




WEST VANCOUVER
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Community Grants

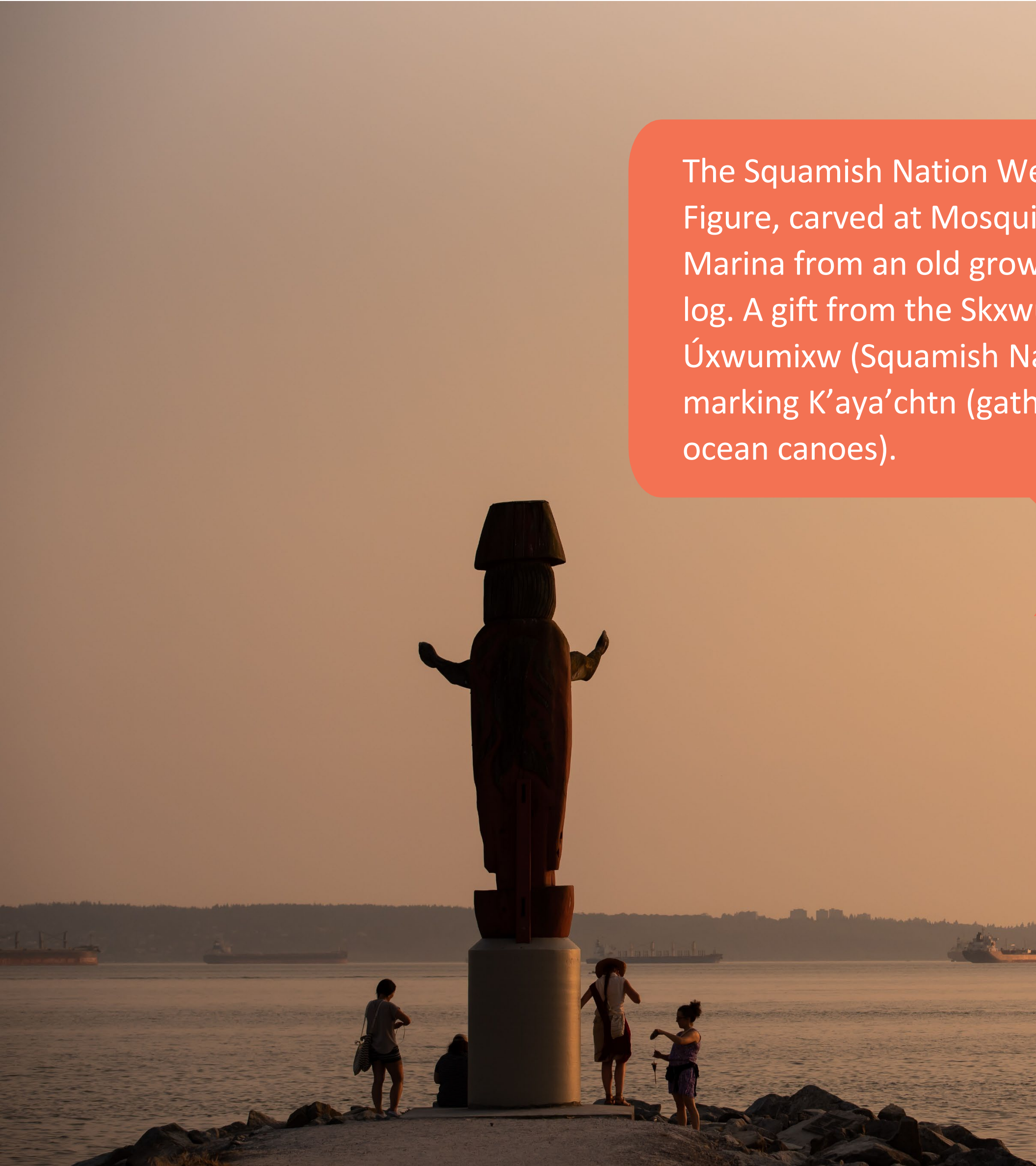
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The Squamish Nation Welcome Figure, carved at Mosquito Creek Marina from an old growth cedar log. A gift from the Skwxwúmesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), marking K'aya'chtn (gathering of ocean canoes).

Land Acknowledgement

I acknowledge, and express my gratitude, for being situated on the traditional, unceded territory of the Coast Salish People, as represented by the Skwxwú7mesh [Skohomish], Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam Nations. As a visitor to these lands, I pay my respects to their past, present and future generations.



What is a community foundation

LOCAL GIVING. LASTING RESULTS.

*Community foundations are **public charitable organizations** dedicated to **improving communities**. Foundations fulfill this mandate through gifts from community members that are pooled and invested. The funds and the interest earned generates a source of income to support local charitable projects .*

There are over 200 community foundations across Canada and annually they grant more than \$375 million to local charities.



About the West Vancouver Community Foundation

SUPPORTING THE NORTH SHORE SINCE 1979

Our Purpose:

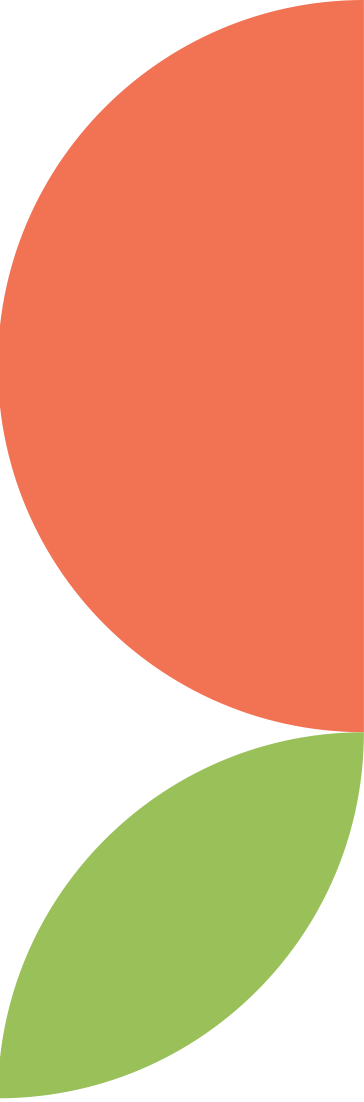
An unwavering commitment to community and to a future where everyone belongs.

We do this through with a focus on:

- Philanthropy*
- Grants*
- Insights*

Highlights:

- 5 part-time staff*
- Office open Mon–Thu*
- Granting \$1 m/year +/-*
- 140+ funds*



Agenda

- *Eligibility*
- *How to Apply*
- *Key Dates*
- *Other Grant Programs*
- *Other Programs*



About Community Grants

Community Grants support a wide range of community programs and projects that create connection and belonging for the North Shore community.

***Belonging** – Belonging is being part of a collective we. It's about how much we believe we are a part of a group or place and how much that place or group welcomes or includes us. It's the result of connecting with others in rich relationships and engaging in our communities to make them better.*

Up to \$15,000



Eligibility



1. A non-profit is eligible to apply if it **serves the North Shore, including West Vancouver, with a physical program on the North Shore and;**
2. Is a **registered charity or qualified donee (QD)** with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). OR, is a **non-qualified donee* (NQD)** that the Foundation has granted to, through a QD, twice in the last 5 years.
3. Has submitted a final **Impact Report**, if had previously received a grant (2022 – 2025).
4. The initiative is:
 - Charitable in nature;
 - Falls within the field of interest areas;
 - Improves connection and belonging for the North Shore community, including West Vancouver.

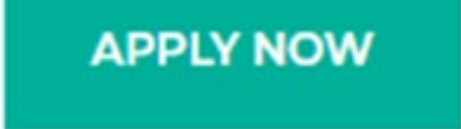


**If a NQD, must also fit within the purpose of: "To promote education and cultural advancement and scientific or medical research for the increase of human knowledge and alleviation of human suffering."*

Ineligible Initiatives



- *Deficit reduction;*
- *Building an endowment or general fundraising;*
- *Sponsorships;*
- *Primarily benefitting individuals (such as scholarships);*
- *Expenses incurred before the date of grant approval;*
- *Initiatives without specific benefit to West Vancouver;*
- *Religious activities or services that focus on only one spiritual tradition;*
- *Political activity that is prohibited by CRA;*
- *Current curricula for schools.*

How to Apply

- Visit our Community Grants webpage and click: 
- Click  first time only. After that, use your email and password to login.
- Fill out the Organization and User information.
- Click 'Apply' to see the open grant programs. 
- If eligible to apply for the Community Grants 2026, select that program. Community Grants 2026 NQD for non-qualified donees.
- Note: If you would like multiple people at your organization to work on an application, click the blue "collaborate" button at the top. Or email grants@westvanfoundation.ca

 Collaborate 1

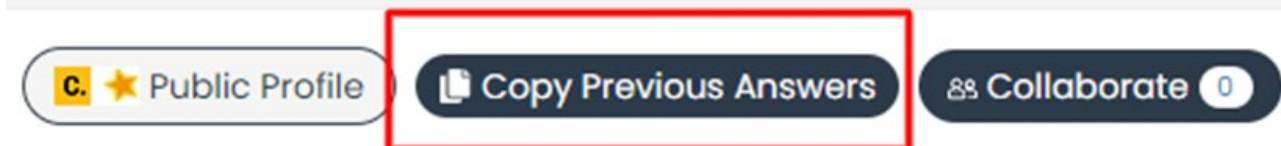
Application Tips

You can find the online application from our Community Grants page or the footer of our website.

Be concise but informative – not all committee members may know of your organization.

Be sure to answer all of the questions and if you are unsure, contact our office.

If you applied for a Community Grant in the past, you can copy previous year's answers.



'Reach' should be direct clients impacted by your program. In the comments section, you can speak to other audiences that may benefit.

If you are new to the Foundation, be sure to indicate where your program is confirmed to be running. Eg. Rockridge Secondary, West Van Community Centre.



GRANTS

Neighbourhood Grants

Micro Grants

Community Grants

Transformation Grants

Leadership

Scholarships

COVID-19 Response

Grant Applicant Login

Application – Budget



Grant requests can be for up to \$15,000.

*If we have granted to you in the past, to the same program, you are welcome to apply for **multi-year funding**. The 2nd year's funding will be distributed next year, after an interim report is submitted.*

Our grant budget is limited so please be realistic in your ask. Only a few applications will be selected for multi-year funding.

*At times, we may be able to secure additional funding. If your project would benefit from additional funds, you can include the '**ideal budget**' in that section.*

*When filling out your budget, it should reflect the specific project/program and only the **North Shore portion**.*

Assessment Criteria

The Grants Committee uses a scoring rubric, looking at:

- *Connection & Belonging*
- *BIPOC led*
- *Evidence/Need/Benefit*
- *Project Clarity & Quality Idea*
- *Evaluation & Ongoing Learning*
- *Reach*
- *Inclusiveness*
- *Collaboration/Partnerships*
- *Budget*



Non Qualified Donees Application

In order for the Foundation to be able to grant to a non-qualified donee (NQD), the project must fall within our purpose (registered with CRA) of:

- *Education; Cultural Advancement; Scientific or medical research for the increase of human knowledge; or Alleviation of human suffering. For the habitants of West Vancouver.*

There is a limit of \$10,000. Up to \$5,000 will be paid in the spring. The balance will be paid in the fall, after submitting an interim report.



Key Dates

- *Application Deadline* January 31
- *Committee meeting/review* February
- *Staff work with donors* End of February
- *Final committee & board approvals* Early March
- *Applicants notified* Mid-March
- *Payments issued* April





Questions about Community Grants?

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Insights

2025 NORTH SHORE

VitalSigns

Identifying areas in our community that are doing well, and those that need extra support.



A Community Check-up

Vital Signs

Vital Signs uses local knowledge to measure the vitality of a community and support action towards improving collective quality of life.

westvanfoundation.ca/vitalsigns

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Other Grant Programs

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- *Micro Grants, up to \$1,000*
- *Donor Advised*
- *Transformation Grant, up to \$25,000*
- *Neighbour Grants, up to \$500 (residents)*
- *Scholarships*
- *Give Where You Live*

Opens in February

*By January 31st**

Opens April

Opens March

March 22 deadline

Opens in September

**Some projects can apply at other times of year, contact the office first. grants@westvanfoundation.ca*



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Charity Funds

Charity Funds at the Foundation

Why a charity would open a fund with the West Vancouver Community Foundation.

- *A powerful tool that enables your charity to have greater impact over time.*
- *Working with our community and investment experts allows you to focus on providing the services of your charity instead of the administration of donations.*
- *Having a fund at the West Vancouver Foundation can also make it more appealing for your supporters to leave a gift in their estate planning (bequest) to your charity, as well as administratively easier for you.*
- *Open with a minimum of \$10,000*



Charity Funds at the Foundation

Some funds at the Foundation:

- *Howe Sound Biosphere*
- *Harvest Project*
- *West Van Community Arts Council*
- *Hollyburn Community Services*
- *Kay Meek Arts Centre*
- *North Shore Rescue*
- *365Give*
- *North Shore Stroke Recovery*
- *Forest of Miracles*
- *West Vancouver Marine Search and Rescue*
- *100 Women Who Care North Shore*



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Capacity Building

Capacity Building



As a community foundation, the Foundation aims to foster peer learning, collaboration, and philanthropic growth for the creation of healthy, vibrant, and livable community. Part of this is achieved through offering Capacity Building opportunities to the non-profit organizations on the North Shore.

Looking at holding sessions such as:

- Leaving a gift in your will to charity*
- Understanding financial statements*
- Fundraising*

Have an idea of what you'd like to attend? Email

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Building stronger communities together.

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Thank you for joining us today



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