

REVISED RELEASE**COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid Program Offered by City of Parksville**

The City of Parksville has launched a new grant-in-aid program, a one-time COVID relief funding initiative to support non-profit groups providing social, cultural and community support services located in Parksville or serving Parksville residents. At the February 17 meeting, Council unanimously approved funding of \$280,000 for the COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid program.

REVISION:

Deadline for applications is 3 pm, Friday, April 16. If all the \$280,000 has not been allocated, there will be a second intake in the fall.

According to the City's [grant-in-aid policy](#), a select committee will review each application and make recommendations to Council as to whether grants should be approved. Submission details are outlined in the grant-in-aid policy.

This COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid program is for registered non-profit groups providing social, cultural and community support services. Non-profit groups may be eligible for reimbursement of COVID related expenses incurred since March 2020. Please note, wage and utility costs are not eligible, as these costs are offset by senior government programs. Examples of expenses include:

- Costs to obtain personal protective equipment
- Enhanced cleaning/ sanitization costs
- Costs to adapt programming or services during the COVID-19 pandemic
- COVID related losses in regular revenue due to the inability to hold annual and ongoing fundraising events
- Barriers, installation or modifications to ensure physical distancing and COVID safety.

QUOTE Mayor Ed Mayne:

"Parksville Council values the contributions made by non-profit groups which serve our community and recognizes ongoing measures and restrictions because of the pandemic continue to cause unanticipated hardships for organizations serving our community. We are confident this grant opportunity will help sustain groups and benefit our community as we move to economic recovery."

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