
Application Form – Supplemental Street Cleaning Grant **Hastings Corridor/Downtown Eastside**

Deadline for submissions: December 10, 2025 at 11:59pm

Purpose and Background

The City of Vancouver (the City) has provided Street Cleaning Grants to non-profit agencies for over 20 years. These grants provide applied skills training and income generation opportunities for youth and adults facing barriers to traditional employment, while also delivering supplemental street and lane cleaning services in higher-need areas of the City. Additional background can be found in the 2024 Street Cleaning Grant Report, available through the following link:

<https://council.vancouver.ca/20240206/documents/r3.pdf>

This application invites interested non-profit organizations to request a potential Supplemental Street Cleaning Grant to provide additional micro-cleaning, pressure washing and community outreach in the Hastings corridor/Downtown Eastside (DTES) area in 2026, 2027, and 2028.

This application will not determine final award; this is for information gathering only to assist staff with developing recommendations for Council consideration. Recognizing the importance of stability and continuity of funding for both the non-profit organizations and the clientele they serve, the intent is for this application process to be used as the basis for informing the grant recommendations over a three-year period (2026, 2027 and 2028).

Important Note:

To ensure program flexibility and ability to meet emerging community needs, the 2026 Supplemental Street Cleaning Grant is expected to be awarded to one non-profit organization which can provide all three services: micro-cleaning, pressure washing and community outreach, in the Hastings corridor/Downtown Eastside area.

Organizations can apply for the grant by submitting this completed application to the City by email (microcleaning@vancouver.ca) by December 10, 2025 at 11:59pm.

Grant Program Information (Up to \$1,000,000 annually)

The Supplemental Street Cleaning Grant provides an additional layer of enhanced cleaning and outreach services in the Hastings Corridor and DTES. Service levels may vary based on Council-approved funding and evolving community needs. The program includes three core components:

Micro-Cleaning

Micro-cleaning involves foot patrols to collect litter and discarded needles using brooms, shovels, and wheeled garbage carts. Filled bags are placed in designated areas for City collection.

It is anticipated that micro-cleaning will be required 7 days per week (not inclusive of statutory holidays), one to three times per day.

Pressure-Washing

Sidewalks are pressure-washed to improve cleanliness and sanitation. Applicants must supply their own water and equipment.

It is anticipated that pressure washing will be required 3 days per week (not inclusive of statutory holidays) on the Hastings corridor. Additionally, it is anticipated that pressure washing will be required in Maple Tree Square and Blood Alley Square once per month.

Community Outreach

Community Outreach involves initiating conversations with community members to promote public safety, accessibility, and cleanliness. Topics include:

- Maintaining accessibility for all pedestrians (including residents, businesses and the general public;
- Maintaining safe access and egress to buildings;
- Reducing fire hazards (including debris and clutter);
- Clearing the street right-of-way in advance of scheduled sidewalk deep cleaning by the pressure washing crews, and storage options for personal belongings; and
- Encouraging community members to maintain a tidy sidewalk.

Outreach also includes supporting unhoused individuals by facilitating access to services (either directly or through referrals) and building community by creating connections and relationships with people without housing. Additional outreach topics may be identified by the City.

It is anticipated that Community Outreach will be required 5 days per week (not inclusive of statutory holidays), once per day.

Grant Responsibilities***Grant Recipient Responsibilities***

Award recipients are responsible for all operational and service delivery tasks, including but not limited to the following, and should budget accordingly:

- Program Administration: hire, train, supervise staff; schedule shifts; procure, store, and distribute supplies and equipment; manage day-to-day administration.

- Reporting: submit monthly program metrics¹ via a City template by the 15th day after month-end; submit an annual report by the 15th day after year-end summarizing activities, outcomes, lessons learned, challenges, and recommendations.
- Communication: maintain collaborative relationships with City staff and partners and work constructively to resolve issues.
- Health and Safety: implement and follow a health and safety plan that protects staff physically and emotionally; provide appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Waste Disposal: ensure safe disposal of collected needles² and place garbage in designated areas for City pickup.
- Agreement Obligations: sign a grant agreement with the City and meet operational requirements such as insurance.

City Responsibilities

The City will provide the following:

- Pick-up and disposal of collected waste from micro-cleaning,
- Template for reporting monthly program metrics,
- Award and payment of funding; and
- Communicating program changes.

Eligibility Requirements

The applicant must meet the following requirements to be considered for a grant:

- Be a registered non-profit/society in good standing with the Registrar of Companies; OR, be a registered charity, in good standing with the Canadian Revenue Agency;
- 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 consistently deliver the programs or work the City is requesting; and

¹ Examples of metrics include (program-dependent): estimated number of people involved, total hours worked, estimated number of bags of litter collected, estimated number of needles collected, number of service referrals, number of de-escalations, and others based on work being completed.

² Needles are not permitted in garbage bags and require a separate disposal plan from other collected garbage. Vancouver Coastal Health manages the safe disposal of used needles at community health centres. For more information, visit: <https://www.vch.ca/en/service/vancouver-needle-distribution-and-recovery-van>

Grant Award Process and Additional Information

Grant funding is contingent on City Council approving annual budgets, as well as recommendations for award of grant funds. Approval of grants requires a minimum two-thirds affirmative vote.

Applications for the Supplemental Street Cleaning Grant will be assessed on the following:

- Demonstrated mission/values, resources and capabilities to successfully provide income generation and applied skills training opportunities for youth and adults facing barriers to traditional employment through quality street cleaning services;
- Demonstrated alignment and support of the City's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion through the offered programming;
- Demonstrated commitment to building social capacity and supporting individuals through various stages of the employment continuum; and
- Ability to provide the specified street cleaning services requested by the City (as described throughout this application package).

Additional information for grant applicants:

- Grant award will be made with multi-year intent (2026–2028) but remains subject to annual budget approval, program review, and confirmation that recipients are meeting commitments. Service levels and program components may be adjusted by the City to meet evolving needs.
- The grant amount, if any, will be determined based on an assessment of the submissions, including the capacity and capability of the organizations, and the social benefits provided; the City reserves the right to apply other evaluation criteria as it deems relevant.
- Applicant may be asked to attend and address questions at a Council meeting for grant approval; City staff may contact applicants to clarify submissions or gather information for the Council Report.
- Submitted applications and attachments become public documents and may be used for statistical reporting.

Section A General Applicant Information

Please complete the form below. Attach additional sheets or relevant documents if required to fully answer all questions.

1. Please provide the following information for your organization

- Name of society as filed under the Society Act with Registrar of Companies:

- CRA Charity Number (if registered):

- Common Name of Organization/Agency, if different from above:

- Address:

- Contact Name and Title:

- Phone Number:

- Email Address:

- Website:

2. General Information about your Organization:

- Describe your organization (mandate/mission, values, goals, etc.). Please include program/services provided by your organization and clientele/user-group information:

- Describe where your organization's program(s) and populations falls on the employment continuum; if more than one please describe how the organization splits funds/resources between them.



- Describe how your organization approaches the objective of employing people facing barriers to traditional employment and the employment opportunities that you provide. Please include details about:
 - Training programs
 - Supports provided on and off the job
 - Specific/targeted demographics your programs focus on
 - Qualitative and/or quantitative performance measures you use to measure successes

- Describe how your organization advances diversity, equity, and inclusion in your programming and organizational operations:

- Provide a description of your organization's Downtown Eastside (DTES) community knowledge and experience. How is your organization integrated into the DTES community?

3. Partnerships & Networks

Partnerships and networks can amplify an organization's impact. By working closely and collaboratively with other organizations, resources can be leverage, knowledge and skills shared, and duplication of services minimized.

- Please identify up to five local organizations and/or networks that your organization works closely with to serve your participants.
- Please describe how you actively work with each organization or network listed and how this impacts services for your participants.

	<i>Name of Organization</i>	<i>Nature of Relationship</i>
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4. Relevant Experience

- Describe similar or relevant micro-cleaning, pressure-washing and community outreach work your organization has successfully carried out within the last 5 years. Please include examples for each component of the work.

5. Additional Information about your Organization:

All applicants must also provide the following information as attachments to the application:

- Organization budget: The 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 including:
 - 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)

Section B Work Scope and Practices

1. Please check off your organization's availability for work:

Micro-Cleaning

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Afternoon	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Pressure Washing

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Afternoon	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Community Outreach

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Afternoon	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Comments/Explanations:

2. Does your organization have the capability to work in the area bounded by Richards St., Expo Blvd., Dunlevy Ave. and Water St. (as presented in Appendix A)? If required, does your organization have the capability to extend the work area west to Granville St. ?
3. The grant program reports on collection metrics monthly, including work hours and amount of litter and needles collected, number of service referrals, number of de-escalations and number of police calls. The City requires tracking of collection metrics for every shift completed. (template to be provided by the City). Does your organization have the capacity to provide detailed collection metrics monthly? [Y/N]

4. The City will request a report highlighting the program's success stories at the end of the year. Does your organization have the capacity to provide an end-of-year report using a template provided by the City? [Y/N]

5. Describe your organization's capacity to work non-standard hours (i.e. evenings after 6pm, statutory holidays, etc.).

Section C: Program Components – Service Details and Costs

As noted above, this grant is subject to budget approval; service levels will be adjusted based on available budget. Service levels in the Anticipated Service Schedule table below may increase or decrease based on approved funding and emerging needs in the community.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The successful applicant is expected to be able to provide all three program components: micro-cleaning, pressure washing and community outreach.

Please attach additional sheets or relevant documents if required to fully answer all questions.

Anticipated Service Schedule

Service	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hastings St							
Micro-Cleaning	AM	AM PM	AM PM	AM PM	AM PM	AM PM	AM
Community Outreach		AM		AM		AM	
Pressure Washing		AM		AM		AM	
Water St.							
Micro-Cleaning		PM		PM		PM	
Community Outreach			AM				
Pressure Washing	1X/month (Maple Tree Square and Blood Alley only)						
Hastings Crossing West							
Community Outreach					AM		
Abbott South & Andy Livingstone Park							
Micro-Cleaning			PM		PM		

Please complete the tables below to provide additional detail and costs for each program component. If your organization does not have capacity to provide these service levels, please complete the appropriate boxes that show the maximum capacity your organization can provide and the corresponding costs. Refer to Appendix A for service area details.

Micro-Cleaning

Does your organization have the ability to provide micro-cleaning services for the routes listed in Appendix A? (Y/N)	
Do you have flexibility to accommodate changing routes or frequencies? (Y/N)	
Maximum shift capacity per week (maximum anticipated 17 shifts per week)	
Number of staff per shift	
Number of supervisors per shift	
Duration of shift	
Cost per shift	
Total annual cost to provide Micro-Cleaning as per the Anticipated Service Schedule	
Please provide an overview of a work safety plan for this program	
How will needles be collected, and how will they be disposed of? Note: Needles are not permitted in garbage bags.	
Please provide any additional information that is relevant to your approach to this program	

Pressure-Washing

Does your organization have the ability to provide pressure washing services for E Hastings and Gastown (route details provided in Appendix A)? (Y/N)	
Do you have flexibility to accommodate changing routes or schedules? (Y/N)	
Number of staff per shift	
Number of supervisors per shift	
Duration of shift	
Maximum shift capacity per week (anticipated 3 shifts/week on Hastings)	
Can your organization pressure wash Blood Alley Square and Maple Tree Square once per month? (Y/N)	
Cost per shift	
Total annual cost to provide Pressure Washing as per the Anticipated Service Schedule	
Please provide an overview of a work safety plan for this program	
Please provide any additional information that is relevant to your approach to this program	

Community Outreach

Does your organization have the ability to provide Community Outreach services to E Hastings St., Hastings Crossing West and Water St. (route details provided in Appendix A)? (Y/N)	
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Do you have flexibility to accommodate changing routes? (Y/N)	
Maximum shift capacity per week (anticipated 5 shifts per week)	
Number of staff per shift	
Number of supervisors per shift	
Duration of shift	
Cost per shift	
Total annual cost to provide Community Outreach as per the Anticipated Service Schedule	
Please provide an overview of a work safety plan for this program	
Please provide any additional information that is relevant to your approach to this program	

General

Please indicate the % breakdown of estimated costs of the program on the following:					
Labour:		Supervision:		Equipment:	
Disposal:		Administration:		Transportation:	
Other (describe):					

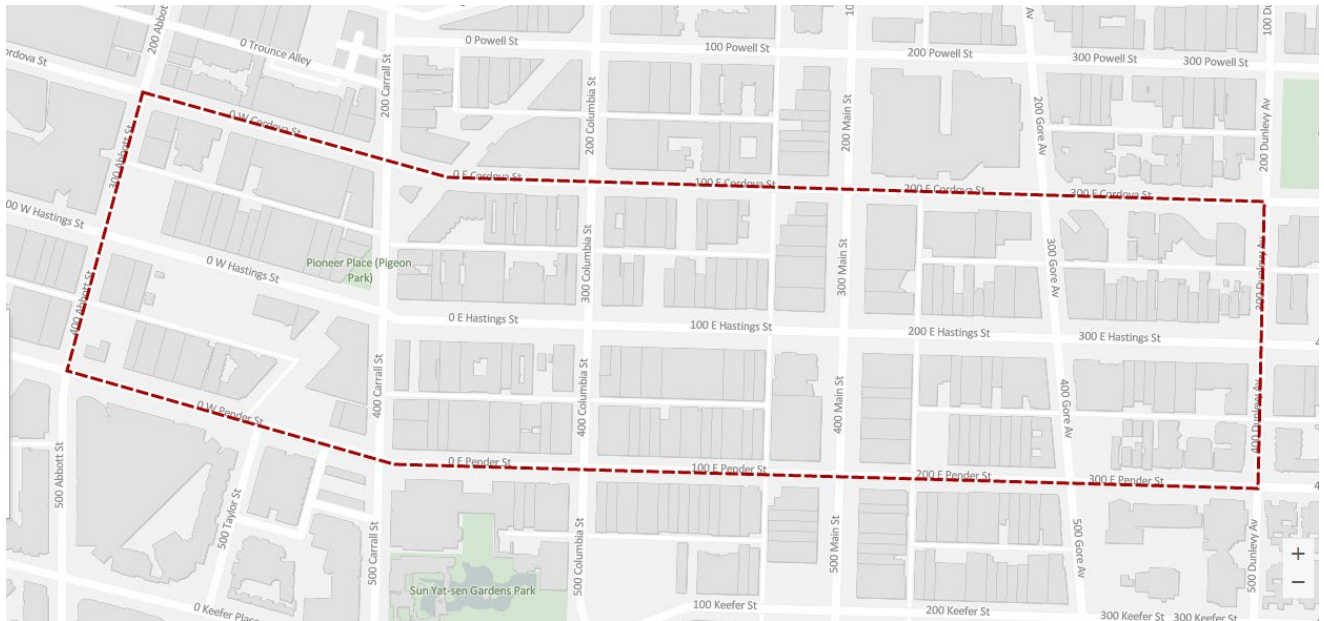
Appendix A Program Work Areas (maps provided below)

Note: these routes are subject to change

Programs	Routes
Micro-cleaning	Hastings St. (including adjacent lanes)

	• Abbott St. to Dunlevy St. • Cordova St. to Pender St. Water St. (including adjacent lanes) • Generally encompasses the Gastown Business Improvement Society, with a focus on five blocks on Water St. (from Richards St. to Columbia St.) • Adjacent lanes • Maple Tree Square Public Plaza • Blood Alley Square Public Plaza Abbott South and Andy Livingstone Park • Abbott St. from W Hastings St. to Expo Blvd. • Adjacent lanes • Includes streets along the perimeter and interior of Andy Livingstone Park • Underneath the Dunsmuir Viaduct
Pressure Washing	Hastings St. • Abbott St. to Dunlevy St. • Cordova St. to Pender St. Maple Tree Square and Blood Alley Square
Community Outreach	Hastings St. (including adjacent lanes) • Abbott St. to Dunlevy St. • Cordova St. to Pender St. Water St. (including adjacent lanes) • Generally encompasses the Gastown Business Improvement Society, with a focus on five blocks on Water St. (from Richards St. to Columbia St.) • Adjacent lanes • Maple Tree Square Public Plaza Hastings Crossing West (including adjacent lanes) • Abbott St. to Richards St. • W Cordova St. and W Pender St.

Hastings St.



The Hastings St. area is generally bounded by Abbott St to Dunlevy St., and Cordova St. to Pender St.

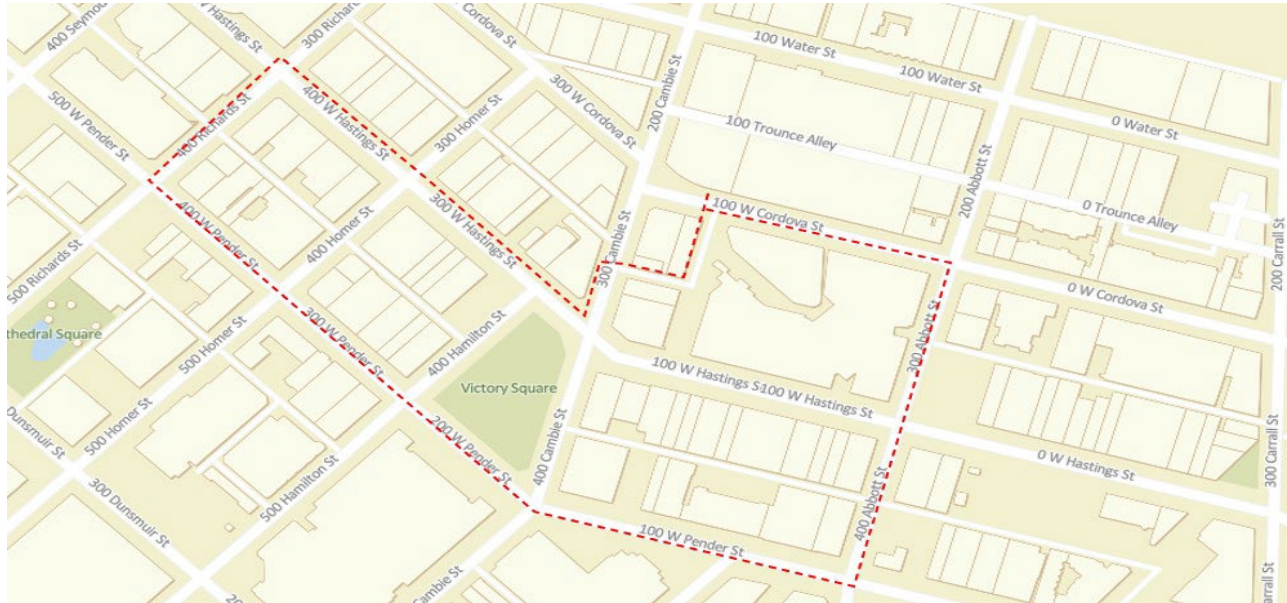
Water St.



On Water Street, the work area generally encompasses the Gastown Business Improvement Society boundary, with a focus on five blocks on Water Street (from Richards Street to Columbia Street), the

adjacent lanes, Maple Tree Square public plaza and Blood Alley Square public plaza. The red highlighted area on the figure above shows the primary focus of the monthly pressure washing event.

Hastings Crossing West



The Hastings Crossing West is from Abbott St. to Richards St, including the adjacent lanes, W Cordova St. and W Pender St.

Abbott South and Andy Livingstone Park



The Abbott South and Andy Livingstone Park route runs on Abbott Street from W Hastings Street to Expo Boulevard, inclusive of the adjacent lanes. This section of the work area includes the perimeter streets and interior streets of Andy Livingstone Park, including adjacent street and lanes. The route also extends underneath the Dunsmuir Viaduct.