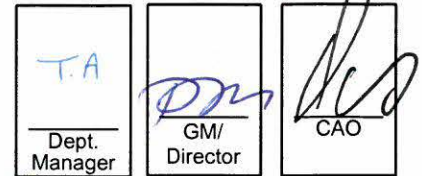


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The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL

June 21, 2023
File: 10.4750.20/010.000

AUTHOR: Jayden Koop, Community Planner

SUBJECT: 2023 Child Care Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the 2023 Child Care Grants recommendations of \$66,146 and 2022 carry forward funds of \$3,080, as detailed in the June 21, 2023, report of the Community Planner entitled 2023 Child Care Grants, is APPROVED.

AND THAT staff be directed to refer the request for an inflation adjustment to the Child Care Grants budget to the 2024 financial planning process.

REASON FOR REPORT:

This report provides Council with the Child Care Grants Committee's recommendations for the 2023 Child Care Grants and one carry over request from 2022 to 2023.

SUMMARY:

Twenty-one applications for 2023 child care grants are being recommended for funding (**Attachment 1**). The total amount of funding requested by applicants for child care grants was \$128,688.90, while the total available budget is \$66,146.

One additional request was made to carry over unspent funds from 2022 to 2023, totalling \$3,080. This applicant was unable to complete the project due to rising costs.

All of the applications recommended for funding serve District of North Vancouver families, meet the eligibility requirements, and respond to local child care priorities.

BACKGROUND:

Approved in 1990, the District's Child Care Policy¹ established operating and program support for child care through the Child Care Grants Program. The Child Care Grants Committee² reviews grant applications and makes funding recommendations to District

¹ Child Care Policy 10-4750-1: <https://app.dnv.org/OpenDocument/Default.aspx?docNum=2611186>

² Child Care Grants Committee Terms of Reference: <https://www.dnv.org/sites/default/files/edocs/CCGC-terms-reference.pdf>

Council. Revisions to the Child Care Policy in 2008 reconfirmed the importance of annual funding to eligible non-profit societies to enhance the availability, affordability, and quality of child care services in the District of North Vancouver. In 2020, continuing to deliver the Child Care Grants Program was a recommended action to improve affordability in the District's Child Care Action Plan.

On January 24, 2022, Council passed the following resolution:

THAT staff is directed to report back on increasing budgets for core funding, community grants, and other supports for non-profit agencies.

In response to this direction, staff undertook analysis of historic and predicted population growth and how it affected grant program budgets. Staff also did a broader assessment of community need based on engagement with service providers, including child care operators. (Further detail on this analysis was included in the report entitled [2023 Social Service Grants – Core Funded Agencies](#)³ from the January 23, 2023 Regular Council meeting.)

Council approved an overall 6% increase to grant programs during the 2023 financial planning process.

EXISTING POLICY:Official Community Plan (2011)

Policy 6.3.4: Promote the establishment and maintenance of affordable quality child care services; and

Policy 6.3.8: Encourage the retention of sufficient space in surplus public facilities (schools, churches, recreation centres) to meet changing community needs (such as adult daycare, childcare).

Child Care Policy (1990)

Amended on November 3, 2008, this policy supports the continuation and enhancement of child care facilities in the District of North Vancouver and recognizes that the responsibility for creating and sustaining child care in the community must be shared with its partners.

Child Care Action Plan (2020)

The Plan identifies four goals and twenty-nine supporting actions to meet community child care space needs in the District over a 10-year period.

OCP Action Plan (2021)

Social Equity Lens: Social equity considerations in District decision making to strive for a more inclusive and equitable community.

³<http://app.dnv.org/OpenDocument/Default.aspx?docNum=5893022>

ANALYSIS:

The Committee received 23 child care grant applications for 2023 and are recommending 21 for funding. The Committee also received one request from a non-profit society to carry over the \$3,080 grant they received in 2022. The maximum individual grant request available under the Child Care Grants Program is \$8,000. The 2023 budget of \$66,146 for child care grants includes an inflation adjustment of 4.5% from 2022.

As part of the child care grants application, applicants were asked to provide:

- Information about the non-profit society, including its clientele, existing services, partnerships, staff, and volunteers;
- Information about how the organization, programming, and initiatives are aligned with District child care priorities, including the goals in the Child Care Action Plan;
- Information about the proposed project, including the child care needs being met, project outputs, and project evaluation methods; and
- A comprehensive project budget and financial statements for the sponsoring or applying society.

This year, the Child Care Grants Program was transitioned to an online grant management platform called Submittable. The software has simplified the manual work in managing applications and allowed for committee members to review information online, making the process more practical and time-efficient for staff and committee members. The software also provides opportunities for applicants to provide more information about their programs, making it easier to demonstrate how their programs align with Council priorities.

Evaluation of Applications:

The 21 applications recommended for funding met one or more of the following priorities:

- Infant/toddler care;
- Before and after school care including care for 9-12 year olds;
- Supported child development (extra supports for children with special needs care);
- Increased access and facility improvements; and
- Caregiver or parent education.

Working within the approved budget of \$66,146, the Committee recommended full funding for four grant requests and partial funding for 17. Committee recommendations are summarized in **Table 1** and a more detailed description is provided in **Attachment 1**.

Table 1: Summary of 2023 Child Care Grant Recommendations

Applicant		Project/Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
1	Avalon Women's Centre	Childminding for mothers attending support groups	\$8,000	\$5,800
2	Boys and Girls Club of South Coast BC	Wages for the after-school drop-in program staff	\$8,000	\$3,346
3	Capilano Community Services Society	Wages for staff to support running additional programs	\$8,000	\$2,497

Applicant		Project/Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
4	Capilano University Children's Centre	Wages for outdoor classroom educator	\$8,000	\$3,997
5	Cousteau, L'ecole Francaise Internationale de Vancouver Society	Support for opening new class (including staff wages and training)	\$8,000	\$0 <i>Not recommended: Other applications demonstrated greater financial need</i>
6	Deep Cove Parent Participation Preschool	Exterior building upgrades	\$6,400 <i>(Not including request to carry-over \$3,080 from 2022)</i>	\$3,117 <i>Plus carry-over of \$3,080 from 2022</i>
7	Forest View Early Learning Society	Staff professional development and classroom resources	\$5,000	\$2,000
8	Highlands Out of School Care Society	Bathroom renovation	\$5,000	\$2,000
9	Highlands Early Learning Centre	Wages for preschool teaching staff	\$8,000	\$3,114
10	Lynn Valley Parent Participation Preschool	New play equipment, furniture, and supplies	\$8,000	\$3,697
11	North Shore Neighbourhood House Capilano Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	\$600	\$600
12	North Shore Neighbourhood House Cleveland Out of School Care	New door	\$2,370.90	\$0 <i>Not recommended: Applications for other North Shore Neighbourhood House facilities rated higher in addressing needs/priorities</i>
13	North Shore Neighbourhood House Lynn Valley Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	\$600	\$600
14	North Shore Neighbourhood House Mountainside Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	\$600	\$600
15	North Shore Neighbourhood House Norgate Out of School Care	New couches	\$1,284	\$600

Applicant		Project/Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
16	North Shore Neighbourhood House Novaco Child Care Centre	New couches	\$1,284	\$600
17	North Shore Women's Centre	Childminding during support groups	\$2,250	\$2,250
18	Parkgate Community Services Society	Wages for after school program staff	\$8,000	\$6,000
19	Seymour Heights Play-Based Programs	Facility renovation to improve accessibility	\$8,000	\$5,897
20	Spectrum Mothers Support Society	Wages for caregivers providing in-home support to mothers	\$8,000	\$7,000
21	Sunflower Early Learning Society	Wages for pedagogist	\$8,000	\$2,597
22	Tsleil-Waututh Nation Child & Family Development Centre	Support weekly parent group (childminding, food, field trips, supplies, honorariums)	\$8,000	\$5,897
23	Upper Lonsdale Preschool	New education and play materials, outdoor shed, and music program	\$7,300	\$3,937
Total			\$128,688.90	\$66,146

Carry-over requests:

One non-profit society who received grant funding in 2022 was unable to fully utilize the funds due to increased project costs. The 2022 grant request was to build an outdoor play area. The society has requested to carry-over the funds and reallocate them to outdoor facility improvements (**Table 2**). The front stairs and entrance are in need of repair, and this project is deemed a greater priority than constructing an outdoor play area. The committee recommends approval to carry-over funds and the request to reallocate the funding.

Table 2: Carry over requests from 2022 to 2023

Applicant		Project/Proposal	Carry over requested
1	Deep Cove Parent Participation Preschool	Exterior building upgrades	\$3,080

Timing/Approval Process:

Approval of the 2023 Child Care Grants by Council will ensure effective program delivery to District families for projects that commence in the summer and fall and continue into 2024.

Concurrence:

The report and recommendations were submitted to the Finance Department for their concurrence, which was provided.

Financial Impacts:

The 2023 Child Care Grant budget of \$66,146 is proposed to be allocated to 21 applicants as shown in **Table 1**. One agency is recommended to have \$3,080 in unspent 2022 funds carried over into 2023 (as outlined in **Table 2**). A 4.5% inflation increase has been included in the 2023 Child Care Grants budget.

Social Policy Implications:

Provincial and federal governments are predominantly responsible for policy and funding of child care. Municipal governments, however, understand local area needs. The District is a partner with the other levels of government, child care providers, community agencies, and many other child care stakeholders who collaboratively make up a comprehensive system for children and their families on the North Shore.

Conclusion:

The 2023 Child Care Grants recommendations will support community based child care programs and help meet local area needs. Continuing to deliver the Child Care Grants Program will contribute to affordable, quality child care consistent with the District's social planning goals.

Options:

1. THAT the 2023 Child Care Grants recommendations of \$66,146 and 2022 carry forward funds of \$3,080, as detailed in the June 21, 2023, report of the Community Planner entitled 2023 Child Care Grants, is APPROVED.

AND THAT staff be directed to refer the request for an inflation adjustment to the Child Care Grants budget to the 2024 financial planning process.

Or

2. THAT Council directs staff to reconsider the 2023 Child Care Grants allocations.

Respectfully submitted,



Jayden Koop, Community Planner

Attachment 1: 2023 Summary of Applications and Recommendations

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2023 APPLICANT		PROJECT/ PROPOSAL	AGENCY NOTES	2022 GRANT	2023 REQUEST	2023 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
1	Avalon Women's Centre	Childminding for mothers attending support groups	Avalon Women's Centre provides support services to women struggling with alcohol and substance use on the North Shore at no cost and with no waitlist. Programs offered include drop-in peer support meetings, life skills workshops, counselling services, and child-minding. Requested funds would go towards salaries for the childminder at the Centre.	\$0 (carry over \$3,000 from 2020)	\$8,000	\$5,800
2	Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC	Wages for the after-school drop-in program staff at Norvan Club	Norvan Club provides before and after school care, including drop-in and camps, for elementary school aged children. The requested funds would be allocated to staffing costs for the after-school drop-in program during the 2023-24 school year, specifically the Assistant Coordinator position.	\$8,250	\$8,000	\$3,346
3	Capilano Community Services Society	Wages for staff to support running additional programs	In April 2022, Capilano Community Services Society launched a new family and children's program at the new Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre. Demand for the family programs has increased, and requested funds would go towards salaries and employment related costs to a Family Worker, allowing the centre to add two programs per week.	New	\$8,000	\$2,497
4	Capilano University Children's Centre	Wages for outdoor classroom educator	This centre works in partnership with the Capilano University School of Education and Childhood Studies. The centre transformed a covered outdoor space in the playground into an experimental classroom for pre-schoolers with different learning styles. Requested funds would be used to offset the costs of a second full time educator for the classroom.	\$3,850	\$8,000	\$3,997

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5	Cousteau French International School	Support for opening new class (including staff wages and training)	Cousteau provides a preschool learning program and full-time daycare services in a bilingual and multicultural environment. The requested funds would go towards opening a new preschool class, hiring more staff, and increasing salaries for existing staff.	New	\$8,000	\$0 <i>Not recommended: Other applications demonstrated greater financial need</i>
6	Deep Cove Parent Participation Preschool	Exterior building upgrades	The Deep Cove Parent Participation Preschool offers a play-based learning environment largely focused on outdoor play. The requested grant funds (including the request to carry-over \$3,080 from 2022) would help with upgrading the exterior of the building, including repairing and replacing the front entrance stairs and ramp.	\$3,080	\$6,400 <i>(Not including request to carry-over \$3,080 from 2022)</i>	\$3,117 <i>Plus carry-over of \$3,080 from 2022</i>
7	Forest View Early Learning Society	Staff professional development and classroom resources	The requested grant would be used for two professional development days and new classroom resources connected to honouring and learning about Indigenous peoples and their culture. Classroom resources would include: literature, puzzles, felt board stories, toys, and outdoor equipment.	\$2,200	\$5,000	\$2,000
8	Highlands Out Of School Care Society	Bathroom renovation	Highlands provides after school care and group child care for preschoolers. An additional room was created to increase capacity in 2019 that requires adding a toilet in order to obtain the new license, which would allow greater flexibility and extending hours of care for preschoolers. The requested grant would go towards the bathroom renovation.	\$4,400	\$5,000	\$2,000
9	Highlands Early Learning Centre	Wages for preschool teaching staff	Highlands Early Learning Centre provides quality preschool for children between the ages of 2 and 5. The requested grant would be allocated towards the remuneration of the 2-year-old preschool teaching staff during the upcoming school year of 2023-2024.	\$3,850	\$8,000	\$3,114

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2023 APPLICANT		PROJECT/ PROPOSAL	AGENCY NOTES	2022 GRANT	2023 REQUEST	2023 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
10	Lynn Valley Parent Participation Preschool	New play equipment, furniture, and supplies	Lynn Valley Parent Participation Preschool offers preschool for families with children 3 and 4 years of age and operate a play-based program that primarily uses outdoor space. The requested grant would be used to purchase furniture, play equipment and supplies (learning materials, books, toys) that are inclusive for the enjoyment of all children, particularly those with special needs.	\$495	\$8,000	\$3,697
11	North Shore Neighbourhood House Capilano Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	Capilano Kids Club provides before and after school care, including on holidays, for school age children 5-12 years. The requested funds would be allocated to new outdoor equipment such as balls, outdoor games, tents if needed, and storage.	\$1,100	\$600	\$600
12	North Shore Neighbourhood House Cleveland Out of School Care	New door	Cleveland Kids Club provides before and after school care, including on holidays, for school age children 5-12 years. Requested funds would go towards purchase of a new door.	\$825	\$2,370.90	\$0 <i>Not recommended: Applications for other North Shore Neighbourhood House facilities rated higher in addressing needs/priorities</i>
13	North Shore Neighbourhood House Lynn Valley Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	Lynn Valley Kids Club provides before and after school care, including on holidays, for school age children 5-12 years. Requested funds would be allocated to new outdoor equipment such as balls, outdoor games, tents if needed, and storage.	\$330	\$600	\$600

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14	North Shore Neighbourhood House Mountainside Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	Mountainside Kids Club provides before and after school care, including on holidays, for school age children 5-12 years. Requested funds would be allocated to new outdoor equipment such as balls, outdoor games, tents if needed, and storage.	\$330	\$600	\$600
15	North Shore Neighbourhood House Norgate Out of School Care	New couches	Norgate Kids Club provides before and after school care, including on holidays, for school age children 5-12 years. Requested funds would be allocated to purchase two new couches to replace the old ones.	\$330	\$1,284	\$600
16	North Shore Neighbourhood House Novaco Child Care Centre	New couches	Novaco Child Care is a child care centre for children aged 1 to 5 years. Requested funds would be allocated to purchase two new couches to replace the old ones.	\$1,100	\$1,284	\$600
17	North Shore Women's Centre	Childminding during support groups	North Shore Women's Centre offers childminding while women attend support groups and receive counselling. Requested funds would help compensate the childminders for the Single Mother's Support Group and Women's Parenting Support Group in Farsi.	\$0 (carry over \$2,075 from 2020)	\$2,250	\$2,250
18	Parkgate Community Services Society	Wages for after school program staff	The Middle Years (MY CLUB) program provides age appropriate activities for children aged 9 to 12 years. Requested funds would be allocated to a dedicated child support worker who will deliver the MY Club program.	\$6,600	\$8,000	\$6,000
19	Seymour Heights Play- Based Programs	Facility renovation to improve accessibility	Seymour Heights Play-Based Programs offer preschool and full-day child care for children aged 2.5 to 5. The requested funds would go towards the renovation to make the preschool more accessible, including barrier-free pathways, washroom, and kitchen.	\$6,600	\$8,000	\$5,897

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2023 APPLICANT		PROJECT/ PROPOSAL	AGENCY NOTES	2022 GRANT	2023 REQUEST	2023 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
20	Spectrum Mothers Support Society	Wages for caregivers providing in-home support to mothers	Spectrum Mothers Support connects caregivers and mentors to mothers in crisis. Childminding and respite are provided while mothers work one-on-one and in support groups. Requested funds would be used to pay caregivers to provide in-home support for mothers in crisis by caring for their children while they rest, exercise, attend medical appointments, and support groups.	\$4,950	\$8,000	\$7,000
21	Sunflower Early Learning Society	Wages for pedagogist	Sunflower Early Learning provides preschool, before and after school care, and summer camps. Requested funds would be used to cover a portion of the wages for hiring a specialized pedagogist throughout the 2023-2024 school year.	\$1,650	\$8,000	\$2,597
22	Tsleil-Waututh Nation Child & Family Development Centre	Support weekly parent group (childminding, food, field trips, supplies, honorariums).	Tsleil-Waututh Child & Family Development Centre provides group child care for children 6-months to school age and delivers multiple programs including a weekly Parent Group. Requested funds would be allocated to facilitators time, childminding, food/catering, field trips, supplies and materials, and honorariums/gifts.	\$7,700	\$8,000	\$5,897
23	Upper Lonsdale Preschool	New education and play materials, outdoor shed, and music program	Upper Lonsdale Preschool offers a morning and afternoon program for 3 and 4 year olds. They are a play-based program that teaches respect, cooperation, and communication skills. Requested funds would be used towards educational materials and resources, facility improvements (improve outdoor space), and the music program.	\$5,658	\$7,300	\$3,937
Total					\$128,688.90	\$66,146

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