



Fall Applications Now Open for *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 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.

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 that have recently been funded include interpretive signage for the daylighting of a local creek, a bicycle-powered charging station, community garden revitalization, a basketball street party, seniors yoga and interactive historical story-telling in the inner harbour.

Since 2016, \$389,680 in *My Great Neighbourhood Grant* funding has been distributed to 127 community-based projects.

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

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Here is a list of the 2019 Spring Intake My Great Neighbourhood Grant Recipients for Placemaking:

- Rock Bay Concrete Canvas maps – solar powered map route display for murals in Rock Bay
- George Jay retaining wall mural – to prevent graffiti on Cook Street
- Community Centre Garden Revitalization – for the Fernwood Food programs
- Honouring Lekwungen plant garden – at the Mitraniketan Housing Co-op
- Little Seed Library – leave seeds, take seeds
- Hillside Avenue Murals – three co-themed murals on retaining walls on Hillside Avenue
- Park Sign Projects – refurbishment of interpretive park signs in Oaklands
- Walbran Mural – bringing education to the plight of old growth forests
- Xeriscaping – drought resistant boulevard plantings
- Ryan Street Mural – to bring more safety to crosswalk sightlines in a school zone
- Woodland Pathway – a new path for an old garden
- Pollinator Garden Enhancement – bee-friendly refurbishment for Vic West gardens