

Island Savings Community Endowment

2022 Grant Awards



Organization Name	Community	Grant
1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project Society**	Victoria	\$7,000
<p>1000x 5 Children's Books provides struggling families with resources to foster early literacy during the critical developmental stage of birth to five years old. The mission is to increase early literacy rates and therefore family literacy within our community.</p>		
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society**	Nanaimo	\$10,000
<p>Restorative Justice Youth Mentoring Program offers an alternative to the criminal justice system that focuses on why crime occurs, how it affects others, and how harm can be repaired. The program works with youth offenders to identify the root cause(s) of their crime(s) and put in place preventative interventions and support.</p>		
Nanaimo Brain Injury Society	Nanaimo	\$10,000
<p>Community Navigator Program - Provides support services at no cost to brain injury survivors and their families. The Community Navigator program will allow NBIS to meet the increased demand for support services and reduce wait times for clients.</p>		
Growing Chefs Society	Victoria	\$7,500
<p>Edible Education for Kids - Connects chefs with kids and communities to foster systemic change towards healthy sustainable, just food practices which support kids and families in Victoria to care for themselves and their families.</p>		
Take A Hike Youth at Risk Foundation**	Nanaimo	\$10,000
<p>Take a Hike Program - Provides a full-time, September to June program for vulnerable youth ages 15-18 in the Nanaimo, Cowichan, and Duncan areas. Take a Hike helps youth who have struggled with mental health or behavioral challenges, past trauma and other barriers to achieve social and academic success.</p>		
Life Cycles**	Victoria	\$10,000
<p>Seed the City – Transforms under-utilized school grounds into micro-farms that help enhance health and food literacy for hundreds of students. Seed the City has influenced policy and practice within the Greater Victoria School District and is having a profound impact on students through school-based learning and summer mentorship programs.</p>		

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The Men's Resource Centre**	Nanaimo	\$7,000
Boots to Suits Program -Offers free counseling and peer to peer support, through the Men's Centre counsellor and workshops. The program also provides steel toed work boots, outer work wear and other work wear such as work gloves, rain gear, hard hats, etc. all free of charge to its clients.		
Edward Milne Community School Society	Langford	\$8,588
Planting Pathways – Inspiring youth to design, create and grow vegetable gardens at three high-schools in partnership with School District #62. Students will learn, participate and design future agricultural and horticultural solutions that will be essential to overcoming the twin catastrophes of climate change and ecological collapse.		
Parkinson Wellness Projects	Victoria	\$10,000
Fundamentals of Functional Movement classes – Exercise plays a significant role in keeping a person with Parkinson's disease healthy and able to participate in activities of daily living. To reduce the risk of falls, exercises that specifically challenge and strengthen a person's balance, address axial rigidity, and improve flexibility help maintain postural stability and mobility.		
Gulf Island Marine Rescue Society	Salt Spring Island	\$9,025
RCMSAR25 On-Board Crew Communications Equipment - The Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 25 (RCMSAR25) is a volunteer organization operated by the Gulf Island Marine Rescue Society (GIMRS) that maintains a permanent 24/7 marine search and rescue capability in the vicinity of Salt Spring Island BC. Funding will assist in replacing the existing on-board communications equipment which is "on life support".		
Victoria Compost and Conservation Education Centre**	Victoria	\$10,000
The Ground Beneath our Feet - Pilot project – Grows from the success of Healing City Soils and is a collaboration between HCS team, the PEPAKEN HAUTW Foundation. Goals include restoring degraded lands, and encouraging local food security.		
Gulf Island School District #64**	Salt Spring Island	\$10,000
Gulf Islands School Gardens - The school gardens program provides weekly garden activities for 200 students at Salt Spring Elementary and supports gardens for approximately 600 K-7 students across the Southern Gulf Islands with tools, seeds, professional development workshops for teachers, learning circles for school gardens champions, and fundraising assistance.		
Burnside Gorge Community Association** (year two of three)	Victoria	\$25,000
Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) - Provides financial literacy coaching and budgeting support for up to 75 families in FSS through its three-year asset building program for low-income families receiving housing subsidy.		
Nanaimo Community Kitchen Society**	Nanaimo	\$10,000
Cooking Out of The Box - Connects people with resources related to healthy food and nutrition through virtual and in-person cooking workshops. These Health Cooking Kits are also educational and provide an opportunity for capacity building and food literacy at home and in our local schools.		

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Balfour's Friends Foundation	Island Savings Region	\$5,000
Pet Owner Assistance Program – Compassion for Companions assists low-income persons with veterinary costs for sick and injured pets. Funding recipients are seniors, disabled, or single parent households that household income is below \$30,000. A small all volunteer organization, funds raised annual through calendar and plant sales.		
South Island Centre for Counseling and Training	Victoria	\$10,000
Bridging The Gap to Affordable Mental Health Care Program - Reduces the record number of community members who are waiting to receive professional and affordable counselling. The South Island Centre for Counselling & Training's (SICCT) waitlist has increased by 300%. There is no doubt that action needs to be taken now to support these people before their mental state intensifies to crisis levels.		
The Circle Salt Spring Island Education Society**	Salt Spring Island	\$10,000
Pass it on Girls – Promotes a cross-peer group mentoring program with the purpose of supporting self-awareness and healthy relationships, creating a safe and trusted space for sharing, learning, and practicing of important skills.		
Victoria Native Friendship Centre	Victoria	\$10,000
Homeless Outreach Program - Indigenous youth are the fastest growing demographic in Canada. Despite being only 4% of the population Indigenous children represent 48% of the children in foster care; 38% of all deaths by suicide, and 60% of Indigenous children live in poverty. The Centre provides a youth drop-in centre, youth support workers, youth mental health and addictions counselor, after school homework help, Youth Elders support, and always a free meal/food hamper.		

**Funded in previous years

Capacity grants provide organizations with financial resources to pursue education, professional development, training, and infrastructure enhancements.

Clements Centre Society**	Duncan	\$10,000
Building Bridges, Shifting Perspectives - Clements Centre for Families is deeply committed to ongoing efforts to increase cultural humility for cultural safety among its internal and external stakeholders - advocacy is an important part of its work. These commitments are outlined in their annual Diversity Plan, ongoing Strategic Planning, and their Statement of Reconciliation.		
Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association	Salt Spring Island	\$10,000
Let There be Light - Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association (SSTRA) has been offering a comprehensive therapeutic riding program for Salt Spring residents facing physical, intellectual/cognitive, and developmental disabilities as well as emotional/mental health challenges. Benefits to improving the facility with lighting includes overall improved riding conditions and increased time available to support the growth of our programs.		

**Organization has received a grant in a previous funding year