



To: General Purposes Committee
From: Kim Somerville
Director, Community Social Development
Re: 2023 Child Care Grants

Date: January 4, 2023
File: 03-1085-01/2022-Vol 01

Staff Recommendations

1. That the Child Care Capital Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$49,936.46 as identified in the staff report titled "2023 Child Care Grants," dated January 4, 2023, from the Director, Community Social Development;
2. That the Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants be awarded for the total recommended amount of \$10,000.00; and
3. That the grant funds be disbursed accordingly following Council approval.

Kim Somerville
Director, Community Social Development
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Att. 4

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
ROUTED TO: Finance Department	CONCURRENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER
SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW	INITIALS: 	APPROVED BY CAO

Staff Report

Origin

In 2006, the City adopted the Child Care Development Policy 4017 (Attachment 1), which acknowledges that child care is an essential service for residents, employers and employees in Richmond. Policy 4017 directs staff to plan, partner and, as resources and budgets become available, support a range of quality, accessible and affordable child care, including facilities, spaces, programs, equipment and supports. The Child Care Development Reserve Fund and the Child Care Operating Reserve Fund were established to financially assist non-profit societies by providing child care grants for minor capital improvements and supportive resources for child care providers.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018–2022 Strategy #4: An Active and Thriving Richmond:

An active and thriving community characterized by diverse social and wellness programs, services and spaces that foster health and well-being for all.

This report supports the City's Social Development Strategy Action #10: Support the establishment of high-quality, safe child care services in Richmond through:

Administering the City's Child Care Grant Program to support the provision of quality, affordable, accessible child care in Richmond.

This report also supports the 2017–2022 Richmond Child Care Needs Assessment and Strategy:

Strategic Direction 2 – Creating and supporting child care spaces.

Findings of Fact

2023 Child Care Grants Budget

The City has two Child Care Reserve Funds that are used to fund the two types of child care grants:

- Child Care Capital Grants are funded from the Child Care Development Reserve (Bylaw No. 6367), established in 1994, for capital expenses including grants to non-profit societies for capital purchases and improvements (e.g. equipment, furnishings, renovations and playground development); and
- Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants are funded from the Child Care Operating Reserve Fund (Bylaw No. 8877), established in 2012, to assist with non-capital expenses, including grants to non-profit societies to support child care professional and program development within Richmond.

As part of the 2023 Operating Budget, an expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the Child Care Development Reserve for the 2023 Child Care Capital Grants and an expenditure of \$10,000.00 from the Child Care Operating Reserve for the 2023 Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants, were approved.

Notice Given and Applications Received

On September 14, 2022, the application window for the 2023 Child Care Grants opened and information was posted on the City's website. The availability of the grants were promoted through the City's social media channels and news releases. In addition, notices were forwarded to the Richmond Child Care Resource and Referral to share with their child care provider contacts. The deadline for submissions was October 19, 2022. A total of 10 applications were received, of which eight were for Child Care Capital Grants, and two were for Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants.

Analysis

Application Review Process

The Child Care Development Advisory Committee (CCDAC) convened a Child Care Grants Subcommittee to review the 2023 Child Care Grant applications. City staff, including the CCDAC staff liaison, met with the subcommittee and prepared recommendations for the CCDAC voting members. The subcommittee reviewed and assessed each application for compliance with the Child Care Grant Guidelines (Attachment 2) and summarized their recommendations, which the CCDAC approved. The total requests for the 2023 Child Care Grants amount to \$60,932.75, and the grant allocations recommended amount to \$59,936.46.

All eight grant applicants for Child Care Capital Grants deliver licensed child care programs offering a range of services, including Group Care Under 36 Months, Group Care 30 Months to School Age, Preschool and Group Care School Age. The eight Child Care Capital Grant requests amount to \$50,325.87. The CCDAC recommends funding the eight grant applicants for \$49,936.46, as outlined in Table 1 below.

There are two requests, Atira Women's Resource Society and Richmond Jewish Day School of British Columbia, where the recommended amount is lower than the requested amount. Atira Women's Resource Society made minor revisions to their list of requested items after submission which resulted in a slightly lower request. All requested items are recommended for funding. The recommended amount for the Richmond Jewish Day School of British Columbia is for the lower of their submitted quotes; as a result all items have been recommended for funding but at a slightly reduced cost.

Table 1: 2023 Child Care Capital Grant Applicants and Requests

2023 Child Care Grant Applicants and Requests		Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
Capital Grant Applicants and Requests			
1.	Aspire Richmond (formerly Richmond Society for Community Living)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
2.	Aтира Women's Resource Society	\$4,016.72	\$3,911.79
3.	Developmental Disabilities Association of Vancouver – Richmond	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
4.	Little Wings Daycare Centre Society	\$4,226.41	\$4,226.41
5.	Richmond Jewish Day School Society of British Columbia	\$5,095.03	\$4,810.55
6.	Steveston Community Society	\$5,673.58	\$5,673.58
7.	The YMCA of Greater Vancouver	\$13,329.75	\$13,329.75
8.	West Richmond Community Association	\$4,984.38	\$4,984.38
Total Amount Requested for Capital Grants		\$50,325.87	\$49,936.46

In addition, two applications for Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants were received. Aspire Richmond (formerly Richmond Society for Community Living) requested \$1,606.88 to purchase resources and seating for the Supported Child Development Program's lending library at the new Seedlings Early Childhood Development Hub. This lending library will be available for use by parents and child care providers in Richmond. Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives requested \$7,000.00 to provide a professional development component featuring Dr. Mariana Brussoni at the 2023 Annual Child Care Dinner. Additionally, they requested \$2,000.00 to support the development and purchase of Indigenous Educational Kits for the Child Care Resource and Referral Program.

The total amount recommended for the 2023 Professional and Program Development Grants is \$10,000.00, outlined in Table 2 below. There are insufficient funds available to support the full requests of both organizations in the Child Care Professional and Program Development Grant stream. This is reflected in the recommendations.

Table 2: 2023 Child Care Professional and Program Development Applicants and Requests

2023 Child Care Grant Applicants and Requests		Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
Professional and Program Development Grants			
1.	Aspire Richmond (formerly the Richmond Society for Community Living)	\$1,606.88	\$1,606.88
2.	Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives	\$9,000.00	\$8,393.12
Total Amount Requested for Professional and Program Grants		\$10,606.88	\$10,000.00

Staff support the CCDAC recommendations as proposed in the attached list of 2023 Child Care Grants Requests and Recommendations (Attachment 3). For reference, summaries of the 2023 Child Care Grant applications are included with this report (Attachment 4). As the content of the summaries are taken verbatim from the applicants’ submissions, they will replicate any errors or omissions made by the applicants.

Financial Impact

The 2023 Child Care Grants budget of \$60,000.00 was approved as part of the City’s 2023 Operating Budget. This funding is sufficient to support the two grant streams: the Child Care Capital Grants and the Child Care Professional and Program Development Grants. A total of \$59,936.46 in allocations is being recommended for the 2023 Child Care Grants, subject to City Council’s approval.

Conclusion

Child care is an important service that supports Richmond’s children, families and employees. The City’s Child Care Grants will enhance the provision of quality, affordable and accessible child care in Richmond. This is consistent with the *2017–2022 Richmond Child Care Needs and Assessment Strategy* and the *2021–2031 Richmond Child Care Action Plan*. Staff recommend approval of the proposed recommendations for the City’s 2023 Child Care Grants for a total of \$59,936.46; a total of \$49,936.46 allocated to the eight Child Care Capital Grant applicants and \$10,000.00 allocated to the two Child Care Professional and Program Development Grant applicants.



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- Att. 1: Child Care Development Policy 4017
- 2: Child Care Grants Program Guidelines
- 3: 2023 Child Care Grants Requests and Recommendations
- 4: 2023 Child Care Grants Summary Reports



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2014; September 14, 2015, November 18, 2019

Policy 4017

File Ref: 3070

Child Care Development Policy

POLICY 4017:

It is Council policy that:

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The City of Richmond acknowledges that quality and affordable child care is an essential service in the community for residents, employers and employees.

2. PLANNING

- 2.1 To address child care needs, the City will: plan, partner and, as resources and budgets become available, support a range of quality, affordable child care.

3. PARTNERSHIPS

- 3.1 The City of Richmond is committed to:

- (a) Being an active partner with senior governments, stakeholders, parents, the private and non-profit sectors, and the community, to plan, develop and maintain a quality and affordable comprehensive child care system in Richmond.

Working with the following organizations and groups to facilitate quality child care in Richmond:

- (i) Community Associations and Societies - to assess whether or not child care services can be improved in community centres, and new spaces added to existing and future community centres.
- (ii) Developers - to encourage developers to provide land and facilities for child care programs throughout the City.
- (iii) Employers - to encourage employers' involvement in advocating and planning for child care.
- (iv) Intercultural Advisory Committee - to investigate and report on child care concerns, needs and problems facing ethno cultural groups in the City.
- (v) School Board – to continue providing space for child care programs on school sites; to co-locate child care spaces with schools where appropriate, and to liaise with the Child Care Development Advisory Committee,



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- (b) Monitoring the need for new child care spaces to support Richmond residents, employee and student populations.
- (c) Providing, when appropriate, new child care spaces and/or facilities to meet existing needs and future population growth.
- (d) Requesting senior governments and other stakeholders to provide ongoing funding for affordable child care facilities, spaces, operations and programming.

4. RICHMOND CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCDAC)

4.1 The City will establish and support the Richmond Child Care Development Advisory Committee.

5. CHILD CARE RESERVE FUNDS

5.1 The City has established two Child Care Reserve Funds as described below.

- (a) Child Care Development Reserve Fund (established by Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 7812)

The City will administer the Child Care Development Reserve Fund to financially assist with the following capital expenses:

- (i) Establishing child care facilities and spaces in:
 - City buildings and on City land.
 - Private developments.
 - Senior government projects.
 - Community partner projects.
- (ii) Acquiring sites for lease to non-profit societies for child care; and
- (iii) Providing grants to non-profit societies for capital purchases and improvements, such as equipment, furnishings, renovations and playground improvements.
- (b) Child Care Operating Reserve Fund (established by Child Care Operating Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 8827)
 - (i) The City will administer the Child Care Operating Reserve Fund to financially assist with non-capital expenses relating to child care within the City, including the following:



- Grants to non-profit societies to support child care professional and program development within the City;
- Studies, research and production of reports and other information in relation to child care issues within the City; and
- Remuneration and costs, including without limitation expenses and travel costs, for consultants and City personnel to support the development and quality of child care within the City.

5.2 Developer cash contributions and child care density bonus contributions to the City's Child Care Reserve Funds will be allocated as follows:

- (a) 70% of the amount will be deposited to the Child Care Development Reserve Fund, and
- (b) 30% of the amount will be deposited to the Child Care Operating Reserve Fund, unless Council directs otherwise prior to the date of the developer's payment, in which case the payment will be deposited as directed by Council.

5.3 All expenditures from the Child Care Reserve Funds must be authorized by Council.

6. DEVELOPMENT OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES

6.1 To facilitate consistent, transparent and sound planning, the City will:

- (a) Undertake periodic child care needs assessments to update its child care strategy.
- (b) Use its powers through the rezoning and development approval processes to achieve child care targets and objectives.
- (c) Prepare Child Care Design Guidelines which articulate the City's expectations for the design and development of City-owned or leased child care facilities, whether they are built as City capital projects or by developers as community amenity contributions.
- (d) Make the Child Care Design Guidelines available to members of the public as a resource, and to City staff, developers, and architects as a guide for planning child care spaces in City-owned or leased facilities or developer-built community amenities being contributed to the City.



- 6.2 The City will further facilitate the establishment of child care facilities by:
- (a) Encouraging adequate child care centre facilities throughout the City where needed, particularly in each new community.
 - (b) Providing City land and facilities for child care programs in locations throughout the City.
 - (c) Encouraging child care program expansion through the enhancement of existing community facilities.

7. CHILD CARE GRANTS POLICY

- 7.1 Through City child care grants, support child care:
- (a) Facilities.
 - (b) Spaces.
 - (c) Programming.
 - (d) Equipment and furnishings.
 - (e) Professional and program development support.

8. PROFESSIONAL CHILD CARE SUPPORT RESOURCES

- 8.1 Support resources for child care providers as advised by the Child Care Development Advisory Committee and as the need requires and budgets become available.

9. POLICY REVIEWS

- 9.1 From time to time, the City will:
- (a) Review child care policies, regulations and procedures to ensure that no undue barriers exist to the development of child care.
 - (b) As appropriate, develop targets for the required number, type and location of child care services in Richmond.



10. INFORMATION

10.1 The City will, with advice from the Child Care Development Advisory Committee:

- (a) Generate, consolidate and analyze information to facilitate the development of child care facilities, programs and non-profit child care agencies;
- (b) Determine if any City land holdings are appropriate to be made available for immediate use as child care facilities;
- (c) Review, update and distribute City produced public information material to the public on child care.

11. PROMOTION

11.1 The City will:

- (a) Promote and support child care initiatives and awareness activities.



Child Care Grants Program Guidelines

2023 Child Care Grant Information Session:

September 27, 2022

4:00 pm to 5:00pm

This will be a virtual event. Please RSVP to

childcare@richmond.ca to be included.

City of Richmond – Planning and Development
Community Social Development
August 2022

Child Care Grants - Program Guidelines

Introduction

The City of Richmond provides grants to non-profit societies providing child care services within the City's geographic boundaries. Child care grants are funded by voluntary community amenity contributions from land developers. These funds are held in the City's Child Care Development Reserve or the Child Care Operating Reserve. The City's ability to provide grants is subject to available funding and there may be years when the grant program(s) are not offered. For more information about the City of Richmond's approach to supporting child care services, please see the [City of Richmond's Child Care Development Policy](#).

Eligibility

Non-profit societies that either (1) provide child care services or (2) support the provision of child care services are eligible for Child Care Grants.

Applicants may be either:

- non-profit child care providers delivering licensed child care in Richmond and seeking to improve the quality or capacity of care in their facility, or
- non-profit societies supporting quality programming and/or providing professional development opportunities for the broader child care community in Richmond.

Purpose

Child care grants are available for both: (1) capital and (2) professional and program development expenses. These purposes are outlined below.

(1) Capital Grants

Capital grants are provided to acquire or upgrade physical assets in licensed child care facilities such as property, buildings and equipment. Funding is available for a **one-time capital expense** that will improve the quality, availability and accessibility of licensed child care in Richmond, such as: equipment, furnishings, building renovations or playground improvements. For equipment to qualify as a capital expenditure, it must be for long-term use (e.g. an easel would qualify; art supplies would not).

(2) Professional and Program Development Grants

Non-profit societies developing or providing professional and program development opportunities in Richmond (e.g. training, workshops) are eligible to apply for funding. The initiatives must be available and of benefit to the broader child care community in

Richmond, rather than to a few specific individuals or centres. The necessity and benefits of the initiative to the child care community must be demonstrated. Funding for individual staff to register for or attend courses or workshops is not eligible under this grant program.

NOTE: *The City of Richmond recognizes the need for both capital and operating funding to support child care programs. Funds are available to support child care operators through the Provincial ChildCareBC Program, including:*

- *Child Care Operating Funding-* to assist with the day-to-day costs of running a licensed child care facility: To learn more about operating funding opportunities, visit the Provincial Government's [Child Care Operating Funding](#) website.
- *Training and Professional Development Funding –* to assist with professional development and upgrading: To learn more about these funding opportunities, view the Province's [Child Care Recruitment and Retention Strategy](#); or
- *Visit Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre's [funding webpage](#).*

Priorities

Priority will be given to applications for facilities or programs that:

- support infant/toddler and school-age care, identified as priorities in the 2017 – 2022 Richmond Child Care Needs Assessment and Strategy;
- have accessed, or are willing to access other available sources of funding, including Child Care Operating Funding, Child Care BC Maintenance Fund, Child Care BC Relocation Fund, New Spaces Grant; and
- enroll families who are receiving the Affordable Child Care Benefit and, if eligible, participate in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative.

Grant Application Process

The City of Richmond uses an **online** grant application process. Only electronic applications will be accepted. Please refer to the *City of Richmond Child Care Grant Program - Grant Applicant User Guide* which is posted on the City's [website](#) for instructions on using the system. The guide provides tips and illustrations for all sections of the grant application.

In preparation for submitting an application, please have electronic documents ready to attach as requested. The user guide lists the preferred file formats for documents, spreadsheets and pictures. There are also forms posted on the City's website that can be used to provide information on licensed capacity, project budgets and project timelines.

The following electronic documents will be needed for your application:

- Certificate of Incorporation for the Society;
- Society's Constitution and Bylaws;
- Contact list for the Society's Board of Directors, Officers and Executive Director;
- Most recent Annual General Meeting minutes;

- Provincial Child Care License(s), if applicable;
- Last year's financial statements or audited statement;
- Current year operating budget;
- Itemized project budget, including quotes (details included in *Proposed Project Budget* form available on the City's grant website);
- Project timeline;
- Licensed capacity & current enrolment by program; and
- If the organization received a grant in the previous year, a grant-use report.

NOTE: *If your Society previously received a child care grant, you will need to submit a grant use report to explain how the funds were used. This information must be submitted to be considered for a new grant in a future intake year.*

Applications must include the following:

Step 1 - Applicant Contacts

- a) Society name
- b) Society number issued by the BC Registry Services at the time of incorporation
- c) Society website if applicable
- d) Contact names for the Society, e.g. an executive director, program manager or Board member and authorized signing officers
- e) Contact members' role in the Society
- f) Society's address, postal code, phone number and e-mail address

Step 2 - Applicant Information

- a) Briefly outline the Society's history, mandate, goals and objectives.
- b) Describe the programs and services provided in the last five years.
- c) If the Society delivers licensed child care programs, provide the licensed capacity and current enrolment by type for each program offered, referred to in the Society's Provincial Child Care License(s).
- d) Attach a copy of the Society's Provincial Child Care License(s) as issued by Vancouver Coastal Health - Community Care Facilities Licensing.
- e) Attach a list of the Society's Board of Directors, Officers and Executive Director, including their addresses and contact information.
- f) Attach minutes of the Society's most recent annual general meeting.
- g) Attach Last Year's Financial Statements or Audited Statement including balance sheet for the recently completed fiscal year, including the auditor's report signed by external auditors, or one of the following alternatives:
 - If audited financial statements are not available, submit the financial statements reviewed by the external auditors for the most recent completed fiscal year along with the review engagement report signed by the external auditors;

- If neither audited nor reviewed financial statements are available, submit the compiled financial statements for the most recent completed fiscal year along with a compilation report signed by the external auditors; or
 - If none of the above are available, financial statements for the most recently completed fiscal year endorsed by two signing officers of the Board of Directors.
- h) Attach an operating budget for the current year including all sources of revenue (e.g. Child Care Operating Funding, Fee Reduction, other grants, fundraising).
- i) Provide information on signing officers to represent the Society's endorsement of the grant application and attach a completed signature form.

Step 3 - Grant Request Details – Proposal Information

The following items are required:

Capital Grant Requests

- a) Proposal title
- b) Purpose of the grant - what is the intent of the proposed grant (e.g. for equipment, furnishings, playground improvements, other)? If you select "other", please provide a description of what capital project you wish to undertake.
- c) Provide a detailed description of how the funds would be used to enhance the delivery of licensed child care in Richmond (e.g. improve quality, availability, accessibility).
- d) Describe who will benefit from the grant if received (e.g. the number and age groups of children who will benefit).
- e) List any partners who will be assisting with the project (e.g. any other funders, volunteers, or companies who will provide money, services, in-kind assistance or other contributions).
- f) Provide a detailed budget for the proposal (using the *Proposed Project Budget* form available on the City grant website) including:
 - dollar figure for the total requested grant amount.
 - 2 quotes for each outlined expense including source of the quote.
 - all other sources of revenue or funding approved or requested for this project (e.g. Child Care BC Maintenance Fund, Child Care BC Relocation Fund, New Spaces Grant), the date of application, amount of funding requested and the status of the application.

Professional and Program Development Grant Requests

- a) Proposal title
- b) Purpose of the grant – describe how the funds will be used to enhance the child care service delivery, support skill development of early childhood educators, and benefit the broader Richmond child care community.
- c) Describe who will benefit from the grant, if received including the anticipated number of people directly participating.
- d) Describe the expected outcomes for this project and how this project will be evaluated.

- e) List any partners who will be assisting with the project (e.g. any other funders, volunteers or companies who will provide money, services, in-kind assistance or other contributions).
- f) Provide a detailed budget for the proposal (using the *Proposed Project Budget* form available on the City grant website) including:
 - dollar figure for the total requested grant amount.
 - 2 quotes for each outlined expense including source of the quote.
 - all sources of revenue for this event (e.g. participant fees, organizational contributions, fundraising, grants), the amount and the status (e.g. secured, anticipated, unconfirmed).

Supporting Documents

- a) Attach copies of the following:
 - An itemized budget for how grant funds will be used (using the *Proposed Project Budget* form available on the City grant website);
 - Additional supporting information for the projected costs (e.g. workshop presenters quotes or 2 quotes from suppliers/trades for Capital projects); and
 - A timeline for completing the project and using the grant funds.

Additional Documentation to Support your Application

- a) Documentation to demonstrate the need for funds (this could be a letter from the Board, a letter from a building consultant/inspector or an inspection report from Child Care Facilities Licensing, photographs of an item needing repair or replacement).
- b) Two letters of support from parents, community partners or others.

Terms and Conditions

The Terms and Conditions section of the grant application discusses the following expectations for grant applicants:

- Successful applicants must use the funds for the stated purpose as outlined in the approval letter and within one year of approval.
- All grant recipients must provide a report documenting the use of the funds and the benefits received (at the latest, one year following receipt) through a Grant-Use Report on the online City grant system. Capital Grant Use reports must also include a photo of capital items and itemized receipts for all expenses.
- In addition, the grant received should be mentioned in any newsletter or related publicity published by the organization.
- Any grant applicant who is applying for new funding must submit a report documenting use of previously awarded funds before their current application can be considered.

Consent to these terms will be requested as part of the application process.

Review Process and Approval Process

Grant submissions are first reviewed by City staff to determine eligibility and completeness. The City of Richmond's Child Care Development Advisory Committee also reviews grant applications and makes recommendations to City Council. These are summarized into a report that is presented to Council for their consideration. All decisions concerning the approval of Child Care grants are made by Council. These decisions are final and there is no appeal process.

Application Deadlines and Decisions

The deadline for submitting a grant application will be determined annually. Late applications are not accepted. Please visit the City's grants website for more information on the grant program and important application deadlines: www.richmond.ca/citygrants

If you are unclear on any part of the grant application, please contact Chris Duggan, (Program Manager, Child Care and Youth) for clarification.

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CCDAC Child Care Grants Subcommittee Recommended Grant Allocations and Comments

SOCIETY	GRANT OPTION	PURPOSE OF GRANT/DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PURPOSE	REQUESTED AMOUNT	CCDAC RECOMMENDED AMOUNT	Page #
Aspire Richmond (formerly Richmond Society for Community Living)	Child Care Capital Grant	Appliances and Equipment The purpose of this grant application is to purchase a washer and dryer for the Treehouse Early Learning Centre, equipment for Seedlings Early Child Care Centre and washroom items for Youth Connections After School Care programs to increase program accessibility.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	1
Atira Women's Resource Society	Child Care Capital Grant	Furnishings and Equipment The purpose of this grant application is to purchase equipment and furnishings for the Willow Early Care and Learning Centre in Richmond.	\$4,016.72	\$3,911.79	6
Developmental Disabilities Association of Vancouver - Richmond	Child Care Capital Grant	Appliances The purpose of this grant application is to purchase a new stove, washer and dryer for the Riverside Child Development Centre.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	8
Little Wings Day Care Centre Society	Child Care Capital Grant	Furnishings and Equipment The purpose of this grant application is to purchase furnishings such as chairs and a bookcase as well as outdoor play equipment for the infant and toddler program.	\$4,226.41	\$4,226.41	10
Richmond Jewish Day School Society of British Columbia	Child Care Capital Grant	Outdoor Equipment The purpose of this grant application is to purchase equipment for the program's playground to enhance the experiences of the children in their care.	\$5,095.03	\$4,810.55	16
Steveston Community Society	Child Care Capital Grant	Equipment The purpose of this grant application is to purchase equipment for the preschool program such as a sensory table and magnetic room dividers to provide more opportunities and new experiences for their preschoolers to learn through play.	\$5,673.58	\$5,673.58	18
The YMCA of Greater Vancouver	Child Care Capital Grant	Equipment The purpose of this grant application is to build custom shelving for storage in the Sprouts Early Childhood Development Hub's Toy Lending Library.	\$13,329.75	\$13,329.75	20
West Richmond Community Association	Child Care Capital Grant	Furnishings and Equipment The purpose of this grant application is to purchase equipment for the Preschool program and furnishings for the Senior Out of School Care program at West Richmond Community Centre.	\$4,984.38	\$4,984.38	21
Child Care Capital Grant Requests/Recommended Total			\$50,325.87	\$49,936.46	
Aspire Richmond (formerly Richmond Society for Community Living)	Child Care Professional & Program Development Grant	Lending Library Materials The purpose of this grant application is to purchase new resources for the Supported Child Development Program (SCDP) Lending Library at Seedlings Early Childhood Development Hub.	\$1,606.88	\$1,606.88	4
Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives	Child Care Professional & Program Development Grant	Professional Development Event and Lending Library Materials The purpose of this grant application is to provide funding for a workshop on Risky Play by Dr. Mariana Brussoni at the 2023 Annual Child Care Dinner and to purchase equipment for the development of Indigenous Educational kits for the Child Care Resource and Referral Library.	\$9,000.00	\$8,393.12	12
Professional & Program Development Grant Requests/Recommended Total			\$10,606.88	\$10,000.00	
TOTAL 2023 CHILD CARE GRANTS REQUESTS & RECOMMENDED TOTAL			\$60,932.75	\$59,936.46	
2023 Child Care Grants Program Budget	Amount Available		Requested	Recommended	Balance remaining
Capital Grants	\$50,000.00		\$50,325.87	\$49,936.46	\$63.54
Professional & Program Development Grants	\$10,000.00		\$10,606.88	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Total	\$60,000.00		\$60,932.75	\$59,936.46	\$63.54



Capital Assistance Application for 2023 Child Care Grants Program

Society: Aspire Richmond

Title: Aspire Richmond Childcare program improvements

Amount: \$10,000.00

Purpose: Equipment

Aspire Richmond is seeking funding from the City of Richmond in order to improve childcare programs and supports for individuals and families served through our Treehouse Early Learning Centre, Seedlings Early Child Care Centre, and Youth Connections afterschool care programs. As the focus of Aspire Richmond is on allowing individuals with developmental disabilities live thriving, connected and happy lives; all these programs offer inclusive childcare and individualized supports to ensure a positive and respectful environment. Treehouse Early Learning Centre is seeking funding to purchase a new washer and dryer for the facility. The existing washer and dryer is nearing the end of its life span, especially as the last two years have seen increased use as more clothing and items had to be washed more frequently to ensure proper sanitation and health practices. A new washer and dryer would greatly support the program by allowing the ongoing cleaning and sanitation of clothing, blankets and other items in this childcare setting. Seedlings Early Child Care Centre is looking to increase the use of a newly licensed multi-purpose room (as of September 2022) that would allow additional children to access childcare programs during non-instructional days. Using this new licensed space would allow families to have the ability to enroll their children in a day program allowing parents to continue working on these days. The use of this space would need to see an increase in the purchase of games, toys, equipment, and activities so that children are engaged, provided with education and most importantly fun things to do while accessing the center. Youth Connections is seeking funding to address opportunities to make the space more accessible and healthier. With the complex needs of youth who utilize this program, coupled with the ongoing need to maintain health and hygiene practices, funding from the City of Richmond would be directed towards the purchase of soap dispensers, towel dispensers, adaptive seating and drying racks. These new items with regards to towel and soap dispensers would replace the current ones which are not automated and can be challenging to use, especially for people with different abilities. Adaptive seating would replace existing seating that has gone beyond its lifespan and hanging racks would allow a safe place for youth to dry their art and other projects so that they do not cause as safety risk.

Service Delivery Benefits:

Child care service delivery will improve the quality of care for children in all of these programs provided by Aspire Richmond. By having a new washer and dryer, Treehouse will have the opportunity to ensure

that clothing, bedding and additional materials are clean and safe for use in the centre. For Seedlings, having the use of the multipurpose room and the accompanying toys and games that this grant will fund will provide much needed safe, accessible and inclusive childcare for children and families on non-instructional days. Lastly, having improved soap and towel dispensers will improve the accessibility for youth to utilize important hygiene practices when accessing the Youth Connections space. Additional funding for adaptive seating and a drying rack will also mean that youth can enjoy this space more, improving the quality of their experience within this program.

Beneficiaries:

Funding from the City of Richmond will greatly benefit children, youth and families that are served by Aspire Richmond. Families turn to Aspire Richmond because they trust us to provide safe, inclusive, and accessible child care for children and youth of all abilities. Treehouse offers both full and part-time daycare and preschool, offering care for typically developing children with dedicated spots for children with disabilities or who have additional support needs. Early Childhood Educators follow the Reggio Emilia approach to emergent curriculum. Self-guided learning occurs through exploration and discovery in a supportive and enriching environment. Seedlings offers children and families a new state-of-the-art central location for child care that is inclusive and accessible to all. The program provides care to infant/toddler, 3 years old to school age, senior and junior before and afterschool care, as well as spring and summer break programs. Like Treehouse, the program is based on principles of respect, responsibility, and community and the curriculum focuses on the interests of the children. Youth Connections is an innovative out-of-school program designed exclusively for young people with disabilities aged five to nineteen. Operating after school weekdays during the school year and for full days during the summer, spring, and winter breaks, the program offers school-aged children and teens the opportunity for social interaction and recreation. Therapeutic recreation offered through Youth Connections allows participants to expand their independence skills and improves overall quality of life. By providing accessible and inclusive child care, children benefit, parents and caregivers benefit as they are free to continue work and personal activities and the community benefits from having safe and enriching programming for its youngest citizens.

Partners (if applicable):

Most Recent Previous Grant(s) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2022	\$15,857.00	Health, Social & Safety
2022	\$5,000.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2022	\$7,400.00	Child Care Professional & Program Development Grant
2022	\$5,000.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2021	\$15,500.00	Health, Social & Safety
2021	\$3,500.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2021	\$1,500.00	Child Care Professional & Program Development Grant

2021	\$7,500.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2020	\$15,500.00	Health, Social & Safety
2020	\$5,000.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2020	\$7,500.00	Child Care Capital Grant

Grant Recommendations

Recommended Amount: \$10,000.00

Recommendation:

That Aspire Richmond be funded for a Child Care Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Grant Conditions:

N/A



Professional & Program Development Application for 2023 Child Care Grants Program

Society: Aspire Richmond

Title: Supported Child Development Lending Library Expansion

Amount: \$1,606.88

Purpose:

Early intervention and supports are so important for the well-being of children and families. For this reason, Aspire Richmond is extremely proud of the Supported Child Development Program (SCDP) and the important work that it does in supporting young children and caregivers. SCDP is a community based early intervention program that provides practical information, resources and strategies for the inclusion of children birth to 19 years with disabilities in child care settings. SCDP consultants assist families to access child care in their community as well as supporting child care facilities where a child with a developmental disability is enrolled. By providing information, resources and training to child care providers, families are able to access group child care and preschool to allow them to participate alongside their typically developing peers. Funds received from the City of Richmond - Child Care Professional & Program Development Grant will be used to increase adaptive supports such as seating and toys that engage, enhance and grow with the needs of all children, available through the Lending Library program.

Service Delivery Benefits:

The SCDP Lending Library is a completely free resource that is available to all Richmond licensed child care providers as well as families in the community. Toys, books and equipment purchased for the SCDP Lending Library support children with developmental disabilities who require adaptive equipment or resources to fully participate in programming. By making equipment available through the Lending Library, Aspire is able to help alleviate the burden of cost to the child care provider and caregiver. With use of equipment assessed on an individual basis, child care centres may have a particular piece of equipment for a short term or trial basis, or for as long as the child is participating in the program.

Beneficiaries:

The largest beneficiary of the SCDP Lending Library resources are the children who are able to participate, learn, laugh and grow by accessing the toys, books and equipment that is needed for their unique needs. The Lending Library also helps working parents to maintain their employment with the comfort that their child care provider has the resources and training to provide quality care for their child with additional support needs. This allows single parents to maintain financial stability and allows

families to maintain and improved quality of life. SCDP currently supports 430 children and youth, from birth to 19 years attending more than 90 child care programs throughout Richmond. Very often, families who have a child with special needs experience challenges due to costly intervention services or the need for one parent to stay at home to care for the child. The Lending Library ensures that lower income families are able to access specialized toys and adaptive equipment that they may not otherwise be able to afford.

Partners (if applicable):

Most Recent Previous Grant(s) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2022	\$15,857.00	Health, Social & Safety
2022	\$5,000.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2022	\$7,400.00	Child Care Professional & Program Development Grant
2022	\$5,000.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2021	\$15,500.00	Health, Social & Safety
2021	\$3,500.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2021	\$1,500.00	Child Care Professional & Program Development Grant
2021	\$7,500.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2020	\$15,500.00	Health, Social & Safety
2020	\$5,000.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2020	\$7,500.00	Child Care Capital Grant

Grant Recommendations

Recommended Amount: \$1,606.88

Recommendation:
That Aspire Richmond be funded for a Child Care Grant in the amount of \$1,606.88.

Grant Conditions:
N/A

Capital Assistance Application for 2023 Child Care Grants Program

Society: Atira Women's Resource Society

Title: Capital Upgrades for Willow ECLC

Amount: \$4,016.72

Purpose: Equipment

This grant will fund the purchase of new equipment, furnishing and learning toys for the Willow Early Care and Learning Centre (ECLC) in Richmond. The early childhood educators at Willow ECLC have identified a need for new equipment, furnishings, and toys to aid in children's development. Willow ECLC began its operation in 2017, and many of its child care items have deteriorated due to wear and tear over time. This grant will fund the purchase of updated toys, furnishings and equipment to meet the children's developmental needs, enrichen their experience in the ECLC and support their comfort in the space.

Service Delivery Benefits:

The grant funds will be used to enhance our programming (indoor and outdoor) and support the children's development and play. The toddler chairs will eliminate the strain on the staff from lifting the children into their highchairs while promoting independence in the children, as they will be able to seat themselves. The couches and chairs will provide comfortable seating and a place for the children to rest, socialize and read books. Books are essential to developing literacy and communication skills and promote imagination and the ability to focus and concentrate. We want to also provide the children with an opportunity to learn about other cultures and see their own represented in their preschool. The developing board and sensory chair will offer more sensory activities to the children, particularly the infants/toddlers. The children have fun engaging their senses, and we anticipate these items not only to be enjoyed by them but allow them to refine their thresholds for different sensory information and encourage the development of scientific thinking, language and motor skills. Through the art materials, we aim to set a foundation for learning to write by honing their fine motor skills and promoting self-expression while encouraging the children to develop their visual-spatial skills. We've also selected items to develop their gross and fine motor skills indoors and outdoors through exploration and to add diversity to their play.

Beneficiaries:

This grant will benefit the staff and 28 children attending the Willow ECLC, one of Atira's community-accessible, high-quality, licensed care centres for infants, toddlers, and children ages 3-5. Many of the children at Willow ECLC encounter unique challenges, including poverty-related issues,

intergenerational trauma, multicultural and immigration issues, and environmental factors related to witnessing violence. Willow ECLC's staff work to understand and meet the developmental needs of each child served. This funding from the Child Care grant will enable us to provide these children with equipment and toys that encourage early development through play. For children whose mothers are survivors of violence or those who have experienced violence themselves, the impact of their traumatic experiences can result in guilt, difficulty managing emotions and negative ideas related to gender dynamics. Addressing these ideas with care and play, with carefully selected toys and equipment in a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment, can abate negative developmental impacts, ultimately ending cycles of violence.

Partners (if applicable):

Most Recent Previous Grant(s) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2022	\$14,376.00	Child Care Capital Grant

Grant Recommendations

Recommended Amount: \$3,911.79

Recommendation:

That Atira Women's Resource Society be funded for a Child Care Grant in the amount of \$3,911.79.

Grant Conditions:

N/A

Capital Assistance Application for 2023 Child Care Grants Program

Society: Developmental Disabilities Association of Vancouver-Richmond

Title: Riverside CDC: New Appliances

Amount: \$3,000.00

Purpose: Equipment

Riverside Child Development Centre is in need of 3 new appliances: stove, clothes washer and dryer. The current appliances are all over 15 years old and are vital to daily operations at this centre.

Service Delivery Benefits:

As a 25 space Group Child Care centre, Riverside relies on the stove for meal preparation and curriculum activities related to cooking/baking. The washer and dryer are in constant use for cleaning and sanitization purposes. This need has increased during the pandemic; many single-use items are washed daily.

Beneficiaries:

The children, their families and staff at Riverside will benefit.

Partners (if applicable):

Riverside CDC will contribute \$527.96 from donation funds towards this purchase. If final costs at time of purchase are higher than the estimates, DDA will increase that contribution amount.

Most Recent Previous Grant(s) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2020	\$8,000.00	Child Care Capital Grant

Grant Recommendations

Recommended Amount: \$3,000.00

Recommendation:

That Developmental Disabilities Association of Vancouver-Richmond be funded for a Child Care Grant in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Grant Conditions:

N/A

Capital Assistance Application for 2023 Child Care Grants Program

Society: Little Wings Day Care Centre Society

Title: Little Wings Toddler Program Enhancement

Amount: \$4,226.41

Purpose: Equipment

The purpose of this grant is to purchase capital items to enhance the delivery of our infant/toddler programs. We would like to order toddler chairs, a book shelf, sleeping mats and outdoor equipment for the infants and toddlers to use each day

Service Delivery Benefits:

We spend a lot of time outside to provide the children with multiple gross motor activities that are fun and accessible. We want to continue to create a welcoming and inviting outdoor play space to encourage the children to investigate and explore their surroundings. By providing a variety of age and physical appropriate activities, the infant and toddlers become more engrossed in their play. While providing care for infants and toddlers we periodically need to replace capital items to ensure they are safe and developmentally and physically age appropriate.

Beneficiaries:

This grant will directly benefit 29 Infant/Toddler aged children on a daily basis, along with the teaching staff.

Partners (if applicable):

Most Recent Previous Grant(s) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2022	\$13,186.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2021	\$5,268.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2020	\$4,514.00	Child Care Capital Grant

Grant Recommendations

Recommended Amount: \$4,226.41

Recommendation:

That Little Wings Day Care Centre Society be funded for a Child Care Grant in the amount of \$4,226.41.

Grant Conditions:

N/A



Professional & Program Development Application for 2023 Child Care Grants Program

Society: Richmond Cares Richmond Gives

Title: Child Care Gala Dinner and Indigenous Educational Kits

Amount: \$9,000.00

Purpose:

This Grant will be used to assist in funding two projects for the Richmond CCRR: the 2023 Annual Child Care Dinner and the development and creation of Indigenous education kits for the CCRR resource library. The first project, the Child Care Dinner, is an annual celebration event of child care providers that takes place during Child Care Month (May) that is put on by the CCRR and other community partners such as Aspire Richmond. In previous years, the event was a dinner and celebration event only, but in the most recent iteration of the event in 2019, it was decided by the planning committee that the event should evolve into a more formal professional development and awards celebration. The 2019 event introduced an awards selection and celebration portion to the dinner, but further developments and celebrations were halted due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It was intended that the 2020 event would have also introduced a workshop or keynote address so that attendees would also be able to earn professional development hours towards their Early Childhood Educator licenses. The planned 2023 event will be the first return of the Child Care Dinner in four years, and it is our purpose to use the Grant to enhance the event by funding a short workshop/keynote on the topic of Risky Play given by Dr. Mariana Brussoni of the UBC Brussoni Lab, as well as reduce overhead costs to be able to make the event accessible and affordable for all educators. Dr. Brussoni is an award-winning developmental psychologist, and her research focuses on investigating child injury prevention, risky play, design of outdoor play-friendly environments, and parent and caregiver perceptions of risk. Providers attending the event would be able to listen and interact with Dr. Brussoni directly, and not only be able to celebrate their own contributions to early years care through their experiences and work in the field but come away with new knowledge that they can practically apply in their centres immediately. The second project would be used to enhance the CCRR's Early Years Library through the development and creation of 6-10 educational kits focusing on various aspects of Indigenous culture that would be made available for child care provider and parent use. The Richmond Early Years Library (REYL) is a free resource and educational library that is utilized by families and child care providers in Richmond, with over 1,800 materials available for lending. The REYL opened in April 2020 with a key focus on promoting current educational trends such as the BC Early Learning Framework (ELF) as well as integrating and bringing awareness to Indigenous culture, resources, and stories in a respectful way. While the first stage of this was to integrate Indigenous resources into the library to honour inclusion and emphasize the importance of Indigenous influence in Canada, we would now like to develop kits

under guidance from Indigenous elders and the Indigenous community to further teach and share with our local community. Materials would be purchased where possible directly from Indigenous owned, local sources in an effort to support Indigenous communities. Supplementary materials will also be sourced from local small businesses where able. Although CCRR staff currently have ideas about how these kits can be structured as well as have an overall grasp of resources required based off of our collective expertise, the nature of this project assumes that our intrinsic biases and ignorance of Indigenous culture will be challenged. . As such our understanding of the requirements to complete this project are subject to change pending guidance and collaboration with our Indigenous partners, and we embrace the opportunity for further development as the project progresses.

Service Delivery Benefits:

For the first project, the Child Care Dinner, early childhood educators will be able to participate in an event that not only celebrates their contributions to the field but also come away equipped with a new perspective on children's learning and development that challenges and explores their own prejudices or reservations when it comes to risky play. Stemming from their adult worldview, even the most well-intentioned educators have inherent biases when working with children. For children to truly thrive, they need to be given an opportunity to explore their surroundings, challenge boundaries, and experience risks in a structured environment. The chance to receive information directly from an expert in the field such as Dr. Brussoni would be an opportunity that most child care educators may not be able to attend under normal circumstances, and one that the CCRR would not be able to afford to sponsor otherwise. It is a part of the CCRR's mandate to advocate for the advancement of professionalism and the importance of lifelong learning. Our belief is that quality child care supports the healthy development of children. The Child Care Dinner event is regularly attended by not only the Richmond educators working directly with children, but also by the managers, directors, and owners of child care centres who would directly be able to benefit, learn and implement any adjustments or insights gained from Dr. Brussoni's considerable expertise. This diverse representation of the child care community allows for the immediate circulation of current knowledge and practices to a significant portion of Richmond's child care community. Our second project, the improvement of our Richmond Early Years Library, would directly enrich the Richmond Early Years community through the development of lendable Indigenous-themed educational kits that would be freely available for use by parents, educators, students, and other residents. We intend to create a diverse selection of kits that support the culture of the Indigenous peoples through the sharing of stories of the peoples, providing context within our history, and through the appropriate use of Indigenous content. One issue that is regularly raised by Richmond child care educators in regards to Indigenous culture is that educators are uncertain how to approach and teach on the subject in a respectful manner. By creating a diverse selection of kits, we will expand upon the resources already integrated within the library as well as provide opportunities for users to further expand their knowledge on a variety of themes. These kits would be designed for use both within a classroom setting and at home with one's own children, with an emphasis on providing insight to the user as to how to present the materials in a respectful and appropriate way. Through the process of developing the kits through input received from the Indigenous community, the kits will provide guidance on approaching Indigenous culture with consideration through example. Furthermore, CCRR staff will have learned tools to further assist clients and provide additional guidance as needed. It is our

hope that these kits will also serve to open conversations within the early years field and provide a foundation upon which deeper discussions can be raised.

Beneficiaries:

As a result of attending the Child Care Dinner event, early childhood educators will benefit from receiving expertise and knowledge directly from an expert and leader in the field of child growth and development. Additionally, they will receive up to one hour of professional development that they can then use towards their license renewal. We anticipate that between 100-125 Richmond educators will attend the event, and this high turnout can be harnessed as a vehicle to provide educators access to high-level experts in the early years field that they may not otherwise have occasion to observe. Richmond parents and children will also benefit, as educators will come away with new knowledge and resources that they can share with families, collectively re-think inherent biases towards safe play practices, and open discussions on the impact on children's health and well-being. Children that attend centres where these approaches are embraced will be able to take advantage of new research and advancement in child growth and development, and overall the large-scale of the event will have a positive impact on Richmond's child care landscape. Parents, educators, students, children, and Richmond's Indigenous community will directly benefit from the inclusion of new Indigenous materials in the Richmond Early Years Library (REYL). At this time the REYL has just under 600 active subscribers, comprised of local parents, child care educators, students and more, who borrow resources from our library approximately 60 times per month. Making resources available that support the culture of the Indigenous peoples would help to build awareness and foster understanding towards respectful and appropriate representation. A benefit of hosting these resources in our library would be that patrons have opportunities to consult with CCRR staff for further guidance as to kit usage or to pair them with other relevant resources. Additionally, CCRR staff regularly provide outreach to the Richmond community at events, child care centres, local organizations, and colleges, utilizing resources from our library as aids or learning tools. Carefully and conscientiously built kits that embody Indigenous values and practices can in this way be shared with the local community, and also hopefully foster new connections. Through the process of developing the kits with input from Indigenous elders, we also hope to create new relationships and engagement with Richmond's Indigenous community and make the library more welcoming and accessible to all.

Partners (if applicable):

Project 1: Child Care Dinner We will be partnering with Aspire Richmond (formerly Richmond Society for Community Living) to form the basis for the planning committee as well as to share staffing resources and expertise. The CCRR and Aspire staff will act as committee chairs. The dinner planning committee will be comprised of volunteers from other Richmond organizations yet to be determined. These committee members will inform and assist with the event planning but will not financially contribute to the event. Project 2: Development of Indigenous Educational Kits The Richmond CCRR would like to partner with the local Indigenous community and elders for the completion of this project. At this time we have connections with Metis Nation British Columbia and we have reached out to BC Aboriginal Child Care Society, but we are currently pursuing further lines of inquiry to find more local

sources. These partners would provide guidance and help to inform the project so that it can be completed in a respectful and honoring way.

Most Recent Previous Grant(s) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2022	\$43,615.00	Health, Social & Safety
2021	\$42,634.00	Health, Social & Safety
2020	\$42,634.00	Health, Social & Safety

Grant Recommendations

Recommended Amount: \$8,393.12

Recommendation:

That Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives be funded for a Child Care Grant in the amount of \$8,393.12.

Grant Conditions:

N/A

Capital Assistance Application for 2023 Child Care Grants Program

Society: Richmond Jewish Day School Society of British Columbia

Title: Playground Equipment Upgrade

Amount: \$5,095.03

Purpose: Playground Improvements

The purpose of this Grant request is to enhance the experiences of children in our care by providing safe, quality, accessible and sustainable outdoor equipment. Earlier this year, our Society was granted the BC Child Care New Spaces Fund. I came into my role as Program Director less than 3 weeks before the application was due, therefore did not have enough time to assess the full scope of the project. We feel grateful and fortunate to have received these funds for the necessary maintenance of the space to make it suitable for licensed child care. A few months into the process, even before we received funding approval, it was determined that the building needed much more maintenance and repairs than we realized at the beginning of the process. Therefore, a large majority of the funding that was to be put toward an accessible and sustainable outdoor play space must now be allocated toward plumbing upgrades, roof repairs, lighting replacements and more (the Capital Funding Program gave permission for the reallocation of funds). Since our budget has now been significantly reduced, we are hoping the City of Richmond Capital Grant for Child Care can help put some of those funds back where they were originally intended.

Service Delivery Benefits:

The current outdoor setup is very limited, with little shade or play equipment. Our play-based program requires long periods of time for children to explore, get creative, take risks, and push their own boundaries. To provide a truly play-based experience, the children require safe, sustainable equipment and open-ended materials. Our child care philosophy follows the BC Early Learning Framework and up-to-date best practices of care. We are an inclusive centre that strives to meet the needs of each individual child and design our environment in a way that is accessible and appropriate for everyone. We believe these types of environments and experiences are vital for socio-emotional, cognitive and physical growth and development.

Beneficiaries:

RJDS's primary demographic caters to the Jewish community, as we are the only Jewish licensed child care centre in Richmond and feed into a Jewish, independent elementary school. This type of program is important for Jewish community members, whether religious or non-religious, as it provides an environment rich in Jewish culture and traditions. However, our Early Learning Centre welcomes

families of all backgrounds and faiths and provides a safe space for everyone with inclusive, diverse, and emergent programming.

Partners (if applicable):

It's a yes and no. The BC Child Care New Spaces Fund is contributing to our outdoor space improvements. However, at this point in our progress, the scope of our necessary repairs and upgrades on the building have yet to be determined and we do not know how much of the provincial funding will be left for this part of the project. Once we know our budget for the entire outdoor space, we will amend our previous plan and create a new one. As there is still much planning to do for this project and our end budget will be much smaller than originally anticipated, the expenses listed in the Proposed Project Budget only reflect a portion of our plan. These items have been carefully selected for optimal potential use, in the event that future phases of the project have to be put on hold for lack of funds. It should also be mentioned that the New Spaces Fund Agreement requires us to contribute 10% of the overall project (the entire project, not just the playground). This 10% can be covered by grants or donations, so we hope the City of Richmond grant can help cover a portion of the required 10% contribution.

Most Recent Previous Grant(s) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
N/A	N/A	N/A

Grant Recommendations

Recommended Amount: \$4,810.55

Recommendation:

That Richmond Jewish Day School Society of British Columbia be funded for a Child Care Grant in the amount of \$4,810.55.

Grant Conditions:

N/A

Capital Assistance Application for 2023 Child Care Grants Program

Society: Steveston Community Society

Title: Enhancing Quality Preschool Programs

Amount: \$5,673.58

Purpose: Equipment

The purpose of our grant application is to obtain funds that can be used to purchase high quality, safe and sturdy equipment to improve the quality of our licensed preschool programs, enhance the delivery of our licensed child care program in Richmond and serve our community at hand. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and many centres in our area are offering full-day care, registration in our preschool programs in the past two years has been lower than normal. This has led to budget constraints which has affected our ability to purchase new equipment that improves and enhances the quality of our programs. By purchasing new equipment, we hope to attract more families to join our programs and boost our enrollment, in addition to enhanced program delivery.

Service Delivery Benefits:

These funds would help us purchase high quality, sturdy and safe equipment, enrich our community's experience in our programs and provide more opportunities and new experiences for our preschoolers to learn through play. The children in our care love imaginative play and using open-ended materials. The double-sided write and wipe magnetic room divider is a multi-use teaching and learning tool that would provide our preschoolers many opportunities to learn and experience how magnets connect and stick, practice writing, drawing and erasing. It is on wheels that can lock in place or roll it to another location, and to separate spaces in a room for a specific activity. A see-thru sensory table would provide preschoolers the opportunity to explore materials safely without making a mess. The transparent sides gives different perspectives to the materials it contains. A large sand and water table provides preschoolers opportunities to explore materials like sand and water safely. The legs of this table can be adjusted to the height of the children using it. A sensory light table would be used to illuminate the children's work and see other perspectives. The Grippies shake build curve 70 pieces set introduces the concept of construction through the sensory exploration of how magnets connect different pieces, sizes and shapes. The Kids 5 piece solid wood square play/activity table and chair set would be a sturdy and well-built addition to the imaginary play area that can serve as a dining table, or another table for children to gather. All of the above equipment mentioned would be used on a daily basis throughout the current school year and years to come. These pieces of equipment will enhance our participants' learning and experience in our programs through countless open-ended play experiences.

Beneficiaries:

Approximately 62 preschoolers ages 3 to 5 years in our community who attend our three licensed preschool programs offered during the school year would benefit from this grant, if received. Another approximately 50 preschoolers age 3-5 years who attend our licensed daycamp programs offered in Winter, Spring, and Summer would also benefit from this grant, if received.

Partners (if applicable):

Most Recent Previous Grant(s) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2022	\$6,054.00	Child Care Capital Grant

Grant Recommendations

Recommended Amount: \$5,673.58

Recommendation:

That Steveston Community Society be funded for a Child Care Grant in the amount of \$5,673.58.

Grant Conditions:

N/A

Capital Assistance Application for 2023 Child Care Grants Program

Society: The YMCA of Greater Vancouver

Title: Sprouts Early Childhood Development Centre Toy Lending Library

Amount: \$13,329.75

Purpose: Furnishings

To have shelving installed for the toy lending library.

Service Delivery Benefits:

Shelving so we can open the toy lending library to families in the community.

Beneficiaries:

The children and families in the community will benefit from the grant.

Partners (if applicable):

Most Recent Previous Grant(s) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
N/A	N/A	N/A

Grant Recommendations

Recommended Amount: \$13,329.75

Recommendation:

That The YMCA of Greater Vancouver be funded for a Child Care Grant in the amount of \$13,329.75.

Grant Conditions:

N/A

Capital Assistance Application for 2023 Child Care Grants Program

Society: West Richmond Community Association

Title: Child Care Program Equipment and Furniture Upgrade

Amount: \$4,984.38

Purpose: Furnishings

Senior OSC Program: Replace Lounge Area Furnishings The needs of our child care program and the replacement of the furnishings around the 'lounge area'. Our current lounge area consists of two couches and a table that are old and worn, with one of the couches having torn upholstery patched with duct tape. The program would also like to purchase rugs to provide play space on the floor for the children. Preschool Program: Purchase Light Table Merry King Preschool would like to apply for the City of Richmond Child Care Grant to purchase a large light table for the preschool programs. Our preschool programs follow a play-based, immergent learning philosophy. Children are invited to explore many learning opportunities in the classroom through play experiences set up by the teachers. A high quality light table will enhance these learning experiences. Our current light table is a portable table top light table that has seen better days. The surface is worn out, not providing a strong illumination of materials. The wires have been repaired several times over the years, showing a possible safety risk.

Service Delivery Benefits:

Senior OSC Program: Replace Lounge Area Furnishings Our goal is to bring in a new couch, multiple lounge chairs and a new table to revamp the lounge area. With the furnishings the lounge area will be a comfortable space for the older children during program time. We hope add some large carpets to the room to encourage accessible floor space for play. A lounge area is an important aspect of creating an inclusive learning environment for all participants. It can be a social space, a learning space and a relaxing space depending on the needs of the children. Preschool Program: Light Table Purchase The light table will bring a new sensory learning experiences for the children. Light tables are a popular child care material, offering the children an opportunity to enhance their learning through illuminated materials. Light tables are not typical in children's homes, therefore the novelty in a classroom makes this an exciting, captivating part of the preschool classroom. Light tables are also inclusive play areas, accessible to children of diverse learning needs. Children share the wonder of playing with the light table with one another and their teachers, creating an opportunity for language and social learning.

Beneficiaries:

Senior OSC Program: The children registered in the Senior OSC Program will benefit from the grant. New furniture and rugs in the lounge area will give the children a space to relax and interact with peers

before and after school. A lounge area will allow the children to build relationships with their peers and the staff of the program. This area will be beneficial to children who need an space to regulate with resting, reading books and other calming activities. Preschool Program: The preschool children will benefit from the grant. The light table will enhance the children's learning through play with the light creating an inviting, wonderous appeal the materials. As the children are engaged with the materials, they will develop their fine motor skills, hand eye coordination, and imagination. The light table will also help children develop early literacy and numeracy skills with various activities.

Partners (if applicable):

Most Recent Previous Grant(s) (if applicable)

Year	Amount	Grant Program
2022	\$3,448.00	Child Care Capital Grant
2021	\$6,476.00	Child Care Capital Grant

Grant Recommendations

Recommended Amount: \$4,984.38

Recommendation:

That West Richmond Community Association be funded for a Child Care Grant in the amount of \$4,984.38.

Grant Conditions:

N/A