

# Support for your charitable organization



## NANAIMO FOUNDATION GRANTS

**At the Nanaimo Foundation we are passionate about our community** and because we recognize that communities are complex, we take a broad approach to our work and provide funding across a wide range of community needs and opportunities.

The geographic area served by the Nanaimo Foundation is defined by the boundaries of School District 68. We provide grants in the communities of Nanaimo, Lantzville, Gabriola Island, Cedar and Ladysmith.

## Our Grants

The Nanaimo Foundation recognizes that the most persistent funding gaps for many local charities are in relation to capital projects and pilot projects. Thus, these represent the entire scope of grants available from the Nanaimo Foundation.

### Capital Projects

A capital project is a project that helps maintain or improve an asset. To be considered as a capital project, a project must have a total cost of at least \$10,000 and an economic life of at least 10 years, and be one of the following:

- A new construction, expansion, renovation, or replacement project for existing facilities.
- A purchase of equipment (assets).
- A major maintenance or rehabilitation project for existing facilities.

### Pilot Projects

A pilot project is generally a project which is designed as a test or trial to demonstrate the effectiveness of a full program. A pilot project helps the proponent gain experience and reduce risk before investing in long-term initiatives.

In general, the Nanaimo Foundation supports growth and innovation through project-based grants for new initiatives that are community self-directed, lead to measurable and sustainable impact, and show evidence of significant, appropriate and local support.

### Our Grant Making History

The Nanaimo Foundation and its donors have provided more than 325 grants, totaling more than \$3 million to registered charities in Vancouver Island between 1982 and 2016.

### How to Apply

The Nanaimo Foundation has a two-stage application process. The first stage is a Letter of Intent, which consists of a brief proposal to determine basic suitability. The second stage is the submission of a full grant application. Letters of Intent may be submitted at any time, however must be received by June 30 to qualify for consideration in that calendar year.



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