

Island Savings Community Endowment
2023 Impact and Capacity Grants



Organization Name	Community	Grant
1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project Society**	Victoria	\$10,000
1000x 5 Children's Books - Provides struggling families with resources to foster early literacy during the critical developmental stage of birth to five years old. Their mission is to increase early literacy rates and therefore family literacy within our community.		
Vancouver Island Counselling Centre for Immigrants & Refugees Assn.	Victoria	\$10,000
Mental Health Counselling Support for refugees and immigrants of all ages, genders, abilities, citizenship status, education and income levels, ethnicities, and beliefs. Individuals, couples, and families are eligible for service from experienced registered clinical counsellors who have received additional training in intercultural trauma treatment.		
Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust	Salt Spring Island	\$10,000
Grow Local Collective - An Island wide community food growing and sharing mobilization. <i>Grow Local Collective</i> will support growers to crop plan, organize growing work parties, build native edible plant gardens, and glean leftover food from orchards throughout the growing season.		
Victoria Compost and Conservation Education Centre**	Victoria	\$15,000
The Ground Beneath our Feet – Grows from the success of Healing City Soils and is a collaboration between HCS team and the PEPAKEN HAUTW Foundation. Goals include restoring degraded lands and encouraging local food security.		
Burnside Gorge Community Association** (year three of three)	Victoria	\$25,000
Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) - Provides financial literacy coaching and budgeting support for up to 75 families in FSS through its three-year asset building program for low-income families receiving housing subsidy.		
Nanaimo Community Kitchen Society**	Nanaimo	\$15,000
Cooking Out of The Box - Connects people with resources related to healthy food and nutrition through virtual and in-person cooking workshops. Health Cooking Kits are also educational and provide an opportunity for capacity building and food literacy at home and in our local schools.		

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Cowichan Lake Community Services	Lake Cowichan	\$10,000
<p>The Child, Youth and Family Program provides an opportunity for counselling staff to build lasting relationships with those who need mental health support but are more reluctant to attend structured, individual sessions. COVID-19 impacted how we delivered many of our programs, particularly our children and youth mental health services.</p>		
Victoria Disability Resource Centre**	Victoria	\$10,000
<p>Volunteer Skills Development Program – Provide skills training and hands-on experience, including supervisory skills, to persons with disabilities who are unemployed or under employed and experience low-income levels. This peer-to-peer experience promotes leadership, addresses life skills training, strengthens self-esteem and mental health.</p>		
		TOTAL \$105,000

**Funded in previous years

Capacity grants provide organizations with financial resources to pursue education, professional development, training, and infrastructure enhancements. **Capacity grants** are released as restricted funds.

Organization Name	Community	Grant
Abbyfield House Society	Duncan	\$2,500
<p>Computer and Printer - By replacing the old equipment, we will be able to complete administrative tasks more quickly and strengthen Abbeyfield's ability to stay connected, compete for funding, have opportunity for online learning and maintain a professional organization.</p>		
NEED2 – Suicide Prevention Education and Support**	Victoria	\$10,000
<p>Technology Upgrade - Current computers are unable to upgrade operating systems to meet the needs of Windows 11 programming. Upon the termination of Windows 10's support this will lead to the termination of additional security support that accompanies Windows putting the privacy and security of our programming at risk.</p>		
		TOTAL \$12,500

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