



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** March 16, 2026

From: Marie Fenwick **File:** 11-7400-01/2025-Vol 01
 Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services

Re: **2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program and Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program Allocations**




Staff Recommendations

1. That the 2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program be awarded for the recommended amount of \$58,000 as identified in Attachment 2 of the report titled, "2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program and Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program Allocations", dated March 16, 2026, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services;
2. That the 2026 Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program be awarded for the recommended amount of \$10,000 as identified in Attachment 3 of the report titled, "2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program and Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program Allocations", dated March 16, 2026, from the Director, Arts, Culture and Heritage Services; and
3. That the grant funds be distributed accordingly following Council approval.

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Att. 3

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Staff Report

Origin

At the regular Council meeting on November 24, 2025, Council endorsed the 2026 Community Celebration Grant Program as part of the City Signature and Community Events Program 2026. At the regular Council meeting on December 17, 2025, Council endorsed the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program as part of the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Program.

The purpose of this report is to recommend one-time grant allocations for Council approval.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022–2026 Focus Area #6 A Vibrant, Resilient and Active Community:

Vibrant, resilient and active communities supported by a wide variety of opportunities to get involved, build relationships and access resources.

6.1 Advance a variety of program, services, and community amenities to support diverse needs and interests and activate the community.

6.3 Foster intercultural harmony, community belonging, and social connections.

This report also supports a number of Council endorsed strategies including: City of Richmond Signature and Community Events Plan 2025–2029; Richmond Arts Strategy 2026–2031; Cultural Harmony Plan 2019–2029; City of Richmond Youth Strategy 2022–2032; and the City of Richmond Seniors Strategy 2022–2032.

Analysis

Program Objectives and Eligibility Criteria

The Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program and the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program support the Council-endorsed guiding principles for City events, including building local capacity by investing in community-driven events, providing opportunities for Richmond residents and community groups to collaborate, contribute and participate; and maximizing social benefits to the community by fostering volunteerism and increasing sense of community pride and belonging.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Provide an opportunity for Richmond based organizations to receive funding to support hosting a free public event that offers opportunities to connect residents of diverse backgrounds through shared experiences;
- Encourage the development of grassroots events that support priority themes identified in the Cultural Harmony Plan, such as facilitating intercultural interaction and promoting intercultural understanding;
- Inspire community event planners to collaborate with community partners and Richmond-based artists; and

- Promote environmentally sustainable event practices, ensuring events follow the principles in the Richmond Sustainable Event Toolkit.

In addition to the above, for the 2026 Richmond Celebrates Soccer Grant Program stream, the objective is to deliver an event that celebrates soccer.

Eligible applicants include:

- Richmond-based not-for-profit community organizations/groups;
- Richmond-based not-for-profit faith-based groups;
- Richmond Parent Advisory Committees (PAC); and
- Richmond School Student Councils.

Eligibility criteria include:

- Event must be held in Richmond;
- Event must demonstrate alignment with program objectives, including creating events that build community in Richmond;
- Event must be free and open to the public;
- Applicant must demonstrate the capacity to host the event and a realistic estimate of resources and total budget required;
- Applicant may apply for a maximum of \$2,000 in funding;
- The Community Celebration Grant Program events must take place in Richmond between June 1 and December 31, 2026;
- The Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program events must take place in Richmond between June 11 and July 19, 2026;
- If required, applicants must complete the Richmond Event Approval Coordination Team (REACT) application and are subject to REACT approval;
- An organization may only apply for one grant stream per application;
- Event must take place outside of regular working hours to ensure a diverse range of people are able to attend; and
- Applicant must provide a final report including, copy of receipts and two photos of the event with signed photo waivers.

Individuals, political parties or events related or associated to political activities or lobbying, events or projects that have funding from another City of Richmond grant program, and for-profit businesses, are ineligible for funding.

Program Promotions and Applications Received

The launch of the 2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program and Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Grant Program was announced to the public on January 12, 2026, via the City website, *What's On* Bulletin, the City's social media channels, and targeted communications to previous program applicants, Richmond School District No. 38 student councils and PACs, community groups and in community facilities throughout Richmond (Attachment 1).

For the Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program 56 applications were received by the February 8, 2026, deadline. A summary of all submissions is provided in Attachment 2.

For the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Grant Program nine applications were received by the February 8, 2026, deadline. A summary of all submissions is provided in Attachment 3.

Adjudication Process

Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program

Of the 56 applications received for the Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program, 42 are recommended for funding. Fourteen applications either do not meet the eligibility criteria or do not meet the program mandate.

An adjudication panel reviewed the applications and evaluated each project based on five key areas: alignment with program objectives, inclusiveness/accessibility and diversity, capacity, budget, and sustainability.

Forty-two eligible projects requested a cumulative total of \$78,735. For each application, the adjudicated score (expressed as a percentage) was multiplied by the project's eligible funding request and adjusted to accommodate the existing Council-approved budget, resulting in a total recommended funding of \$58,000.

See Attachment 2 for application summary and recommended grant distribution.

Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program

Of the nine applications received for the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Grant, five are recommended for funding. Four applications either do not meet the eligibility criteria or do not meet the program mandate.

An adjudication panel reviewed the applications and evaluated each project based on five key areas: alignment with program objectives, inclusiveness/accessibility and diversity, capacity, budget, and sustainability.

Of the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebrates Grant Program, five eligible projects requested a cumulative total of \$10,000. Staff are recommending that each applicant receive their requested amount of \$2,000 for a total of \$10,000.

This amount is within the Council approved funding of \$35,000. The remaining funding will be allocated to the Richmond Celebrates Soccer Neighbourhood Block Party Program. This will allow for up to \$25,000 to be distributed through this program. Any funding not distributed will be returned to the funding source.

Next Steps

Pending Council approval of the 2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program and Richmond Celebrates Soccer Grant Program allocations, all applicants will be notified of the status

of their application. Staff will provide the necessary resources and guidance to all successful applicants, including referring them to the REACT process, if necessary. Applicants whose submissions are ineligible will be provided with recommendations to inform potential future applications, directed to the Neighbourhood Block Party Program, and/or provided connections with community organizations/associations that may offer future partnership opportunities within or outside this program.

Applicants who receive funding will be required to submit a final report providing an overview of the event/initiative, including the number of attendees, how the funds were used, copy of expense receipts, and two photographs of the event.

Financial Impact

The 2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program budget of \$58,000 was approved as part of the City's 2026 Budget process. A total of \$58,000 in Richmond Community Celebration grants are recommended coming from the City Event Program budget.

The 2026 Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program budget of \$35,000 was approved as part of the Richmond Celebrates Soccer - Schedule and Funding Allocations approved by Council on December 17, 2025, and included in the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2026–2030). A total of \$10,000 in Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration grants are recommended.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the distribution of \$58,000 through the 2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program and \$10,000 through the 2026 Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program be approved to support Richmond-based organizations in the development and delivery of free public events. These events will provide lasting social benefits to the community by enhancing event planning and hosting capacity within Richmond, encouraging intercultural connections, and contributing to an increased sense of community connectedness and belonging.



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- Att. 1: 2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program Guidebook
- 2: 2026 Application Summary: Community Celebration Grant Program
- 3: 2026 Application Summary: Richmond Celebrates Soccer Community Celebration Grant Program

RICHMOND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION 2026 GRANT PROGRAM

Apply
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Receive up to \$2,000 in funding
to create an event that connects
residents and builds community.

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Richmond Celebrates
Soccer grant stream.
See inside for
more details.



APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026



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NEW



RICHMOND CELEBRATES SOCCER

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in hosting a fun, soccer-themed event in your community?

**Apply to the Richmond Celebrates Soccer stream of this year's
Community Celebration Grant!**

Eligibility:

- Event must take place between **June 11 and July 19, 2026**;
- The grant applicant can apply for up to **\$2,000**; and
- Event must celebrate soccer in Richmond.

These conditions, along with the existing Community Celebration Grant criteria, must be met in order to be eligible for the grant program.

As with other Community Celebration Grants, Richmond-based non-profit groups, Richmond-based non-profit faith-based groups, Richmond-based Parent Advisory Committees and Richmond-based Student Councils are eligible to apply for this stream.

Organizations may only apply for one (1) grant stream per application.

Apply online: richmond.ca/CelebrationGrant



**ONE COMMUNITY.
MANY CULTURES.
GAME ON.**



OBJECTIVES:

The Richmond Community Celebration Grant Program is designed to provide funding support for Richmond-based not-for-profit organizations, Richmond-based not-for-profit faith based groups, Richmond-based Parent Advisory Committees and Richmond-based Student Councils for hosting free public events that connect and build community in Richmond.

The 2026 program will:

- support participatory activities reflective of the theme of connection;
- encourage collaboration amongst not-for-profit organizations and school-based groups to animate neighbourhoods, local business districts, parks and open spaces; and
- support free public events that facilitate intercultural interaction and promote intercultural understanding.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Richmond-based not-for-profit community organizations/groups
- Richmond-based not-for-profit faith-based groups
- Richmond-based Parent Advisory Committees
- Richmond-based Student Councils

INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- Individual applicants
- Political parties or organizations
- Events that have funding from another City of Richmond grant program or fund
- For-profit organizations or businesses
- City of Richmond staff or Council members with a direct, indirect or perceived conflict of interest
- Events associated or delivered in partnership with political parties or groups

Organizations may only apply for one (1) grant stream per application.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT EXPENSES:

- Supplies and materials (e.g., craft supplies, name tags, etc.)
- Rental of event infrastructure (e.g., tents, tables, chairs, etc.)
- Food
- Artist fees/honorariums
- Sustainability initiatives
- Marketing materials
- Event insurance
- Volunteer support (e.g., snacks, water, sun protection supplies, high-visibility safety vests, etc.)

INELIGIBLE PROJECT EXPENSES:

- Expenses that have already been incurred at the time of the application
- Purchase of event infrastructure (e.g., tents, tables, chairs, etc.)
- Purchase of games/activities that will not be made accessible to the community post-event (e.g., board games, sports equipment, etc.)
- Proposals that primarily fund or award other groups or individuals
- Political activities or events
- Travel costs (e.g., bus passes, gas, etc.)
- Ongoing operational expenses for organizations, including staffing costs/wages for regular operational purposes
- Capital projects, building construction and repairs
- Office administration
- Fundraisers
- Events deficit reduction
- Events held outside of Richmond
- Bursaries or scholarships
- Giveaway prizes/"swag" items
- Alcohol
- Events that are restricted to or primarily serve the organization or group

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

2025 Community Celebration Grant recipients who apply for a 2026 Community Celebration Grant must submit their 2025 Final Report by **January 11, 2026 at 11:59pm** in order to be considered for funding this year.

Event is required to:

- ✓ take place in Richmond
- ✓ take place between June 1 and December 31, 2026 **OR** between June 11 and July 19, 2026 for the Richmond Celebrates Soccer stream
- ✓ demonstrate alignment with program objectives including creating events that build community in Richmond
- ✓ be inclusive, accessible and demonstrate engagement of community members from diverse backgrounds
- ✓ take place outside of regular working hours to ensure a diverse range of people are able to attend
- ✓ be free and open to the public
- ✓ primarily benefit Richmond residents
- ✓ encourage the collaboration and/or participation of Richmond-based artists, makers and/or entertainers

Applications/Applicants must:

- ✓ demonstrate capacity to safely host the proposed event outlined in the application and provide a realistic estimate of resources needed and total budget required
- ✓ demonstrate commitment to incorporate sustainability initiatives
- ✓ if required, complete the online Richmond Event Approval Coordination Team (REACT) Event Application, which is subject to REACT approval. Further information regarding the REACT Event Application can be found at richmond.ca/EventApplication

POST-EVENT DELIVERABLES:

- ✓ Two photos of the event with signed photo waivers
- ✓ Final Report, including copy of receipts, within four weeks of event completion (expense report to be included)
- ✓ Refund cheque to the City of Richmond (for successful 2026 grant applicants that have more than \$50.00 of grant funding leftover)

APPLICATION TIMELINES:

- Opens: **Monday, January 12, 2026**
- Closes: **Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 11:59pm**
- **Note:** Event is required to take place between **June 1 and December 31, 2026** or **June 11 to July 19, 2026** for the Richmond Celebrates Soccer stream

WEB LINKS:

- Apply online: richmond.ca/CelebrationGrant
 - 2026 Richmond Community Celebration Grant recipients: Find instructions for submitting your 2026 Final Report at richmond.ca/CityGrants
 - Information about the Richmond Event Approval Coordination Team (REACT) Event Application: richmond.ca/EventApplication
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- If you are interested in hosting a block party in your Richmond neighbourhood, visit richmond.ca/BlockParty starting March 30, 2026 to check if you are eligible to apply for the 2026 Richmond Neighbourhood Block Party Fund. **Applications open on March 30, 2026.**

For additional information, contact event staff at RichmondHasHeart@richmond.ca or call 604-247-4689.



2026 APPLICATION SUMMARY: COMMUNITY CELEBRATION GRANT PROGRAM

All projects were evaluated by the adjudication team based on five key areas: alignment with program objectives; inclusiveness, accessibility and diversity; capacity; budget and sustainability and were assigned a percentage ranking (A). Then it was determined which items in the applicant's detailed budget were eligible costs (B). For each project, the adjudicated score (A) was multiplied by the eligible costs (B) and then multiplied by 95.2% to determine the recommended funding amount that allow for all 42 projects to be funded within the Council-approved amount of \$58,000. (C). The reduction of 4.8% to the eligible requested funding allows for all 42 projects to be funded within the Council-approved budget.

Recommended Applications for Funding						
Project Number	Organization	Project Name	Event Description	(A) Rounded Percentage	(B) Eligible Requested Funding	(C) (A) x (B) x 95.2% = (C) Adjudicators Recommended Grant Funding
1	Air Cadet League of Canada 609 Steveston Sponsoring Committee	609 Steveston RCACS - 17th Annual Ceremonial Review 2026	This event invites the community to view the parade involving the 609 Steveston Squadron's Air Cadet unit.	69%	\$2,000	\$1,314
2	Arnis BC - Maharlika FMA Filipino Martial Arts Association	Roots in Motion - Wellness in Martial Arts, Music & The Arts	This cultural event brings together Indigenous respect, immigrant cultures, martial arts, and wellness practices in a shared outdoor community space.	73%	\$2,000	\$1,391
3	Canada Glowup Club	GC Trunk & Treasure Market – Richmond Community Celebration	This event provides an opportunity for families and individuals to sell, swap, or showcase second-hand items and handmade crafts directly from their car trunks or small booths.	65%	\$1,800	\$1,115
4	Casa Meshiko Cultural Society	Latin Family Day	This cultural event facilitates the connections of Latinos residents in Richmond while sharing music and culture with people of other communities.	49%	\$1,600	\$747
5	Chabad of Richmond	Summer Community BBQ & Family Fun Day	This event aims to gather the community together and build bridges around themes of diversity and family fun (without electronics).	73%	\$2,000	\$1,391
6	Chimo Community Services Society	National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration (Richmond)	This cultural event will honour Indigenous cultures, histories, knowledge systems, and living traditions through Elder-led programming and culturally grounded activities.	87%	\$2,000	\$1,658

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7	Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Vancouver	Walk of Art	This event will feature an open air art gallery with various art displays as a way to facilitate intercultural interaction and promote understanding amongst the community.	57%	\$2,000	\$1,086
8	Dolphin Basketball Classic	Dolphin Basketball Classic	This event is a free to attend, adult organized basketball tournament that has been held in Richmond since 1985.	65%	\$2,000	\$1,238
9	East Richmond Community Association	Karaoke at Cambie Community Centre	This pride event invites participants to either perform or enjoy live entertainment and karaoke with local youth performers.	88%	\$2,000	\$1,676
10	Familogue Education Society	"Story Circles for Families" Intergenerational Cultural Celebration	This event is a free, family-friendly gathering that brings together Richmond residents of all ages to share stories, music, and traditions in an informal, welcoming setting.	95%	\$2,000	\$1,810
11	Gateway Theatre	True Voices: Pride Storytelling & Tea	This pride event is a free storytelling event featuring powerful and inspiring stories from local queer and ally voices.	81%	\$2,000	\$1,543
12	General Currie PAC	General Currie Neighbourhood Celebration	This event features interactive activities, games, local entertainment, and food, creating a welcoming space where neighbours can meet, reconnect, and build community relationships.	76%	\$2,000	\$1,448
13	Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society	World Oceans Day at the Cannery	This event celebrates our oceans, marine life, and the diversity and culture of communities connected to the water.	91%	\$2,000	\$1,733

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14	Hamilton Community Association	Lighting of the Fire Hall	This event is an annual community lighting celebration held during the December holiday season, designed to bring Richmond residents together in a welcoming, inclusive, and festive environment.	87%	\$1,300	\$1,077
15	Homma Elementary PAC	Homma Steveston Community Celebration	This event brings the community together for a fun, family-oriented afternoon of enjoying school-age appropriate skill and carnival-style games, plus activities to get people active and moving.	78%	\$2,000	\$1,486
16	IES International Exchange Society	Multicultural Calligraphy and Painting Festival	This event brings together the community through interactive calligraphy and painting demonstrations, hands-on participation activities, and displays of artwork contributed by local artists, students, and community members.	83%	\$2,000	\$1,581
17	J.T. Errington Elementary Parent Advisory Council	Under the Same Moon: Mid-Autumn Family Connect Night	This cultural event builds on the Mid-Autumn theme of togetherness "under the same moon," and strengthens community belonging by bringing school families and nearby neighbours together to meet, share traditions, and connect across cultures and generations.	90%	\$2,000	\$1,714
18	Lingyen Mountain Temple	Lingyen Mountain Temple Open House	This cultural event invites people to come visit, learn more about Buddhist culture and faith, enjoy free vegetarian meals, and participate in various games and activities, including guided tours.	59%	\$1,800	\$1,011

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19	London Heritage Farm Society	London Farm - Music In the Park	This event brings together residents and visitors to enjoy live musical performances in a relaxed heritage setting. The even encourages community connection, cultural appreciation, and outdoor enjoyment while celebrating Richmond's rich history and diverse local talent.	78%	\$1,700	\$1,263
20	Minoru Seniors Society	Intercultural Celebrations	This event will showcase a cultural group and participants will learn about this culture through a signature performance and storytelling that celebrates history, traditional music, dance, and arts.	91%	\$2,000	\$1,733
21	Parish of St. Albans	Songs for the Season	This event celebrates festive music and community through the collaboration of many local artists and musicians. It provides opportunity for intercultural understanding, collegiality and community building.	76%	\$1,950	\$1,411
22	Pian Pian Dancing Society	"Maple Rhythms, Richmond Hearts" Community Cultural Festival presented by Fluttering Maple Sentiments Dance & Choir Troupe	This cultural event encourages participants to showcase their diverse cultural backgrounds through art and storytelling, fostering mutual understanding among seniors of different ethnicities.	69%	\$1,800	\$1,183
23	Richmond 55+sers Wellness and Fitness Society	12TH Philippine Flag-Raising Ceremony	This cultural event celebrates the 128th Philippine Independence Day and Filipino Heritage Month (June) with a flag-raising ceremony, parade, and cultural performances.	75%	\$2,000	\$1,429

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24	Richmond Art Gallery Association	Ongoing Pacific Crossings Art Party	This event aims to celebrate Japanese culture in Richmond and connect the RAG's visiting Japanese artists with Richmond's community. There will be interactive art-making, language tours, and food trucks for people to enjoy.	77%	\$1,500	\$1,100
25	Richmond Arts Coalition	2026 Youth ArtRich Event	The event will accessibly celebrate, showcase, and inspire local youth artists and give them an opportunity to connect and share the unique, cultural diversity of Richmond.	77%	\$1,835	\$1,346
26	Richmond City Centre Community Association	Trick-or-Treat at City Centre	This event offers a fun and safe way to trick-or-treat in the heart of Richmond's urban community.	81%	\$1,800	\$1,389
27	Richmond Cosom Floor Hockey Association	Try Floor Hockey 2026	This event is a free, inclusive community event designed to introduce youth and adults to the sport of floor hockey while promoting physical activity, teamwork, and social connection.	63%	\$800	\$480
28	Richmond Family Place Society	United in Play: Richmond Family Place Summer Games	This event is inspired by the 2026 Winter Olympics and World Cup Soccer tournament. Activities will be designed to encourage participation and community engagement, while celebrating the joy of special sports events.	84%	\$2,000	\$1,600
29	Richmond Jewish Day School	Community Connections Barbecue	This event is designed to foster community building by bringing together students, families, and local community members from diverse faiths and cultures to enjoy a summer barbeque together.	73%	\$2,000	\$1,391

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30	Richmond Multicultural Community Services	Many Stories, One Richmond	This event welcomes newcomers to eat together, learn, socialize and enjoy entertainment. This event will also be opportunity for newcomers and longer term residents to learn more about community recreation, health, employment, housing and settlement services.	83%	\$2,000	\$1,581
31	Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition	Richmond Community Safety and Wellness Celebration	This event provides a joyful, inclusive space for vulnerable adults and seniors to connect with emergency responders and/or local agencies.	87%	\$2,000	\$1,657
32	Richmond Secondary School	RHS Talent Show	This event invites the school community and neighbourhood to enjoy a weekend afternoon talent show.	66%	\$2,000	\$1,257
33	RJ Tait Parent Advisory Committee Executive	Hello Summer at Tait	This event builds on a planned end-of-year school BBQ to strengthen connections among students, families, and the broader neighbourhood surrounding RJ Tait Elementary.	80%	\$2,000	\$1,524
34	Rotary Club of Richmond	BC Day Cultural Celebration	This cultural event will showcase local talent through mixed-media presentations, music performances, and thematic booths that promote sustainability, environmental education, and community.	69%	\$1,900	\$1,249
35	Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Richmond	Celebrating Unity in Diversity - Summer Festival for Children & Junior Youth	This public cultural event focuses on youth and their families through a day of cultural games, live music, creative arts, storytelling, and collaborative group experiences that invite meaningful interaction across diverse cultural backgrounds.	55%	\$1,750	\$917

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36	Spul'u'kwuks PAC	Spul'u'kwuks PAC Summer Carnival	This public event will include games, food, and entertainment, creating a welcoming space where families can gather, socialize, and build relationships beyond the school day.	80%	\$1,900	\$1,448
37	Steveston Community Society	Steveston Summer Fun in the Park Series	This event series will feature a variety of engaging activities, including crafts, physical literacy exercises, and live performances by local talent and artists.	88%	\$1,700	\$1,425
38	Steveston Historical Society	Steveston Historical Societies - 50th Anniversary Celebration	This event will feature pioneer storytelling, cultural demonstrations, vendor booths from other Steveston Heritage Sites, a Japanese Tea service and interactive activities such as walking tours and engaging visual artists.	85%	\$2,000	\$1,619
39	The Sharing Farm Society	The Sharing Farm Sketch & Savour Gathering	This event invites Richmond residents of all ages, especially families, to a "see it, draw it, eat it" experience that connects people with each other and the land.	83%	\$1,800	\$1,423
40	Thompson Community Association	Thompson Community Centre – Neighbourhood Urban Skate Jam	This event is a new, two-hour outdoor activation at Thompson Community Skatepark, designed to bring the neighbourhood together through skateboarding, urban sports, and playful activities for all ages.	87%	\$2,000	\$1,657
41	WD Ferris Elementary PAC	Music in the Park	This event will be an outdoor concert featuring performances by the school's Lunch Hour Band, Jazz Band, and Classroom Band. This vibrant, community-building event will take place on school grounds and promises an afternoon filled with delightful music and meaningful connection.	76%	\$1,800	\$1,300

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42	West Richmond Community Association	Summer Event Series	This event series offers a unique experience for young and/or newcomer parents to experience their community park and centre through instructor-led games, activities, and crafts.	84%	\$2,000	\$1,600
Total Amount Requested:					\$ 78,735	\$ 58,000

Not Recommended for Funding

Project Number	Organization Name	Project	Rationale
1	Blundell Elementary School PAC	Blundell School Community Skate Night 2026	Ineligible application. It is not a public event.
2	Daniel Woodward Elementary PAC	Winter Wonderland 2026	Ineligible application. It is not a public event.
3	Dastgeer Society of Canada/SAMHAA (South Asian Mental Health Alliance)	South Asian Women's Wellness Day Retreat	Ineligible application. The organization is not a Richmond-based not for profit community organization.
4	Indians in Richmond BC	Holi 2026	Ineligible application. The event falls outside the permitted grant-eligible dates.
5	Islamic Art of British Columbia	5th annual Islamic Art Experience 2026	Ineligible application. The organization is not a registered not-for-profit community organization.
6	James McKinney Parent Advisory Council	Winter Wonderland Family Skate	Ineligible application. It is not a public event.
7	Lion Internationals	Relax peace style. Are u rest well healthy tip for all?	Incomplete application.
8	New Primary Color Arts Foundation	Richmond Community Art & Culture Connection Day	Ineligible application. It is not a public event.
9	Responsible Drug Learning Association	Drug Prevention Education Day	Ineligible application. It does not meet objectives of the program.
10	Richmond Kigoos Swim Club	Richmond Kigoos Icebreaker Swim Meet	Ineligible application. Not a public event.
11	Richmond Minor Football League (RMFL)	Richmond Raiders Spring Wrap up Event/Coaches Cup 2026	Ineligible application. It is not a public event.
12	Richmond Secondary School Green Team	Miyawaki Pocket Forest Celebration	Ineligible application. It is not a Richmond Student Council or Parent Advisory Committee public event.
13	Richmond Winter Club	Try Curling Open House	Ineligible, received funding from the 2026 Parks, Recreation and Community Events Grant.
14	Vancouver Kaifong (Neighbourhood) Association	2026 Summer BBQ	Ineligible application. The organization is not a Richmond-based not for profit community organization.

2026 APPLICATION SUMMARY: RICHMOND CELEBRATES SOCCER COMMUNITY CELEBRATION GRANT PROGRAM

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Recommended Applications for Funding					
Project Number	Organization	Event Name	Event Description	Eligible Requested Funding	Adjudicators Recommended Grant Funding
1	Asian Canadian Basketball Association	Sunset Fraser Ball Sport Festival - Soccer Edition	This event will utilize FIFA World Cup Hosting as an opportunity to showcase three ball sport game fans (basketball/soccer/volleyball) with the community. There will be interactive sports games, entertaining shows, and food trucks for people to enjoy.	\$2,000	\$2,000
2	Connections Community Services Society	Intergenerational Soccer Fan Festival: Building Community Connections	This event brings together seniors, youth, families, newcomers, and long-time residents to participate in interactive activity stations, including soccer party games, team-based challenges, a World Cup Support & Dream Wall, and a photo booth.	\$2,000	\$2,000
3	Fusion Football Club	Fusion Football Viewing Event	This event will promote and build awareness of youth soccer in Richmond through a variety of soccer activities including viewing a FIFA World Cup match.	\$2,000	\$2,000
4	Richmond Multicultural Community Services	A Place to Belong: Soccer Community Celebration	This multicultural event, where community members will learn about countries and cultures represented in the FIFA World Cup. Activities include community volunteers' own Country displays, creating your own passport, storytelling and speak bubbles about how soccer is played in other countries.	\$2,000	\$2,000
5	Richmond United Football Club	Summer Solstice Football Viewing Centre & Activities	The event will have a viewing of the FIFA World Cup matches and free soccer activities for the community to try. Attendees will be encouraged to dress in ways that show their support for the country they are supporting.	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Amount Requested:				\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000

Not Recommended for Funding			
Project Number	Organization Name	Event	Rationale
1	Archibald Blair Elementary - PAC	Multicultural Carnival Day	Ineligible application. It is not a public event.
2	General Currie Elementary Pac	Soccer Fun: Year End Carnival	Ineligible application. It is not a public event.
3	Lion Internationals	Soccer Safety	Ineligible application. It is not a public event.
4	More Than A Roof Housing Society	Summer Fun Event	Ineligible application. It is not a public event. Recommend they apply for the Richmond Neighbourhood Block Party Program.