



More Than \$136,000 in 2020 Neighbourhood Grants for Community Building

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VICTORIA, BC — We know you've got a great idea for a project or activity that can bring neighbours together and helps create an inviting, vibrant place for people to connect, so apply today for a 'My Great Neighbourhood' Grant and bring your idea to life.

My Great Neighbourhood Grants support strong, connected communities with funding for projects that empower residents to shape their local neighbourhood.

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. A total of \$136,955 in community grant funding is available. Deadline for grant applications is April 15.

Grants are open to individuals and community groups in the City of Victoria. Any not-for-profit organization, school or ad hoc groups of residents can apply, although a sponsor must be found for those without not-for-profit status. City staff are available to help residents through this process.

Placemaking projects funded in 2019 included adding small free libraries in local parks, the creation of community emergency kits, and child-friendly game and bike projects. Neighbourhood activities included asset mapping in Fairfield, a health and wellness fair at George Jay Elementary School, a Halloween block party on McNair Street, and a garden-themed community family picnic.

Since the My Great Neighbourhood Grants program started, the City of Victoria has invested more than \$445,781 to support 158 community-led placemaking projects and activities. There are spring and fall intakes for the grant program that have been providing funding for community projects in Victoria since 2015.

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

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