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### **City awards social grants**

Council awarded more than \$100,000 in social grant funding Monday in the launch of the City's new Social Grant Program. Thirteen applications were awarded funding for social initiatives that range from a youth carving program, and a facility kitchen upgrade, to mental health initiatives addressing homelessness.

To foster and encourage local solutions to social challenges facing Campbell River, Council developed the Social Grant Program. Social Grant Program funds small capital purchases or provides seed funding for new programs to inspire positive change in the community.

One of program goals is to assist non-profit organizations in accessing more funding and collaborating with other organizations for larger impacts.

*"By providing this funding, we aim to support local organizations to address a range of social issues. The program has been designed with a focus on collaboration, and the results are clear: the program has leveraged almost three times the contribution we are providing,"* said Mayor Andy Adams.

Social grant applications identify approximately \$80,000 in other funding for the proposed activities. Also, numerous organizations are joining forces to deliver programs and services, with approximately \$100,000 of in-kind contributions provided by volunteers and staff.

*"We were very impressed by the quality and variety of applications received. These projects have the potential for very meaningful impact on the community,"* said Cleo Corbett, senior planner at the City. *"We look forward to the roll-out of these programs and initiatives and will aim to measure the benefits of this funding for the community".*

Following this launch year, the grant program will be refined and formally establish as an annual program.

The next intake for social grant applications is expected this fall. The Community Partnership Committee will review and make recommendations on applications to Council.

Find more information at [campbellriver.ca/social-grants](http://campbellriver.ca/social-grants).

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