



## The Corporation of the District of North Vancouver

### COUNCIL POLICY

Title	Community Building Fund
Section	Development and Social Planning

#### POLICY

##### **It is the policy of Council that:**

The District of North Vancouver may provide funding for neighbourhood initiatives to up to \$500 per project that bring people together to enhance the social well-being of its residents, subject to Council's annual approval of the Community Building Fund as part of the budgeting process and provided that the following eligibility criteria are satisfied. Staff will report to Council annually on neighbourhood initiatives that were funded in the previous year.

#### REASON FOR POLICY

The DNV has a critical role to play in facilitating community health, vibrancy, diversity and inclusivity. The goal of this policy is to:

- 1) To provide assistance to residents, community and/or neighbourhood groups to coordinate neighbourhood events and programs that increase community connection and the social well-being of North Vancouver District residents; and
- 2) To support community and/or neighbourhood groups in building membership and keeping existing members informed.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Groups of two or more residents from different households are eligible to apply. Community and neighbourhood groups dedicated to increasing community connection are eligible to apply. Neighbourhood and community groups may jointly apply for funds to support communication activities which serve more than one neighbourhood or community.

Eligible applicants may be awarded small grants typically between \$50 to \$500 per project.

Eligible activities for the Community Building Fund are:

- Activities which foster increased communication and engagement with residents (newsletters, online communication and community forums);
- Local physical improvements (boulevard and community gardens, wall murals, signage etc.);

- Events or initiatives to address local issues (community education events or stream or shore clean ups);
- Events to develop and strengthen relationships within the community or neighbourhood (block parties); or
- District permits, such as highway use permits for block parties.

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