



**Neighbourhood
Small Grants
Shuswap**

Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSG): Small Actions, Big Impact

Program Overview:

Neighbourhood Small Grants (NSG) provide \$50 to \$500 for small-scale community projects in the Shuswap aimed at building community strength, fostering creativity and well-being, and reducing social isolation. Grants are non-repayable and support local ideas that bring neighbors together.

Guiding Principles:

- Everyone has gifts: Every individual's skill and experience contribute to building a stronger community.
- Small is powerful: Modest funds can lead to significant changes, such as new relationships, increased confidence, and community traditions.
- Local decisions are best: Community members decide who receives grants, ensuring local needs are prioritized.
- Where we live matters: Projects should reflect and benefit the applicant's immediate community.
- We learn together: The program encourages learning, sharing, and reflecting to strengthen community-building efforts.
- Everyone is invited: Open to all, regardless of age, ethnicity, income, background, gender, ability, or orientation.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to individuals or informal groups; *businesses, organizations, and government agencies are not eligible.*
- Only one application per household per year.
- Projects must occur within specified CSRD Electoral Areas or the District of Sicamous or Salmon Arm.
- Applicants must provide a budget detailing fund usage and complete the project within three months of receiving funding.

Project Requirements:

- Focus on community building, inclusivity, and fostering connections or enhancing public spaces.
- Must demonstrate a positive, lasting impact on the community.
- Should involve volunteers and encourage diverse participation.
- Cannot promote commercial interests.



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Funding Restrictions:

- Funds cannot be used for business promotion or activities.
- Up to \$100 of the grant may be used for honorariums, with clear justification.
- Unspent funds must be returned or reallocated with approval.

Accountability and Reporting:

- Recipients must submit a brief report with outcomes, participation details, and photos or videos, to info@shuswapfoundation.ca.
- Projects must include a plan for managing risks, especially for large events.

Additional Considerations:

- Priority may be given to projects with broad geographic distribution, collaborative approaches, creative solutions, or environmentally friendly practices.
- Projects demonstrating additional community support or matching contributions may receive preference.

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