

CHILD AND YOUTH INITIATIVES FUND GRANTS GUIDELINES

(Agency Initiated Project Grants and Youth Initiated Project Grants)

2025 DEADLINE: 11:59 PM on September 26, 2025

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE FUND

The purpose of this fund is to support or initiate events, programs and services for children and youth in the City of North Vancouver. All activities supported by this fund must be based in the City of North Vancouver, or be of primary benefit to children and youth resident in the City. This fund is not available for sports programs or to supplement core funding for Outreach Youth Services. Efforts should be made to involve children and youth who are not normally involved in community activities. Grants approved under this fund shall be for new events, programs or services, or to enhance existing events, programs or services which have proven successful.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

Events, programs and services which are funded under this initiative will meet fully, or in part, the following objectives.

- 2.1 Be preventative in nature.
- 2.2 Create opportunities for youth to initiate projects.
- 2.3 Create opportunities to contribute to community well-being and to participate in community activities.
- 2.4 Provide opportunities for skill development.
- 2.5 Develop self-esteem and self-confidence.
- 2.6 Be responsive to the diverse and changing needs of children and youth and, as such, give special consideration to children and youth with disabilities, from low-income families, and of newcomers.
- 2.7 Encourage broad community involvement (financial and human resources) from children and youth, business, organizations and individuals.
- 2.8 Maximize the use of existing community resources through creative partnerships.
- 2.9 Involve children and youth in program development and implementation.
- 2.10 Encourage inter-agency / organization, cooperation and collaboration.

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3.0 CATEGORIES OF GRANTS

3.1 Youth Initiated Project Grants

The intention of the Youth Initiated Project Grant is to involve children and youth in the development and implementation of projects and events, which can be supported by youth workers, community service agencies and businesses. The intent of youth involvement is to provide opportunities for youth to take the lead in organizing and delivering a program or an event.

Grants of up to \$500 will be available for Projects and Events. The grant may be used to cover such things as building / facility rental costs, equipment rental costs, publicity, entertainment, refreshments, etc. Applications are available on the City of North Vancouver's website at www.cnv.org/YouthGrants.

3.2 Agency Initiated Project Grants

Agency Initiated Projects shall be preventative in nature, providing children and youth with information, skills and activities which promote healthy living and positive activities. Grants of up to \$3,000 will be available for new projects, or to augment existing programs. Grant recipients will be required to provide one-third (1/3) of the amount of the grant received as in-kind services and / or cash.

Core funded agencies, non-profit societies, community groups, Parent Advisory Councils and School District No. 44 are eligible to apply for these grants. Programs should be offered in the City of North Vancouver, or be of primary benefit to City children and youth. The grant may be used to cover staffing costs and / or program expenses. Applications are available on the City of North Vancouver's website at www.cnv.org/YouthGrants.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

Youth, non-profit societies, community groups, Parent Advisory Councils and School District No. 44 are eligible to apply for grants under this initiative. Private consultants and businesses are not eligible to apply directly to this fund, but may be partners in projects managed by the above-mentioned groups. Outreach Youth Service agencies are not eligible to apply for a grant under this fund if it is to be applied to core operating costs of Outreach Youth Worker positions. These agencies may, however, apply for a grant that is for a Youth Initiated Project and Event, or Agency Initiated Project that compliments the services provided by Outreach Youth Workers.

All projects, events, programs and services supported by this fund must be located in the City of North Vancouver, or be of primary benefit to children and youth (up to the age of 24 years) residents in the City of North Vancouver.

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5.0 APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS

Individuals and groups interested in applying for a grant under this fund shall complete the application form provided and submit to *Community Development Coordinator, City of North Vancouver, 141 West 14th Street, North Vancouver, BC, V7M 1H9*. Deadlines for applications may apply.

Applications for Agency Initiated Grants will be reviewed by the Social Planning Advisory Committee and approved by City Council. This committee will make recommendations to Council regarding allocations.

The deadline for applications is 11:59 PM on September 26, 2025.

All applications will be reviewed using the criteria outlined herein. If you have any questions about the application form, or the grants program, please contact the Community Development Coordinator at 604-982-8385 or youth@cnv.org.

6.0 ACCOUNTABILITY

Grant recipients will be required to submit an evaluation of the project at its completion, using a form to be provided by the City or available on the City's website at www.cnv.org/YouthGrants.

7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF FUND

This fund will be administered by staff responsible for child and youth initiatives.