

MICRO GRANTS GUIDELINES

AMOUNT: UP TO \$500 (Maximum of \$1,000 if great need/reach is show)

DEADLINE: ONGOING INTAKE, 2020

About Micro Grants

West Vancouver Foundation supports charitable organizations working to create and sustain a healthy and vibrant West Vancouver, where everyone is valued, contributes and feels they belong.

Micro Grants provide responsive support for smaller charitable initiatives that create connection and belonging for the community of West Vancouver but fall outside of the Community Grants funding amount and timeline.

ABOUT CONNECTION AND BELONGING

Through our Vital Signs research and community engagement, we learned that belonging is integral to community health and well-being. Research shows that when communities are made up of people who feel they belong and who trust each other, we are healthier, social inclusion improves, neighbourhoods are safer, and we are more resilient in the face of emergencies. We also give more of our time and money to support our community.

Belonging has two interrelated parts and we support both with our Community Grants: *Building Community* creates the conditions and places for people to connect – such as building structures and infrastructure – our built environment; and *Community Building* connects hearts and minds through programs - opportunities for arts, culture, recreation, and for connection, inclusion, participation, and contribution.

IMPACT AREAS

The Micro Grants program supports charitable work in the following Fields of Interest:

- Arts, Culture, and Heritage
- Youth and Education
- Health, Wellness, and Safety
- Sport & Recreation
- Environment

WHO CAN APPLY

A organization is eligible to apply if it serves the West Vancouver community and is a [registered charity or qualified donee](#) with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

An organization that is not a registered charity wishing to apply for funding from the Foundation may consider developing a formal and genuine partnership with a registered charity whose mandate is similar. The registered charity would apply for funds for the proposed project and receive the funds on behalf of the partner. The CRA requires this relationship to be set out in writing, signed by the charity and organization doing charitable work. [Click here](#) to visit CRA's website for more details.

ELIGIBILITY

Micro Grants aim to support connection and belonging for the West Vancouver community and will support a wide range of organizational needs. Organizations must have submitted a final report for previous WVF grants before submitting a new application.

Eligible initiatives:

- Must be charitable in nature;
- Fall within the Impact Areas as listed above;
- Must be for the benefit of the community of West Vancouver;
- Improve connection and belonging for the West Vancouver Community.

The following initiatives are **ineligible**:

- Deficit reduction (e.g. debts or loans);
- Building an endowment or general fundraising (including fundraising events);
- Primarily benefiting individuals (such as scholarships);
- Expenses incurred before the date of grant approval;
- National or provincial initiatives without specific benefit to West Vancouver;
- Religious activities or services that focus on only one spiritual tradition;
- Political activity that is prohibited by the Canada Revenue Agency.

GRANT ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Each application will be evaluated considering how the applicant demonstrates:

- Your organization and/or initiative is contributing to connection and belonging for West Vancouver;
- A sensible approach with well-developed goals and objectives;
- Addressing areas of greatest need and/or building upon community strengths. with evidence and research informing the approach.
- A reasonable budget and timeframe.

WHAT ARE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS?

The West Vancouver Foundation values innovation, experimentation, and curiosity. We also place a high value on sharing what we learn openly and honestly, and we want our grantees to do the same. Along with asking you to complete a Final Report by the end of the granting year in which you applied, we invite all grantees to participate in an annual learning symposium.

Final reports include the following:

- What did you do? How did it compare to what you thought you were going to do?
- What did you learn?
- Share 1 – 2 stories of impact of your work.
- Budget reconciliation.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

Staff may contact you to discuss your application. You will receive an email notifying you if your grant request was approved or denied within 6 weeks of our acknowledgment of receiving of your application.