



Fall Applications Now Open for *My Great Neighbourhood Grants*

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For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC — Have a great idea for a project or activity that would bring neighbours together and help create an inviting, vibrant place for people to connect? Submit a *My Great Neighbourhood Grant* application **before October 15**.

This fall \$63,000 of funding is available. *My Great Neighbourhood Grants* were developed to support strong, connected neighbourhoods through funding for projects and activities that would empower them to shape their local area.

The City provides up to \$5,000 for placemaking projects and up to \$1,000 for activities, matching equivalent contributions (including volunteer time and in-kind donations) from applicants.

Projects that have recently been funded include road murals, a children's garden and playspace, furniture for a community garden, emergency supply benches, pollinator gardens and historical plaques.

Since 2016, \$265,981 in *My Great Neighbourhood Grant* funding has been distributed to 79 community-based projects.

For more information and to apply, visit: www.victoria.ca/neighbourhoodgrants

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Backgrounder

Here is a list of the 2017 My Great Neighbourhood Grant Recipients:

- Yate Street Community Garden – planters and furnishings
- Collinson Street Road Mural – for traffic calming
- Building Resilient Neighbourhoods – benches that hold emergency supplies
- Pocket Places – new benches and flowers for Little Libraries
- Butterfly Project – pollinator garden features in the Fernwood community garden
- Wark Street Commons revitalization– signage to encourage citizens to harvest from the commons

- Fisherman’s Wharf Mural – a youth mural project
- Interactive Light Bloom Display – sculpture created out of decommissioned street lights
- Michigan Street Gathering Place – new seating and garden space
- Little Gardeners Playspace – new garden and play area at the James Bay Community Project
- Lewis Street Historical Plaques – describing when the houses were built and for whom
- Community mural – mural on a WIN store, developed by City Artist in Residence Luke Ramsay
- Zucchini Car Races – built a race track for annual zucchini races

The following project coordinators are available for interview. Project photos are available upon request.

- **Yates Street Community Garden – Downtown / Harris Green**
 - **Project:** This second phase included provide furnishings for a meeting area in the garden.
 - **Grant:** \$4,400
 - **Contact:** Janet Stauss, 250.294.2648

- **Collinson Street Road Mural – Fairfield Gonzales**
 - **Project:** A road mural designed to encourage drivers to slow down
 - **Grant:** \$2,765
 - **Contact:** Michelle Mulder, 250.386.0468

- **Little Gardeners Playspace – James Bay**
 - **Project:** A children’s garden and playspace at the James Bay Community Project.
 - **Grant:**\$5,000
 - **Contact:** Nancy Smith, 250.388.7844