

The Nanaimo Foundation

History

- The Nanaimo Foundation was founded as the 'Nanaimo Community Foundation' in 1982
- The Foundation was established and funded by members of the board for the Associated Canadian Travelers Nanaimo Club (ACT).

Mission

- To steward the gifts of energy, ideas, time, and money to make meaningful and lasting impacts in our community.

Vision

- A healthy, vibrant, livable and sustainable Greater Nanaimo community.

Overview & Mandate

- The Nanaimo Foundation is one of 191 community foundations across Canada.
- We are a part of the Community Foundations of Canada network (<http://communityfoundations.ca/>)
- The geographic area served by the Nanaimo Foundation is defined by the boundaries of School District 68 which includes the communities of Nanaimo, Lantzville, Gabriola Island, Cedar and Ladysmith.
- The Nanaimo Foundation does not host fundraisers or campaigns
- The Nanaimo Foundation is a philanthropic vehicle for donors to provide support to their favourite causes in perpetuity.
- We multiply the impact of donations by placing gifts in permanent, income-earning endowment funds.
- Gifts are pooled with our existing assets and invested over time. The earnings are used to make strategic grants to address community needs.
- A gift to the Nanaimo Foundation—and all future earnings from this gift – is a permanent source of community capital, helping do good work today and in the future.

Growth

- Community foundations are among the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy in Canada today.
- The Nanaimo Foundation was incorporated with a founding contribution of \$435,000 in cash and property
- The donated property was sold in the mid-1990s for approximately \$500,000
- In 2007, on the 25th Anniversary of the Foundation, the Estate of Nels and Clea Horth made a bequest of approximately \$900,000 to the Foundation.
- Nanaimo Foundation total assets:

2016	assets \$4 M
2015	assets \$3.6 M
2014	assets \$3.4 M
2013	assets \$3 M
2012	assets \$2.8 M
2011	assets \$2.7 M
2010	assets \$2.8 M
2009	assets \$2.7 M
2008	assets \$2.5 M
2007	assets \$2 M
2006	assets \$1.2 M
2005	assets \$1.2 M

Grants

- Each year, the Nanaimo Foundation provides grants to local charities from our Vital Nanaimo Foundation fund
- Organizations must submit applications to be eligible for a grant

- As a community foundation, we take the broadest view of what a community is and what it needs to succeed.
- We are not tied to one single sector or one issue area.
- The Nanaimo Foundation provides grants to local charities in support of all areas of our community.
- We support everything from...
 - Social services
 - Children & youth
 - Education
 - Seniors
- To...
 - Arts & culture
 - Environment
 - Animal welfare
 - Sports & recreation

- Since our establishment in 1982, the Nanaimo Foundation and its generous donors have provided more than 325 grants, totaling more than \$3 million to local charities

- Each year we receive roughly ten times the request for funds that we have the capacity to support

- In addition to our annual Vital Fund grants, in 2016 we received \$15,000 from the Welcome Fund for Syrian refugees
- This funding was provided to the United Way of Central & Northern Vancouver Island to assist with settlement effort for newly arrived Syrian refugees

2015 Vital Nanaimo Fund Grants:

- Nanaimo Community Gardens
- Nanaimo Conservatory of Music
- Swim Nanaimo
- United Way Central & Northern Vancouver Island

2016 Vital Nanaimo Fund Grants:

- Our 2016 Vital Fund grants were matched by the Community Fund for Canada's 150th (\$35,000) and Island Savings (\$10,000), allowing us to provide a historical \$70,000 to our community

Organization Name	Project Title	Grant Amount
Gabriola Community Hall Association	GICHA 150	\$ 5,000
Government House Foundation	Write to Read Project - Snuneymuxw	\$ 7,000
Nanaimo Art Gallery Society	Welcoming Voices: Celebrating Cultural Connections Through Outdoor Art	\$ 8,000
Nanaimo Brain Injury Society	Online Community Resources and Engagement Program	\$ 7,000
Nanaimo Foodshare Society	Nanaimo Five Acre Farm Project	\$ 5,000
Nanaimo International Jazz Festival Association	Nanaimo Jazz Festival	\$ 6,500
Nanaimo Literacy Association	LCVI celebrates Canada's 150 years!	\$ 1,500
Regional District of Nanaimo	Inclusion and Accessibility in Huxley Park	\$ 7,000
The Gyro Club Of Nanaimo	Young Leaders for Beban Community Bike Park	\$ 9,000
The Nanaimo Women's Resources Society	Spirit of Place	\$ 9,000
Vancouver Island University Foundation	VIU Indigenous Speaker Series	\$ 5,000

Vital Signs

- As a part of our work to be continually aware of the current needs and issues in our community, we published two annual Vital Signs reports in 2014 and 2015—a community check-up that measures the vitality of our community.
- By compiling findings from the Vital Signs survey and the most recent data and research on a wide range of local issues, we are able to understand the current well-being of our community, and provide critical information that can help identify opportunities for action.
- We are proud that of the 191 community foundations across the country, we were one of 28 foundations to release a report in 2015.
- This year, we chose to work with our title sponsor, Island Savings, to move the dial on issues raised in our first two reports. Island Savings graciously directed their sponsorship dollars to support three of our annual grants this year.

Random Act of Kindness Day

- On November 4th, 2016, the Nanaimo Foundation participated in Random Act of Kindness Day[®] for the second year
- RAK promotes and celebrates simple acts of kindness and humanity throughout our community.
- We were one of 23 community foundations across Canada championing this year's event.

GivingTuesday/Mid Island Gives

- The Nanaimo Foundation has partnered with six local non-profit organizations to create a GivingTuesday civic movement in Central Vancouver Island.
- Our movement is called Mid Island Gives
- Tuesday, November 29th, 2016 is GivingTuesday.
- GivingTuesday falls on the Tuesday following Black Friday and Cyber Monday.
- It is a day dedicated to giving back around the world, across Canada and in our own community. It is an opportunity for charities, companies and individuals to join together and promote support for favourite causes.
- <http://www.midislandgives.ca/>

Funds

- The Nanaimo Foundation holds a variety of funds—each to meet our donors’ philanthropic goals and the needs in our community.
- Donors can chose to make a donation of any amount to one of our existing funds; or they can chose to establish their own endowment fund at the Nanaimo Foundation.
- Donors can also chose to create a personal legacy by establishing their own endowment fund with a minimum gift of \$10,000.
- Our fees to administer all of our funds are 1.50% on the first \$500K, and 1.25% on funds over \$500K, which covers our costs including fees related to investment management.
- The Nanaimo Foundation investments are managed by Jarislowsky Fraser, a qualified and reputable money manager with an excellent track record since 1955.

- In addition to establishing permanent funds for donors, the Nanaimo Foundation handles flow-through donations/grants.
- These types of donations are particularly desirable to donors wishing to maintain complete anonymity, or wish to donate complex gifts such as securities.