



COMOX VALLEY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

PRESENTATION TO CITY OF COURTENAY COUNCIL

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OUR MISSION

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY TO ENRICH LIFE FOR ALL

What makes us unique?

- **We have a deep knowledge of the issues and challenges facing our community, and are passionate about making them better**
- **Our program identifies long-term needs and builds for the future, while also having an immediate impact**
- **We support all not-for-profit organizations in the Comox Valley so donors can connect with the causes they care about most**





WHAT WE DO



Work with
DONORS to
align their
charitable goals
with **community**
needs



MANAGE
FUNDS
entrusted to us
responsibly and
with integrity



Invest in our
COMMUNITY
now and forever,
through grants,
scholarships,
resources and
leadership





COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

- **Comox Valley continues to experience population growth, primarily incoming migration, at a pace well beyond the national average – this is a vibrant economic driver, attracting wealth and investment to the region**
- **However, as a community we are facing incredible pressures on many fronts that left unaddressed may become unrecoverable:**
 - **Housing affordability**
 - **Rising poverty, specifically child poverty**
 - **Food insecurity**
 - **Addiction & mental health**
 - **Unsheltered community members**
 - **Environmental conservation**





CVCF's COMMUNITY IMPACT 2021-2022



BY THE NUMBERS

60

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED

53

STUDENTS SUPPORTED

\$747,849

TOTAL GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

\$75,000

IN COMMUNITY LOANS

\$1,556,549

TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED

224

NUMBER OF DONATIONS RECEIVED

\$16,048,041

TOTAL NET ASSETS

116

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

\$5,000,000+

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INCEPTION IN 1996

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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS



TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS BY IMPACT

Our total disbursements are presented below by impact categories. Currently, more than 55% of funding is pre-designated by specific funding criteria, with 45% open for flexible distribution toward emerging opportunities and areas of greatest need.

2021/22 COMMUNITY IMPACT **\$747,849**



KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON: Funding bridges unexpected temporary operating shortfalls to prevent interruption of essential community programs and services

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RECENT GRANTS – 2022-2023

- **On February 1st, CVCF announced \$395,942 in grants to 49 organizations**
- **We took a targeted approach to our granting program this year and prioritized funding to address specific community needs identified in recent community conversations – directing our community’s funds to key areas of urgency:**
 - **Housing Insecurity**
 - **Adults with Diverse-Abilities programming**
 - **Environmental Conservation**
 - **Food Security & Food Systems**
 - **Mental Health & Connections**
 - **Indigenous Led or Benefitting Initiatives**
 - **Arts, Culture & Heritage**





RECENT GRANTS – 2022-2023

	PROJECT	GRANT AMOUNT
HOUSING INSECURITY		
Comox Valley Affordable Housing Society	Regional Rent Bank	\$6,000
Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness	Coordination & operations support	\$25,000
Comox Valley Head Injury Society	Client housing supports	\$40,000
Hornby Island Housing Society	Community Housing Strategy	\$4,000
Parish of St. John the Divine Anglican Church	Emergency Weather Response (EWR) shelter	\$21,000
ADULTS WITH DIVERSE-ABILITIES PROGRAMMING		
Beaufort Association for Inclusion in Action	Program funding	\$5,300
Comox Recreation	Comox Connections, an evening social program	\$900
Comox Valley Child Development Association	Project Inclusion camp experience	\$3,300
Comox Valley Therapeutic Riding Society	Rider fees for Trailblazer program	\$6,000
Courtenay Recreation Adaptive Programs	Program funding	\$19,500
L'Arche Comox Valley	I Belong Centre programming	\$5,500
Special Olympics	Athlete program costs	\$4,000
Vancouver Island Society for Adaptive Snowsports	Equipment and program costs	\$5,500
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION		
Beaufort Watershed Stewards	Purchase of Imaging Software	\$1,000
Comox Valley Conservation Partnership	Nature Without Borders update	\$13,000
Comox Valley Nature	Comox Valley Nature Viewing Guide	\$1,900
Cumberland Community Forest Society	Forest in the Village project	\$6,000
Denman Conservancy Association	Pathways to Reconciliation	\$3,000
MARS Wildlife Rescue	Invasives removal tool lending library	\$2,550
Millard Piercy Watershed Stewards	Replacement of water monitoring equipment	\$5,791
Morrison Creek Streamkeepers	Educational signage	\$3,850
Project Watershed	Community Water Monitoring Initiative	\$12,050
Tsolum River Restoration Society	Eyes on the River & Watershed Health	\$3,000





RECENT GRANTS – 2022-2023

FOOD SECURITY & FOOD SYSTEMS

Comox Pentecostal Church	Community garden expansion	\$10,500
Comox Valley Head Injury Society	Healthy food program	\$11,565
Comox Valley Healthcare Foundation	Hospital to Transition suites food program	\$2,500
Cumberland Community Schools Society	Cumberland Food Share program	\$10,000
Farm to Family Meals Service Society	Farm to Family Green Team	\$2,500
Glacier View Lodge Society	Nutritious meals for low-income caregivers	\$7,325
Hornby Island Farmland Trust Society	Garden expansion, electricity & water	\$5,000
LUSH Valley Food Action Society	Food Access programs	\$13,500
Salvation Army Comox Valley Ministries	Christmas Hamper program	\$8,000
St. George's United Church	Sonshine Lunch Club	\$2,000
Sunday Station Society	Weekly Sunday meal service	\$8,000

MENTAL HEALTH & CONNECTION

Boys & Girls Club Central Vancouver Island	Comox Valley out of school care program	\$5,000
Comox Valley Transition Society	Darry's Place Playground	\$10,000
Denman Island Community Education Society	Reconnecting after COVID programming	\$5,000
Eureka Support Society	Outreach & food security programs	\$10,000
Hornby & Denman Community Health Care Society	Access to mental wellness supports	\$4,620
Hornby Island Education Society	Friday night teen drop-in program	\$10,000
Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association	Emergency generator trailer	\$1,500
Lake Trail Community Education Society	Expanded programming & outreach	\$8,500

INDIGENOUS LED OR BENEFITTING INITIATIVES

Hornby Island Arts Council	Indigenous Peoples Month 2023	\$10,000
Indigenous Women's Sharing Society	Programming & food security support	\$10,000
K'ómoks First Nation Community Wellness	Clothing & supplies drive	\$1,500

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

Comox Valley Community Arts Council	Operational funding	\$6,250
Hornby Island Education Society	Bruce Fairbairn Bursary	\$2,000
Old Church Theatre Society	Operational funding	\$8,201
Sid Williams Theatre Society	Accessibility improvements	\$7,500
Weird Church Cumberland	Accessibility improvements	\$17,000



Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness



COORDINATION & OPERATIONS SUPPORT
Amount: \$25,000

Addressing Housing Insecurity



2023 Community Grant Recipient

Parish of St. John the Divine Anglican Church



EMERGENCY WEATHER RESPONSE SHELTER
Amount: \$21,000

Addressing Housing Insecurity



2023 Community Grant Recipient



GLACIER VIEW LODGE SOCIETY



NUTRITIOUS MEALS FOR LOW-INCOME CAREGIVERS

Amount: \$7,325

Addressing Food Security & Food Systems



2023 Community Grant Recipient

Courtenay Recreation Adaptive Programs



PROGRAM FUNDING

Amount: \$19,500

Supporting Adults with Diverse-Abilities
Social & Recreational Programming



2023 Community Grant Recipient



COMOX VALLEY PROJECT WATERSHED SOCIETY



WATER MONITORING INITIATIVE
Amount: \$12,050

Supporting Environmental Conservation



2023 Community Grant Recipient

Millard Piercy Watershed Stewards



REPLACEMENT OF WATER MONITORING EQUIPMENT
Amount: \$5,791

Supporting Environmental Conservation



2023 Community Grant Recipient





BEYOND GRANTING

- **Community-driven decision making – decision-making rests with the experts providing front-line service and those with lived experience**
- **Multiplying impact, with guaranteed multi-year funding**
- **Community loans – offering access to capital for charities that do not qualify for traditional financing or those that need “extra” or “bridge” financing – investments provide both a financial return and social/environmental benefit**
- **Capacity building for a stronger social impact sector – offering professional development free of charge to sector staff and volunteers**





CITY OF COURTENAY GRANT IN AID FUNDING

- **Council is considering an agreement which would see CVCF administer the City's grant in aid program in the amount of \$50,000 for the next three years**
- **Benefits:**
 - **Reduces the burden on community service organizations and the City**
 - **Coordinates response to community-wide issues, enabling greater impact**
 - **Places grant-making with a local organization that has the experience, expertise, systems, relationships and capacity to administer a grants program**
 - **Closes the funding gap**





LOOKING BACK - WHAT THE CITY'S \$50,000 COULD HAVE MEANT FOR 2022-2023 APPLICANTS?

Organization	Activity	Request	Grant received	Additional City \$	Impact
CV Head Injury Society	Healthy food program	\$15,420	\$11,565	\$3,855	Fully funded
CV Community Arts Council	Operations support	\$12,500	\$6,250	\$5,000	Fully funded
LUSH Valley	Food access programs	\$18,000	\$13,500	\$4,500	Fully funded
Boys & Girls Club	Out of school care	\$10,000	\$4,940	\$5,000	Almost fully funded
CV Healthcare Foundation	Transition suites food program	\$8,800	\$2,500	\$4,871	Almost fully funded
CV Therapeutic Riding	Trailblazers program fees	\$9,800	\$6,000	\$3,800	Fully funded
CV Child Development Association	Project Inclusion outdoor camp	\$5,000	\$3,300	\$1,700	Fully funded
Beaufort Association for Inclusion in Action	Activities in community	\$10,000	\$5,300	\$4,700	Fully funded
Parish of St. John the Divine Anglican Church	Emergency Weather Response shelter	\$39,920	\$21,000	\$5,000	Additional funding
CV Project Watershed	Water monitoring	\$14,050	\$12,050	\$2,000	Fully funded
Tsolum River Restoration Society	Watershed monitoring	\$5,674	\$3,000	\$2,674	Fully funded
CV Nature	Update & reprint of nature guide	\$3,800	\$1,900	\$1,900	Fully funded
CV Youth Music Centre	Tuition support for low-income participants	\$10,000	\$0	\$5,000	Newly funded program
				\$50,000	





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Please contact us to learn more about the Comox Valley Community Foundation and how you can contribute to enriching life in the *Comox Valley forever*.

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