

The Sustainability Grants program will fund community-based sustainability and environmental initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy use, protecting and enhancing ecosystem health, and improving our community's resilience to the impacts of climate change. A total of \$30,000 is available and grant amounts are anticipated to be approximately \$1,000 to \$5,000 per project. The sustainability grant funding program aims to support community-led programs that address challenges in one or more of the five following categories:

## 1 - Low carbon buildings & energy use reduction

*Goal: Reducing energy and emissions in existing buildings*

Project examples:

- Energy conservation education and outreach programs

## 2 - Low carbon & active transportation

*Goal: Addressing vehicle congestion, support active modes of transportation and focus on safety for vulnerable road users*

Project examples:

- Developing programs that support walking, rolling, and/or cycling
- Increasing pedestrian and cycling safety around schools and parks
- Creating an education and outreach program promoting active transportation and road safety

## 3 - Zero waste

*Goal: Shifting towards zero waste and a circular economy*

Project examples:

- Hosting a recycling or upcycling community challenge
- Initiating a neighborhood zero waste challenge event

## 4 - Healthy ecosystems

*Goal: Working to restore, enhance, and protect the District's natural ecosystems*

Project examples:

- Improving water quality
- Planting rain gardens, native plants, or pollinator gardens
- Education and outreach to raise awareness about local ecosystems and wildlife

## 5 - Climate adaptation & resilience

*Goal: Making our community more adaptive and resilient to the impacts of climate change*

Project examples:

- Initiatives to support vulnerable members of the community during extreme heat events
- Developing or maintaining community or sharing gardens

## Who can apply?

- Registered not-for-profit societies
- Unincorporated local community associations
- Groups and service clubs
- Schools

## What is not eligible?

The sustainability grant program does not extend funding for projects which:

- are for-profit commercial ventures
- are organized by a private enterprise
- receive grants from other District sources for the same purpose or duplicate work done by other program funding sources
- attract participants exclusively outside of the District of North Vancouver

## How are applications evaluated?

### APPLICATIONS SHOULD:

- Outline innovative means to contribute to the social and environmental sustainability of the District in one or more of the five identified key program areas outlined above
- Provide clear project goals and objectives
- Provide an action plan with attainable goals for timing, delivery, and resources
- Provide evidence of community support and inclusiveness
- Provide evidence of financial need and fiscal responsibility

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Late applications will not be accepted;
- Funding cannot be awarded retroactively;
- Funding is not intended to provide core funding for ongoing programs; and
- The District of North Vancouver reserves the right to request evidence of liability insurance if deemed necessary.

## Reporting requirements

Funding recipients will be required to submit the following reports, using the report templates provided, in this order:

- Interim report (submitted 6 months after receiving initial funding) listing any program events and deliverables to date
- Final report (submitted within 12 months of receiving funding) including a few select photographs, if applicable.

## How to apply?

You will submit your application online using our grant application system. To apply:

1. Review this Terms of Reference and the information on the Sustainability Grants [web page](#)
2. Select the 'Apply now' button to launch the online application system
3. If this is your first time applying using our system, you will be asked to create an account
4. Once you have created an account, you can complete the online application form (note that you will be able to save your application in progress at any time, and return to complete it later)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact District staff with questions well in advance of submitting an application package. Please contact the following member of staff to indicate your interest in the grant program and to discuss the suitability of your project:

### **Bo Ocampo, Environmental Sustainability Specialist**

**Phone:** 604.990.2242

**Email:** [sustainabilitygrants@dnv.org](mailto:sustainabilitygrants@dnv.org)

Applications will be reviewed and prioritized based on the evaluation criteria outlined above. Applicants will be notified of the outcome within six weeks following the final submission date.