

## NEWS RELEASE

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### City Accepting Applications for the 2018 Social Planning Grants

*Deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017*

#### Summary

The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications for the 2018 Social Planning Grant Program. The program aims to assist organizations in responding to issues of a social nature with initiatives that enhance social cohesion, address the root causes and effects of poverty, contribute to the vitality of our community and foster social inclusion and social equity.

There is a total of \$85,000 available under two grant categories: Social Response Grants (\$60,000 available) and Community Vitality Grants (\$25,000 available). Organizations that apply for funding must be based in Nanaimo and/or be proposing a project that primarily serves Nanaimo residents. Eligible organizations include non-profit societies, recognized religious groups and neighbourhood associations recognized by the City of Nanaimo.

The City is seeking applications that address one or more of the following priorities: Social Equity; Community Diversity; Community Wellness and Vibrant Neighbourhoods. More detail on these categories is provided in the Grant Guidelines and Criteria document, which is available along with the application forms on the City of Nanaimo Social Planning website. The deadline for submitting an application is 4:00 PM on Thursday, November 30.

*Strategic Link:* Promoting the community value of Social Equity by reducing the effects of poverty overall, increasing citizen safety and nurturing health and inclusivity.

#### Key Points

- The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications for the 2018 Social Planning grants, with a deadline of Thursday, November 30.
- The Social Planning Grants are an important part of the support that the City provides to our partners in addressing issues related to social equity and community well-being.

#### Quotes

"The City is keen to support partner organizations and groups with innovative and progressive ideas for how to promote social equity in our community."

John Horn  
Social Planner  
Community and Cultural Planning, City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- The City of Nanaimo's Social Planning Grant Program has been operating since 2007.
- Past projects that have received grant funding have addressed issues such as child poverty; social isolation and suicide prevention; and improving access to food for vulnerable populations.

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