



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee
From: Cathryn Volkering Carlile
 General Manager, Community Services
Re: 2015 Child Care Grants

Date: January 15, 2015
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Staff Recommendation

1. That, as outlined in the report from the General Manager of Community Services, dated January 15, 2015, the Child Care Capital Grants be awarded for the recommended amounts, and cheques be disbursed for a total of \$50,000; and
2. That, as outlined in the report from the General Manager of Community Services, dated January 15, 2015, the Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants be awarded for the recommended amounts, and cheques be disbursed for a total of \$15,000.

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Staff Report

Origin

The purpose of this report is to recommend the expenditure of \$50,000.00 for Child Care Capital Grants and \$15,000.00 for Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants.

This report supports Council's Term Goal #2 Community Social Services:

To develop and implement an updated social services strategy that clearly articulates and communicates the City's roles, priorities and limitations with respect to social services issues and needs.

Findings of Fact

The City has two Child Care Reserve Funds:

- The Child Care Development Reserve Fund (Bylaw No. 6367), established in 1994 for capital expenses including providing grants to non-profit societies for capital purchases and improvements, such as equipment, furnishings, renovations and playground development; and
- The Child Care Operating Reserve Fund (Bylaw No. 8877), established in May 2012 to assist with non-capital expenses including grants to non-profit societies to support child care professional and program development within the City of Richmond.

As part of the 2014 Capital Budget process, Council approved the expenditure of \$50,000 from the Child Care Development Reserve to be used for child care capital grants. The 2014 funding was not spent and is still available to support the 2015 Capital grants. Last year's grants were paid out utilizing unspent 2013 approved expenditures. The reason for the accumulation of funds from previous years is that the grants were not offered in 2012. At that time, a new Child Care Operating Reserve was being established, facilitating establishment of an expanded grants program offering both capital and non-capital grants.

The Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants were not offered in 2014 due to insufficient funding available in the Child Care Operating Reserve. However, as of January 2015, developer contributions have accumulated and there is now \$14,742 on deposit. This will be sufficient to permit Council's consideration of transferring \$10,000 from the Child Care Operating Reserve as part of the 2015 Capital Budget. To supplement the budget, there is \$5,000 from unspent 2011 Surplus Appropriation funding already approved for these grants. The combination of these sources of funding will allow for a budget of \$15,000 in total for the 2015 Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants.

In October 2014, a call for applications was posted on the City Page and City Website. A notice about the grants availability was sent to the Richmond Child Care Resource and Referral Centre, and Vancouver Coastal Health Child Care Licensing to share with their child care operator contacts. The deadline for submissions was November 14, 2014. A total of eleven applications

were received of which nine were for Child Care Capital Grants, and two were for Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants.

Applicants to the 2015 Child Care Grants Program submitted their proposals utilizing the City's online web based grant application system.

Analysis

A Child Care Grants subcommittee was convened by the Child Care Development Advisory Committee (CCDAC) to review the applications and supporting materials. The subcommittee met on November 25, 2014 and discussed the grant applications from the following organizations:

<u>Child Care Capital Grants Applicants</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>
Developmental Disabilities Association - Riverside Child Development Centre	\$13,493.00
Little Wings Day Care Centre Society - Little Wings Daycare	\$5,020.29
Sea Island Community Association - Burky's Preschool	\$6,290.00
Society of Richmond Children's Centres - Bowling Green Children's Centre	\$3,314.88
Society of Richmond Children's Centres - Terra Nova Children's Centre	\$7,980.00
Society of Richmond Children's Centres - West Cambie Children's Centre	\$1,480.25
Thompson Community Centre Association - Rompers Preschool	\$10,729.85
Thompson Community Centre Association - Terra Nova Nature School (Preschool)	\$78,250.00
West Richmond Community Centre Association - Gilmore Out of School Care	\$5,967.64
Total Requests	\$132,525.91

The proposed capital grant projects included requests for funding to assist with construction of an outbuilding, playground improvements, and the purchase of furnishings and equipment.

<u>Child Care Professional and Program Development Grant Applicants</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>
Child Care Training and Professional Development Society of Richmond	\$12,500.00
Volunteer Richmond Information Services – Child Care Resource and Referral	\$10,000.00
Total Requests	\$22,500.00

The proposed Professional and Program Development grant applications focussed on providing training opportunities for Richmond's Early Childhood Educators.

On January 6, 2015, the Child Care Development Advisory Committee assessed the applications. The total amount requested, both for the Child Care Capital Grants and the Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants, exceeded the amount of grant funding available. Rather than recommend that some applicants receive their full request while others are declined, the Committee is recommending that all applicants receive a portion of their request (i.e. for a combined total allocation of \$65,000). Staff support the recommendations as proposed by CCDAC (Attachment 1).

Financial Impact

The 2015 Child Care Capital Grants budget is \$50,000 and the Child Care Professional and Program Development Grant budget is \$15,000. A total of \$50,000 in disbursements is recommended for the Capital Grants and \$15,000 for the Professional and Program Development Grants.

Conclusion

The Child Care Grants will assist with enhancing the provision of quality, affordable and accessible child care throughout Richmond. Staff recommends approval of the proposed CCDAC's proposed expenditure of \$50,000 for 2015 Child Care Capital Grants and \$15,000 for Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants.



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- Att. 1: 2015 Child Care Grants
2: 2015 Child Care Grant Summary Reports

2015 CHILD CARE GRANTS

Applicant	Program	Purpose	Request	Recommendation	Condition
Child Care Capital Grants					
Developmental Disabilities Association (Riverside Child Development Centre)	25 Licensed Child Care Spaces Group Care 30 Months – School age	For playground improvements to replace fibre wood chips with resilient, poured in place rubber playground paving	\$13,493.00	\$11,000.00	
Little Wings Day Care Centre Society	38 Licensed Child Care Spaces Group Care Under 36 Months & Group Care 30 Months to School Age	To purchase new play equipment	\$5,020.29	\$5,000.00	
Sea Island Community Association (Burky's Preschool)	30 Licensed Child Care Spaces Preschool	To purchase new play equipment and furnishings	\$6,290.00	\$3,000.00	
Society of Richmond Children's Centres (Bowling Green Children's Centre)	49 Licensed Child Care Spaces Group Care Under 36 Months & Group Care 30 Months to School Age	For playground improvement plus equipment and furnishings	\$3,314.88	\$3,000.00	
Society of Richmond Children's Centres (Terra Nova Children's Centre)	25 Licensed Child Care Spaces Group Care 30 Months to School Age	For playground improvements	\$7,980.00	\$4,000.00	
Society of Richmond Children's Centres (West Cambie Children's Centre)	62 Licensed Child Care Spaces Group Care Under 36 Months, Group Care 30 Months to School Age & Preschool	To purchase equipment and furnishings	\$1,480.25	\$1,000.00	For Preschool outdoor play equipment
The Thompson Community Centre Association (Rompers Preschool)	51 Licensed Child Care Spaces Preschool	Playground improvements	\$10,729.85	\$8,000.00	
The Thompson Community Centre Association (Terra Nova Nature School)	20 Licensed Child Care Spaces Preschool	For construction of an outbuilding and purchase of equipment and furnishings	\$78,250.00	\$10,000.00	To be used for the purchase of indoor and outdoor equipment and furnishings not toward

Applicant	Program	Purpose	Request	Recommendation	Condition
					building construction costs
West Richmond Community Centre Association (Gilmore Out of School Care)	63 Licensed Child Care Spaces School Age Care	To purchase new furnishings and equipment	\$5,967.64	\$5,000.00	
Total Requested/ Recommended			\$132,525.91	\$50,000.00	
Total Available				\$50,000.00	
Total Remaining				\$0.00	
Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants					
Child Care Training and Professional Development Society of Richmond	The Society identifies professional training needs and delivers professional development training to individuals and groups providing services to children and youth	To assist with operating costs associated with hosting the Circles of Caring Conference which provides training workshops for Early Childhood Educators	\$12,500.00	\$10,000.00	To be used to assist with presenter fees and venue rental
Volunteer Richmond Information Services Society	Child Care Resource and Referral Services (CCRR), providing training, resources and services for child care providers and parents	To deliver Safe Spaces (anti-bullying) training to Early Childhood Educators	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	To be used to assist with training costs and subsidies for child care providers to attend this training
Total Requested/ Recommended			\$22,500.00	\$15,000.00	
Total Available				\$15,000.00	
Total Remaining				\$0.00	
2015 Child Care Grants – Summary of Both Grants					
Total Requested/ Recommended			\$155,025.91	\$65,000.00	
Total Available				\$65,000.00	
Total Remaining				\$0.00	



**Program and Professional Development
Child Care Grants Program 2015**

6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Society: Child Care Training and Professional Development Society of Richmond

Title: Enhancing the Quality of Child Care in Richmond Through Professional

Amount: \$12,500.00

Purpose:

1. The grant funds will be used to offset some of the operating cost associated with hosting the 2015 Circles of Caring conference; thereby making the cost affordable to potential Richmond delegates

2. In addition, the grant funds will be dedicated to identify, assess, deliver, and facilitate specific professional development to the childcare community

Service Delivery Benefits:

1. The Circles of Caring conference provides ongoing training and development that focuses on the social emotional well-being of

children in the Richmond community

Individuals will be encouraged to incorporate the knowledge and skills gained in the service they provide to children and families

Beneficiaries:

A wide cross section of individuals working in a variety of child care services in Richmond

Partners (if applicable):

The Richmond Childcare Training Committee that includes representation from service providers, Richmond library, Supported Child Development, Childcare Licensing, Speech and Language, Community Centres, CCRRP, and Delta Continuing Education ECE program

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
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GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Program and Professional Development Assistance for 2015

Child Care Training and Professional Development Society of

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Recommended

Amount: \$10,000.00

Recommendation:

To assist with operating costs associated with hosting the Circles of Caring conference which provides training workshops for Early Childhood Educators

Staff Comments/Conditions:

To be used to assist with presenter fees and venue rental

Society: Developmental Disabilities Association of Vancouver-Richmond

Title: Riverside Playground Re-Surfacing

Amount: \$13,493.00

Purpose: Playground

Riverside CDC's current playground uses wood chips (fibar) as the safety surface for the play areas. This product receives constant abuse from the weather conditions and climate of Richmond. Maintenance and replacement must occur yearly to provide adequate depth and cushion to meet licensing regulations.

We are applying to remove the wood chips and replace the areas with poured in place rubber playground paving. This product is made from recycled tire granules and requires minimal maintenance. It can withstand extreme weather temperatures and ground movements. It is a non-slip surface that also repels ice build up. A 5 year warranty is also included in the attached quote.

Service Delivery Benefits:

This grant would increase Riverside's playground accessibility for those with mobility issues. The current wood chips are harder for walkers and wheelchairs to navigate, especially when wet and recently "fluffed" up. Switching to a surface that requires less maintenance would also free up operating budget funds that in recent years have been required to purchase more product to meet standards. These wood chips break down easily and reduce the depth needed for fall zones.

Beneficiaries:

The children and staff of Riverside CDC would benefit from this grant. Improved accessibility for unsteady or equipment assisted children due to the smoother surface of the paving as well as reduced maintenance time required of the teaching team which the current ground cover needs.

Partners (if applicable):

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Capital Assistance for 2015

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2014	\$4201.00	Child Care Capital

GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommended
Amount:** \$11,000.00

Recommendation: For playground improvements to replace fibar wood chips with resilient, poured in place rubber playground paving

Staff Comments/Conditions:

None



**Capital Assistance Application for 2015
Childcare Grants Program**

6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Society: Little Wings Day Care Centre Society

Title: Child Care Capital Grant

Amount: \$5,020.29

Purpose: Equipment

The intent of this proposed grant is to improve the quality of equipment that is deteriorating and in need of replacement to continue to offer a safe and nurturing environment for our infants and toddlers.

Service Delivery Benefits:

By providing a warm, safe and pleasing environment to young children, we will be able to enhance the quality and delivery of our infant and toddler programs. We would like to replace aging and deteriorating furnishings to ensure the equipment is appealing to children so they will want to explore and experience their environment.

Beneficiaries:

Thirty-one infants and toddlers, aged 11 months to 3 years old will benefit from this grant by using the new furnishings and equipment. Eight infant and toddler educators will benefit from this grant by knowing they are providing safe and quality equipment for children to enhance their programs. Parents will benefit from this grant by knowing their children are using and exploring new equipment that is in good condition and meets Health Canada's safety regulations.

Partners (if applicable):

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
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GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommended
Amount:** \$5,000.00

Recommendation: To purchase new play equipment

Staff Comments/Conditions:

None



**Capital Assistance Application for 2015
Childcare Grants Program**

6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Society: Sea Island Community Association

Title: Burky's Preschool Room Furniture Update Grant Application

Amount: \$6,290.00

Purpose: Furnishings

This grant will allow us to service the families attending Burky's preschool with quality products. Tables, chairs and rolling storage units would be a priority for the Hall, Followed by a chalk board, dramatic play furniture and califone listening centre.

Service Delivery Benefits:

The grant will allow us to be able to update the current furnishings/equipment. We currently serve the community of Burkeville with 11 families attending the preschool. This new equipment/furnishings will allow us to provide up to date educational material for the students at Burky's preschool

Beneficiaries:

Families wishing to access our preschool program will benefit from a newly equipped preschool room. Other programs for preschool aged children as well will benefit as the tables are adjustable and the shelving units can be used as additional storage space. The Burkeville preschool program has not been updated in over 25 years and the children will get the opportunity to benefit from the new equipment.

Partners (if applicable):

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
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GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended Amount: \$3,000.00

Recommendation: To purchase new play equipment and furnishings

Staff Comments/Conditions:

None

Society: Society of Richmond Children's Centres

Title: Terra Nova Outdoor Improvements

Amount: \$7,980.00

Purpose: Playground

To revitalize and add play value and plantings to the Terra Nova Children's Centre playground.

Service Delivery Benefits:

This is one of the City's oldest centres and its outdoor play space has been slowly modified and improved over the last several years by the SRCC. As each area has been done, new fence, new play house, re-paving, new gravel pit etc. the areas have not been cohesive and tied together. The play structure cannot be altered but can be improved. The addition of green plantings will give a more natural feel to the yard. Paul Dirks has been engaged and has a vision for improvements that will give Terra Nova Children's Centre a play space that will upgrade some sections so they work better and more safely and will serve children well and update the space visually.

Beneficiaries:

The children, staff and families attending Terra Nova Children's Centre now and in the future will benefit as will the SRCC and the City by the good stewardship of a public asset.

Partners (if applicable):

The SRCC budgets annually to keep its facilities upgraded and in good repair. The SRCC has invested thousands of dollars on this play space and will continue to do so as required.

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2013	\$5104.34	Child Care Capital
2014	\$9639.00	Child Care Capital

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GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended
Amount: \$4,000.00

Recommendation:

Staff Comments/Conditions:



**Capital Assistance Application for 2015
Childcare Grants Program**

6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Society: Society of Richmond Children's Centres

Title: Bowling Green Equipment

Amount: \$3,314.88

Purpose: Equipment

The purpose of this application is to renew and replace some equipment at Bowling Green Road Children's Centre and to provide a more cohesive "look" across all SRCC Centres

Service Delivery Benefits:

These funds will allow the SRCC to provide Bowling Green with updated equipment that is in line with the equipment in the newer centres. It will allow us to add Natural Pod elements to BGR thereby enhancing quality.

Infant and Toddler equipment is specialized and specific and often expensive. This grant will allow the Infant/Toddler program at Bowling Green to add new play value inside and outdoors.

A recent Licensing report highlighted outdoor equipment that was out dated and in need of replacement. All that equipment has been removed and the SRCC is committed to renewing the outdoor space at Bowling Green so it can be accessible and of high quality.

Beneficiaries:

All 63 children attending Bowling Green Road Infant/Toddler and 3-5 programs will benefit as well as the whole of the SRCC in making our environments more connected and of similar quality.

Partners (if applicable):

The SRCC has two fundraising initiatives 1) A Direct Drive program and 2) an annual Art Auction. These additional revenues are used to enhance quality in our programs. The SRCC budgets every year to continuously upgrade and replace equipment. Grants such as this allow us to do more than our limited funds allow.

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
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Society of Richmond Children's Centres

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2013	\$5104.34	Child Care Capital
2014	\$9639.00	Child Care Capital

GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommended
Amount:** \$3,000.00

Recommendation:

Staff Comments/Conditions:

Society: Society of Richmond Children's Centres

Title: West Cambie Equipment

Amount: \$1,480.25

Purpose: Equipment

This grant is primarily for equipment / furnishing / playground improvements for the new West Cambie preschool with one item of equipment for West Cambie Infant program.

Service Delivery Benefits:

West Cambie preschool opened in September of 2014 having been delayed due to the space being used to temporarily house Cook Road Children's Centre. The playground is a small, rubber surfaced, roof top space that cannot bear much load. It is in dire need of added play value for the children who attend 4 hours per day.

The preschool was not equipped when West Cambie opened and has had a limited start up budget due to other SRCC commitments so the light table would be a welcome addition to the discovery area.

The final item is for West Cambie Infants

Beneficiaries:

The 22 children in preschool as well as the 12 children in the Infant Program will benefit from the equipment in this grant.

Partners (if applicable):

The SRCC has two main fundraisers 1) A Direct Drive campaign and 2) An annual art auction. In addition the SRCC budgets each year to replace and renew equipment.

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2013	\$5104.34	Child Care Capital
2014	\$9639.00	Child Care Capital

GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended
Amount: \$1,000.00

Recommendation:

Staff Comments/Conditions:

Society: Thompson Community Association

Title: Nature Preschool Out Space

Amount: \$78,250.00

Purpose: Equipment

Currently, children at Terra Nova Nature School have no formal place to change from their outdoor wear to their indoor clothing as there is no cubby area available within the Cottage. As children are outdoors for long periods of time, their clothing is wet and muddy and often children need to remove their undergarments as well. This grant will help to build an outbuilding where children and staff can store their backpacks, keep their outdoor clothing and change into their dry clothes. The space will be sheltered, organized, and cozy with features such as an electric fireplace, ample hooks and bins, and communal bench seating. Furthermore, this easy to clean space will be designed for activities that support gardening and outdoor learning, with an adjoining wash produce wash-station; child-height troughs; a hand pump water cistern; composting station; and boot scrapers at the doors! A patio area to one side of the building will be home to a 'camp-fire' type circle of tree stumps where children will gather for singing and story-telling. Environmental sustainability will be supported by the use of rain-barrels, a grey-water system, and by welcoming plenty of natural light through windows and skylights.

Service Delivery Benefits:

The outbuilding is crucial for the success of Nature School, as the routine of changing from outdoor gear to indoor wear is a very prominent part of the program. In a well-designed space, children will be able to develop self-help and organizational skills in an experiential way. As well, in keeping with the core values of the school, environmental stewardship, gardening, and healthy eating habits will be supported and actively shared with the families.

Beneficiaries:

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Preschool families will benefit from the building on a daily basis throughout the year. Other programs, including parent and tot as well as many school age (ages 5-18) variety programs will also use the Outbuilding during their classes.

Partners (if applicable):

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2014	\$10040.00	Child Care Capital
2008	\$50000.00	Parks, Rec and Community Events
2010	\$0.00	Parks, Rec and Community Events

GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended Amount: \$10,000.00

Recommendation: For purchase of equipment and furnishings

Staff Comments/Conditions:

To be used for the purchase of indoor and outdoor equipment and furnishings and not toward building construction costs



**Capital Assistance Application for 2015
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6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Society: Thompson Community Association

Title: Rompers Preschool Playground Upgrades

Amount: \$10,729.85

Purpose: Playground

With the increase in capacity and possibility of a two year old program starting in September 2015, the grant would assist with a much needed upgrade to the playground equipment which is over 20 years old.

Service Delivery Benefits:

The grant funds will be utilized to purchase new outdoor equipment which would enhance gross motor development and exploration for children across all developmental abilities.

Beneficiaries:

The funds received from the grant will directly benefit the children (present and future) enrolled in the Rompers Preschool who utilize the outdoor play space.

Partners (if applicable):

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2014	\$10040.00	Child Care Capital
2008	\$50000.00	Parks, Rec and Community Events
2010	\$0.00	Parks, Rec and Community Events

GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended Amount: \$8,000.00

Recommendation: For outdoor play equipment

Staff Comments/Conditions:

None



**Program and Professional Development
Child Care Grants Program 2015**

6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Society: Volunteer Richmond Information Services Society

Title: Safe Spaces - Bullying Prevention Program

Amount: \$10,000.00

Purpose:

To provide child care providers with the strategies and tools that they need to teach young children pro-social and emotional vocabulary and skills identified as essential in preventing bullying behaviours.

Service Delivery Benefits:

Safe Spaces is an evidence-based, developmentally appropriate, holistic and integrated approach that is designed for educators to implement this program. 4 kits containing tools and props for teaching this approach will be produced and available through our RCCRRC lending library.

Beneficiaries:

This intensive program will be offered to Early Childhood Educators in pre-school, infant and toddler, and school age centres. Each series of 4 sessions will consist of two three-hour practical components and two full-day training sessions for a total of 20 hours of professional development. As the ages and stages of child development differ for each of age group, we will offer two training opportunities to 3 -5 programs, 1 for infant and toddler programs and one to school age programs for a total of 16 individual sessions.

Partners (if applicable):

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2013	\$10000.00	Professional and Program Development
2006	\$0.00	Parks, Rec and Community Events
1998	\$0.00	Parks, Rec and Community Events

GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

**Recommended
Amount:** \$5,000.00

Recommendation:

To deliver Safe Spaces (anti-bullying) training to Early Childhood Educators
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Staff Comments/Conditions:

To be used to assist with training costs and subsidies for child care providers to attend this training



**Capital Assistance Application for 2015
Childcare Grants Program**

6911 No. 3 Road, Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Society: West Richmond Community Association

Title: Gilmore Out of School Care Capital Grant Proposal

Amount: \$5,967.64

Purpose: Furnishings

To reevaluate the needs of our childcare program, specifically dealing with the physical environment and our need for new furnishings.

Service Delivery Benefits:

By refurbishing our program space we can create a more welcoming environment. We can provide a more safe and modern space for children to explore and interact.

Beneficiaries:

First and foremost the children will benefit from the grant because of the two new areas we will create: a quiet reading area and a building (blocks) area. The staff will benefit from the program with the upgrade to our oven and dishwasher as well as the upgrade to our organized office space. Parents of the children in programs will benefit from the grant by seeing the tangible changes in their child's childcare facility.

Partners (if applicable):

MOST RECENT PREVIOUS GRANT(S) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
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GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended Amount: \$5,000.00

Recommendation: To purchase new furnishings and equipment

Staff Comments/Conditions:

None