advisory Committee](#)

vancouver.ca/your-government/womens-advisory-committee.aspx

[Women's Equity Strategy](#)

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/womens-equity-strategy.aspx>

[Supporting and Celebrating Women in Our Communities](#)

vancouver.ca/people-programs/women

2SLGBTQ+ & TGD2S Access and Inclusion

[2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee](#)

vancouver.ca/your-government/lgbtq-advisory-committee.aspx

[Supporting Trans* Equality and an Inclusive Vancouver](#)

council.vancouver.ca/20160713/documents/cfsc6.pdf

Persons with Disabilities

[Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee](#)

vancouver.ca/your-government/persons-with-disabilities-advisory-committee.aspx

[Building for Accessibility](#)

vancouver.ca/people-programs/building-for-accessibility.aspx

Renters

[Renters Advisory Committee](#)

vancouver.ca/your-government/renters-advisory-committee.aspx

[Protecting Tenants and Rental Housing](#)

<http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/protecting-tenants.aspx>

[Single Room Accommodation Bylaw](#)

vancouver.ca/people-programs/single-room-accommodation-bylaw.aspx

APPENDIX B – KEY CITY STRATEGIES & POLICY AREAS

<p>Housing & Homelessness</p> <p>Housing Vancouver Strategy vancouver.ca/people-programs/housing-vancouver-strategy.aspx</p> <p>Housing & Homelessness Strategy (2012-2021) vancouver.ca/files/cov/Housing-and-Homeless-Strategy-2012-2021pdf.pdf</p>
<p>Healthy People, Community & Environments</p> <p>Vancouver’s Healthy City Strategy 2014-2025 council.vancouver.ca/20141029/documents/ptec1_appendix_a_final.pdf</p> <p>Healthy City Strategy – Four Year Action Plan 2015-2018 vancouver.ca/files/cov/Healthy-City-Strategy-Phase-2-Action-Plan-2015-2018.pdf</p> <p>Poverty Reduction Plan https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/poverty-reduction-plan.aspx</p> <p>Community Economic Development Strategy vancouver.ca/people-programs/ced-strategy.aspx</p> <p>Vancouver Food Strategy vancouver.ca/files/cov/vancouver-food-strategy-final.PDF</p> <p>Transportation 2040 vancouver.ca/files/cov/Transportation_2040_Plan_as_adopted_by_Council.pdf</p> <p>Culture/Shift: Blanketing the city in arts and culture https://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/culture-shift.aspx</p> <p>Park Board Strategic Framework vancouver.ca/your-government/vancouver-board-of-parks-and-recreation.aspx</p> <p>Vancouver Music Strategy https://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/vancouver-music-strategy.aspx</p> <p>Vancouver Plan https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/vancouver-city-wide-plan.aspx</p>
<p>Reconciliation</p> <p>City of Reconciliation vancouver.ca/people-programs/city-of-reconciliation.aspx</p>

Sustainability

[Greenest City Action Plan](#)

vancouver.ca/files/cov/Greenest-city-action-plan.pdf

[Renewable City Strategy](#)

<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/renewable-city-strategy-booklet-2015.pdf>

Mental Health & Addictions

[Mental Health and Addiction](#)

[Vancouver's approach to the Overdose Crisis](#)

[Caring for All: Priority Actions to Address Mental Health and Addictions](#)

vancouver.ca/files/cov/mayors-task-force-mental-health-addictions-priority-actions.pdf

[Mayor's Task Force on Mental Health & Addictions](#)

vancouver.ca/your-government/mayors-task-force-on-mental-health-and-addictions.aspx

[Vancouver's approach to the Overdose Crisis](#)

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/drugs.aspx>

[Mayor's Overdose Emergency Task Force](#)

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/safe-supply-statement.aspx>

Gender Equality

[Women's Equity Strategy](#)

vancouver.ca/news-calendar/council-approves-womens-equity-strategy.aspx

[Supporting Trans* Equality and an Inclusive Vancouver](#)

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20160713/documents/cfsc6.pdf>

Neighbourhood Plans

[Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan](#)

vancouver.ca/files/cov/downtown-eastside-plan.pdf

[Joyce-Collingwood Station Precinct Plan](#)

vancouver.ca/files/cov/joyce-collingwood-station-precinct-plan-2016-07-20.pdf

[Grandview-Woodland Community Plan](#)

vancouver.ca/files/cov/grandview-woodland-community-plan.pdf

[Norquay Village Neighbourhood Centre Plan](#)

vancouver.ca/docs/planning/norquay-community-plan-2010.pdf

[Marpole Community Plan](#)

vancouver.ca/files/cov/marpole-community-plan.pdf

[Mount Pleasant Community Plan](#)

vancouver.ca/files/cov/MP-community-plan.pdf

[West End Community Plan](#)

vancouver.ca/files/cov/west-end-community-plan.pdf

[Vancouver Plan](#)

<https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/vancouver-city-wide-plan.aspx>

Children & Families

[Joint Childcare Council](#)

vancouver.ca/people-programs/vancover-childcare-approach.aspx

Immigration

[Vancouver Immigration Partnership](#)

vancouver.ca/people-programs/vancouver-city-local-immigration-partnership.aspx