

Media Advisory



My Great Neighbourhood Grants Awarded

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VICTORIA, BC — Twenty-nine community placemaking projects and activities will be created this year thanks to \$52,945 in funding from the 2019 fall intake of the City of Victoria’s My Great Neighbourhood Grants. All ideas have been designed to bring neighbours together and to create inviting, vibrant places for people to connect.

Examples of placemaking projects receiving funding include: adding small free libraries in local parks, the creation of community emergency kits, and child-friendly game and bike projects. Neighbourhood activities include: various arts programming, workshops on climate action and housing, and a garden-themed family picnic.

“The My Great Neighbourhood Grant program is an incredible opportunity for the City to support the creativity and innovation of city residents,” said Victoria Mayor Lisa Helps. “These grants allow residents to innovate and lead projects that create a sense of community and help neighbours come together to create valuable experiences that increase a sense of connection and belonging.”

My Great Neighbourhood Grants were developed to support strong, connected neighbourhoods through funding for projects and activities that would empower residents 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.

Since 2016, \$392,836 in *My Great Neighbourhood Grant* funding has been distributed to 129 community-based projects.

For more information visit: www.victoria.ca/neighbourhoodgrants

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