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## City Increases Grant Funding for Neighbourhood Projects

VICTORIA, BC — Up to 36 community projects will come to life thanks to more than \$106,000 in matching funding from the 2022 City of Victoria’s My Great Neighbourhood Grants. To support residents with the current cost of project supplies, this week Council voted to increase the maximum amount available for future applicants.

“The My Great Neighbourhood Grant program is incredibly important during these times when community is coming together again,” said Mayor Marianne Alto. “It is exciting to see residents start to reconnect with the goal of adding vibrancy and resiliency to their neighbourhoods.”

Starting in 2023, the City will provide up to \$7,500 for placemaking and resiliency projects and up to \$1,500 for activities, matching equivalent contributions (including volunteer time and in-kind donations) from applicants. There will also be additional support available to cover traffic control costs when needed.

My Great Neighbourhood Grants are designed to create inviting, vibrant places for people to gather, increase resiliency in neighbourhoods and support community development activities. This past year the City funded 13 community activities, 12 placemaking projects and 11 community resiliency projects. Many projects focused on enhancing public green space and food systems, hosting community gatherings and community art or murals.

Intake for the 2023 program will open in April. My Great Neighbourhood Grants are available to residents and community groups in the City of Victoria. Any not-for-profit organization, school or informal group of residents can apply, although a sponsor is required for those without not-for-profit status. City staff are available to help residents through the application process.

For more information, visit [victoria.ca/neighbourhoodgrants](https://victoria.ca/neighbourhoodgrants).

Attachment: List of My Great Neighbourhood Grants 2022.

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