



Spring Applications Now Open for up to \$120,000 in My Great Neighbourhood Grants

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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 April 15.

In 2019, \$120,000 of grant funding is available. My Great Neighbourhood Grants 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.

Anyone in the City of Victoria can apply, whether they are an organization or individual. Each application does need a "sponsor" not-for-profit organization. This could be a Neighbourhood Association or any other registered not-for-profit.

Projects funded last fall include: an outdoor living room, pocket plaza, food forest, a solar power system, pollinator garden and community tool shed. Neighbourhood activities recently funded include: a Chinese New Year Street Festival, Sofa Surprise Event, Christmas Carols and Light-up and a Good Neighbour Festival.

Since 2016, \$329,681 in My Great Neighbourhood Grant funding has been distributed to 101 community-based projects. Last year \$56,300 was distributed to 21 applicants in the spring and \$63,700 helped fund 22 projects in the fall.

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

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Recent Grant Recipient Contacts:

Quadra Village Neighbourhood Mural

Details: A mural was painted on the exterior wall of the Quadra Village Community Centre gymnasium by artist Kay Gallivan with the help of youth attending Quadra Village Community Centre programs.

Contact: Kelly Greenwell kelly@quadravillagecc.com

James Bay Community Project Little Gardeners and Playground Project

Details: Creation of a children's educational garden and enhancement of a natural play space at the James Bay Community Project.

Contact: Nancy Smith nsmith@jbcp.bc.ca

Fernwood NRG All Ages Road Hockey Tournament

Details: A one day, all ages, all -inclusive road hockey tournament to promote community recreation.

Contact: Melissa Reid event@fairfieldcommunity.ca