



## Neighbourhood Small Grants

Celebration & Information Session



Neighbourhood  
Small Grants  
West Vancouver



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FOUNDATION

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# Land Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional, unceded territory of the Coast Salish People, as represented by the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Tsleil-Waututh, and Musqueam Nations. I pay my respect to their past, present and future generations.





# Agenda

- About the West Vancouver Foundation and Neighbour Grants
- Project Leader stories:
  - Pollinator Gardens
  - Community Gatherings
  - West Vancouver Stories
  - Lending Libraries
- Last year's projects
- Close





## Foundation Overview

The **West Vancouver Foundation** is a community foundation that was founded in 1979 by a group of West Vancouver residents that wanted to inspire and steward local philanthropy, for local benefit.

The Foundation receives donations from local philanthropists & community members, often as part of their estate planning. These donations then provide funding to local charities, through various granting programs, to support initiatives that address community needs. These needs are identified through research, connections and collaborations, in West Vancouver and the North Shore.





# What are Neighbourhood Small Grants

**Grants of up to \$500 for individuals with ideas to help connect and engage residents in their neighbourhood.**

Formed in 1999 by the Vancouver Foundation

Created to combat loneliness and social isolation

*Small scale community projects that build community strength and resilience, foster community creativity and wellbeing, and tackle social isolation.*

Art workshops



Exercise Classes



Community Gatherings



Community Gardens



Block Parties



## How to Start - Idea

- **Share resources:** community gardens - pollinator, food, plants; park cleanups; care packages to seniors and vulnerable youth; emergency preparedness meeting.
- **Share Meaning:** neighbour gatherings - movie nights, block parties; celebrations (holidays, culturally significant traditions) and heal together (sharing COVID stories).
- **Sharing skills and knowledge:** painting, fitness, beading, weaving, flower arranging, cooking, ukulele lessons, writing groups – publish a book!
- **Be Creative!** Un-birthday parties to give back, mobile movie, kids' concert by kids and for kids, Japanese visible mending, dance party at the park.



*Indigenous weaving workshops*



Thank you  
Project  
Leaders!

Your creativity is what makes NSG what it is!



# What Will the Grant Cover

The typical type of expenses we see are:

- Food/refreshments
- Insurance
- Permits
- Materials, such as art supplies, plants, care package items.
- Decorations
- Entertainment/honorariums
- Promotional costs (posters, social media ads)
- Meeting space



# Eligibility

- **Residents** across BC. Residents of West Vancouver, Lions Bay, Squamish Nation - apply through West Vancouver Foundation. Not available for businesses, groups or organizations.
- Projects that bring the community or neighbourhood together.
- Project must be **free to attend** and participate in. Preferred applications are for projects that are accessible to people with disabilities and inclusive of all people.
- NSG projects may not fundraise for individuals, projects and/or organizations.
- Project leaders may seek donations or gifts in kind from local businesses to support the project.
- If making care packages, food can be distributed ONLY if it's prepared at a 'food safe' kitchen where at least one person has Food Safe training.

***Note: when your project is complete, please send photos, stories, video or receipts.***







# Pollinator & Community Garden Projects, Lions Bay

Project leader: Val  
Presented by Arzoo





## Pollinator & Community Garden Projects, Lions Bay



*“I think the event stimulated interest in other community members to help increase the native pollinator population in Lions Bay”*



# Pollinator & Community Garden Projects, Lions Bay



## Tips:

- Start planning early
- Recognize the Foundation
- Take lots of photos
- Reach out to others
- Promote your event



## Pollinator & Community Garden Projects, Lions Bay



“My sincere thanks to the West Vancouver Foundation for all their support of my pollinator projects”



# Horseshoe Bay Community Gathering Project

Matthew





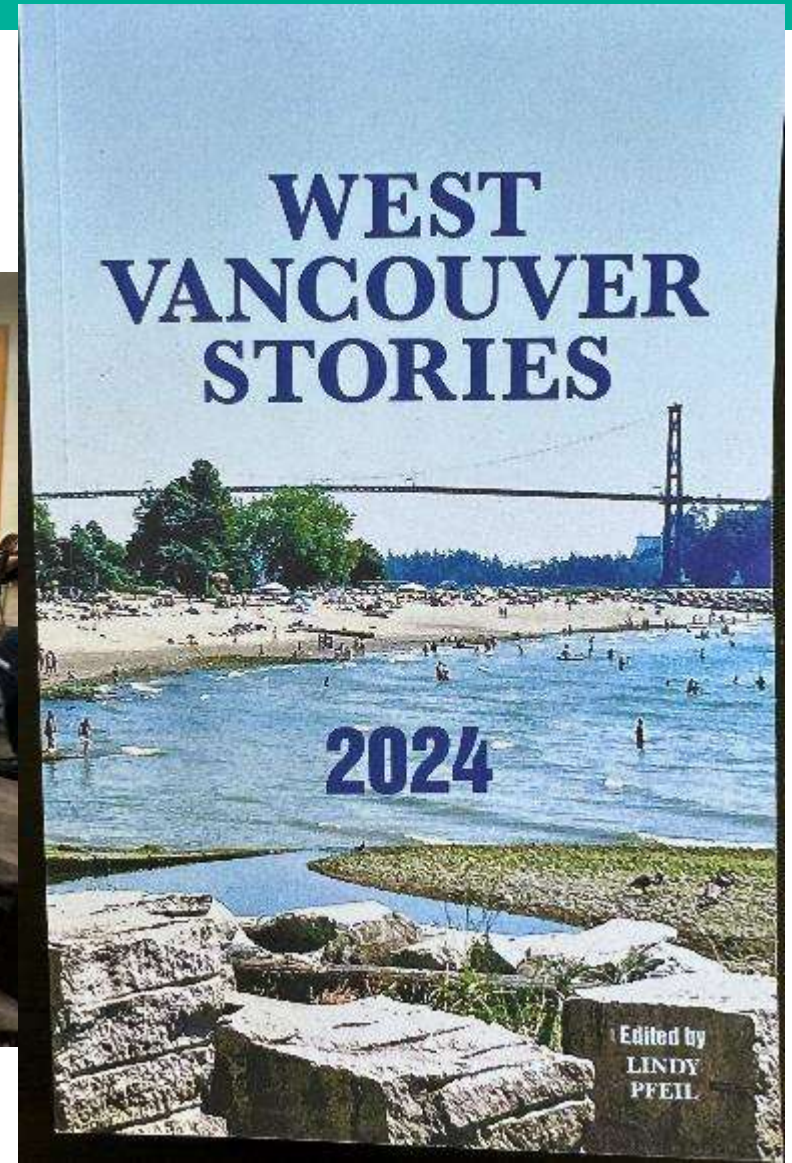
# Cedardale Gathering - Ahmad





## Committee Member and Project Leader: West Van Stories

Lindy





# Committee Member and Project Leader

Kim







# Dog Lending Library

Project Leader:  
Suezette



Purchased an official plaque from LittleFreeLibrary, (steward plaque) with DundaraveDogLibrary engraved on it.

\$49.95 USD

Then Find the Library...

My initial intention was to buy direct from the littlefreelibrary site but:

Price in USD for one (seen to the right) was \$390 (\$389.95)

AND

Shipping would have been another \$300 USD (PLUS the \$390USD.)

$390 + 300 =$  \$ 690 USD



Little Free Library Official Charter Sign  
\$ 49.95



Composite Two Story Blue Little Free Library

Easy Care!

from \$ 389.95

Instead of the out-of-budget Libraries from LittleFreeLibrary, I looked through Marketplace, Kijiji, Craigslist, and I even posed some of my own wanted ads.

I spoke with carpenters: who made custom made planters, seed libraries or their own version of a littlefreelibrary.

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This is what I found, thanks to Marketplace. I purchased them from Chilliwack and brought them home.

Next: Get them ready





# Dog Lending Library

## Painted

Painted and Epoxied the Libraries to withstand the environmental elements of the outdoors.

Now that they are waterproofed, I added reflective elements so that the libraries can be seen in the dark and by snowplows for winter.







If you Google DundaraveDogLibrary, the image to the right is an example of what you would see as Googles Responses:

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How to get community involved?

We made a Launch Date

-NextDoorApp.

-Instagram

-TikTok

-Handed out flyers about our Launch on Canada Day in West Vancouver to whomever I could see walking a Dog.

-created an email address for correspondence

**DundaraveDogLibrary-LittleFreeLibrary (Dog Edition)**

Website Directions Save

Toy library in West Vancouver, British Columbia

**Address:** 1488 22nd St, West Vancouver, BC V7V 4S8

**Hours:** Open 24 hours

**Phone:** (604) 209-1661

**Province:** British Columbia

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Popular times

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High

11 a.m.: Usually not too busy

Reviews [Write a review](#) [Add a photo](#)  
Be the first to review

**From DundaraveDogLibrary-LittleFreeLib...**

"We are not a business. We are a destination for a littlefreeDOGaccessoriesLibrary. Take, Share dog toys, collars leash treats all things for the DOG! We are

**Instagram - dundaravedoglibrary**  
160+ followers  
**Dundarave DogLibrary (@dundaravedoglibrary)**  
167 Followers, 206 Following, 101 Posts - Meet Fila - See Instagram photos and videos from Dundarave DogLibrary (@dundaravedoglibrary)

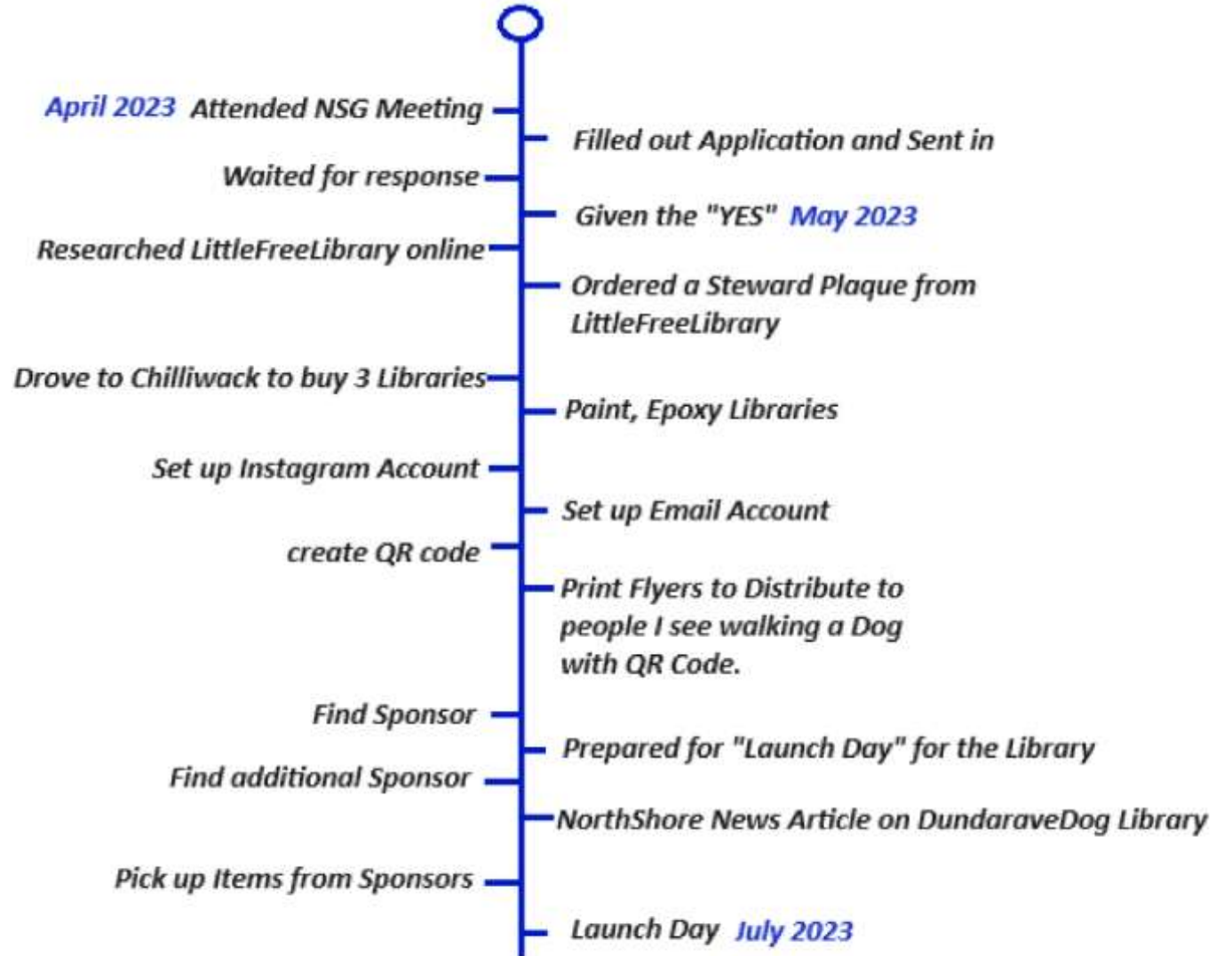
**North Shore News**  
[https://www.nsnews.com/...local-news/north-shore-fr...](https://www.nsnews.com/...)  
**North Shore's first dog library opens in West Van**  
Jul 12, 2023 — A West Vancouver woman has launched a free little library for dogs in Dundarave.

**TikTok - BeastieBubble**  
250+ views · 7 months ago  
**Picked up Collars for the Dundarave Dog Library ... - TikTok**  
TikTok video from BeastieBubble (@beastiebubble). "Picked up Collars for the Dundarave Dog Library. #dundaravedoglibrary".



# Dog Lending Library

## Timeline



*As of April 2024, Libraries are still up and running*





## Dog Lending Library – Tips

- Make sure to have paper printed out for the photo authorization.
- If food/drink served, it must be from a ‘commercial facility’
- The entire experience has been very fulfilling. The planning was a joy but having people turn up for the launch day was the most fantastic.
- Companies with similar values as your idea are keen to help.
- You will receive spam junk mail to your social media. Be vigilant to stay on top of it and do not engage.
- I do not fill the libraries to the max, rather space out the supply I have (due to 2 thefts in 1 year).



# Dog Lending Library

- The community event was the Launch of the Libraries and let people know we are here and this is where you can bring your dogs, meet other dog owners, dog walkers or just pick up treats for your dog.
- People come as they please and I make sure the libraries are 'running as they should' on a weekly basis.
- I have noticed a positive difference in the neighbourhood. Others have too.

*"It feels safer"*  
-neighbour



## 2023 Projects

32  
Projects

From Lions Bay to  
Squamish Nation



## 2023 Projects



### **Inglehay Green Community Garden Block Parties**

Project leader: Arzoo

*“The sound of laughing and voices is  
always a good sign of success.”*



# 2023 Projects



## Rain Garden Perennial Exchange

Project leader: Barbara

*Participants ranged in age  
from 3 to 75+*





## 2023 Projects



*“When people laugh and play together,  
they create bonds. It was a super  
successful event and we will do it again.”*

### **The Mermaid Games Day**

Project leader: Nancy



## 2023 Projects



### Bringing Chinese Seniors Together

Project leader: Lili

*This is really a program that makes our community more vigorous, stable and healthy.*





# 2023 Projects



## Westhaven Neighbourhood BBQ

Project leader: Teresa

*I love the feeling of bringing people together...because of this grant I can make it happen!*







# 2023 Projects

## Welcome New Neighbours

Project leader: Kim



*Welcome packages make the new neighbours feel part of the community.*





## 2023 Projects

### **Cedardale Free Little Library**

Project leader: Barbara

*Placing a Free Little Library is about giving back to a community and doing some good for the people who walk and drive by.*





## 2023 Projects

### **Lions Bay Pollinator Boulevard Lions Bay Seed Sharing & Planting** Project leader: Val

*There was nothing but positive feedback from the attendees, and renewed determination to support native pollinators.*





## 2023 Projects



### Cranley Drive Neighbourhood Block Party

Project leader: Andrea

*Many remarked on how important these events are to build relationships and a sense of community.*





## 2023 Projects



### **Braeside Block Bonding**

Project leader: Marcus

*The planning provided a bonding experience in itself.*



# 2023 Projects

## Art in the Park

Project leader: Lisa



*One elderly gentleman produced a piece that filled him with overwhelming joy and satisfaction.*



# 2023 Projects

## **Pitt Street Block Party**

Project leader: Kelly

*It is a great way to connect with our neighbors and meet new people in the neighborhood.*





## 2023 Projects



### Seniors Celebrate with Tai Chi

Project leader: Yongfen

*It is very encouraging to have the community support to help us stay relevant, engaging and connecting with others.*







# 2023 Projects

## **Get Together in the Meadow**

Project leader: Marie

*The gathering lets the residents meet one another and celebrate the special place in which we live.*





# 2023 Projects

## **ABC – Ambleside Bee Count**

Project leader: Jane

*These gardens have become a valuable and meaningful community resource.*





# 2023 Projects

## **Making Cards in the Park** Project leader: Taisha



*It was a ton of fun and I can't wait for next years art program!*



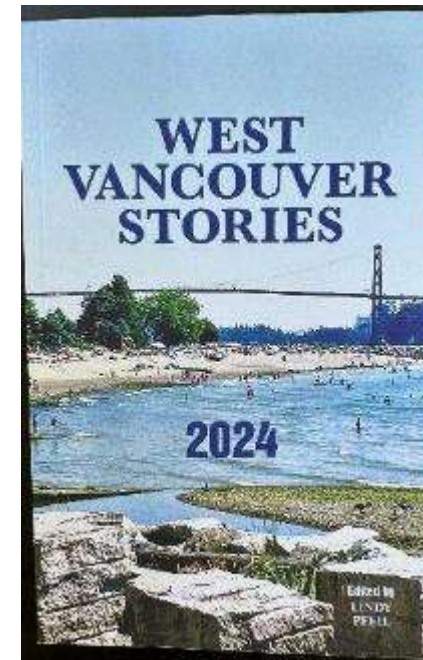
# 2023 Projects



## West Vancouver Stories

Project leader: Lindy

*This wasn't about the book, it was about getting a group of people together that wanted to connect and create community.*





# 2023 Projects

## Run for Health and Fun

Project leader: Jiang

*Thank you to the West Vancouver  
Foundation for helping us keep running.*





## 2023 Projects

### Reimagining the Disregarded

Project leader: Cecily

*All agreed that it had been a fun and social event for all.*





# 2023 Projects

## Let's Salsa by the Sea

Project leader: Takako

*Thank you, West Vancouver  
Foundation, to make this possible.*





# 2023 Projects

## Seed Library

Project leader: Jennifer



*Seed libraries help build community by sharing resources and knowledge.*

## Whytecliff Seed Library >

Public group · 17 members





# 2023 Projects

## Free Community Concert

Project leader: Tamara



*Thank you for supporting the  
gathering and healing process in  
Lions Bay.*

*Gathering locally is a balm to the  
mind and soul.*



## Thank you 2023 Project Leaders

**Ahmad**

**Alma**

**Andrea**

**Arzoo**

**Barbara C**

**Barbara M**

**Cecily**

**Crystal**

**Jane**

**Jennifer**

**Jiang**

**John**

**Kelly**

**Kim**

**Lili**

**Lindy**

**Lisa**

**Marcus**

**Marie**

**Matthew**

**Nancy**

**Penny**

**Suezette**

**Takako**

**Taisha**

**Tamara**

**Teresa**

**Val**

**Yongfen**

You made a  
difference  
in our  
community!

A committee of volunteers, who also live in our community, decide which applications will get funding and distributes the funds between those projects. They are called the **Neighbourhood Grant Committee.**

**2023's Committee:**

Arzoo  
Kim  
Lindy  
Jamshid  
Dorsa

*Thank you NSG  
Committee!*



# Apply by April 30

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# Questions?



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## What's Next

**Brainstorm with a neighbour**

**Talk to Project Leaders in the room**

**Visit our website for many more ideas**

**[westvanfoundation.ca/nsg](https://westvanfoundation.ca/nsg)**

*"NSG kickstarts  
people's  
imagination and  
willingness to start"  
-Project Leader*



*Thank you!*



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