

Community Social Planning Council



Mission

The Community Social Planning Council provides reliable information and engagement processes that inform decision making across all sectors in order to support broad based social well-being.

Vision

Ongoing and emergent social issues are well understood and communities have the tools they need to develop solutions to these issues.

Values

- In the attainability of a healthy, sustainable, just, and vibrant community
- That accurate and accessible information is a tool for positive social change
- That marginalized voices need to be part of social planning processes
- In the necessity of a broad-based process of reconciliation with Indigenous communities



About the Community Council





Housing Affordability



Economic Justice



Social Inclusion



Climate Equity



Low Income Transit Assistance (LITA)

Improving access to affordable transportation, the program helps share prosperity and build a healthy, caring and inclusive economy. Used for health/medical/counselling, basic needs, children/family and employment related issues.

- 70 partner agencies
- 2000 adult, and senior/youth monthly passes per year
- 215,000 individual tickets per year







Climate Equity

Working at the space where climate action and social equity meet, our climate work seeks solutions that ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate in climate action and to protect themselves and the planet we all share.

- Heat Vulnerability
- Low Income Transit Assistance
- Saanich E-bike Equity
- CRD Gendered Trail Use
- BC Carbon Pricing Review



Regional Housing and Prosperity (RHAP)

This project builds on the existing base of housing needs reports, recovery and prosperity strategies and indexes to bring the focus onto housing poverty and pathways to affordability.

- Supports economic development
- Community of practice around municipal action for housing affordability.
- Profile local challenges around housing poverty and housing affordability solutions.







Greater Victoria Coordinated ID Services

Identification is necessary to access vital services and supports such as housing, health care, income security and other social services.

- Client-based
- Pro-active
- Respectful ID services
- In partnership with local community organizations
- Serve both indigenous and non indigenous clients

How we are Making a Difference

265

Successful ID Cases

148

ID Cases submitted to government agencies

15

Partner organizations and clinic hosts

115

Open ID Cases currently being worked on





Greater Victoria Rent Bank

Short term financial assistance to households at risk of eviction for reasons such as non-payment of rent or essential utilities (max \$3000 per household).

- Interest-free, low-fee loans
- Advocacy and referral services
- Support in a time of crisis



How we are Making a Difference

On average, applicants were spending 60% of their income on rent and basic utilities

LOANS

\$227,000

distributed

143

households supported

Client benefits included:

- Avoiding eviction
- Maintaining essential utility service
- Referrals to other community resources

Program currently ongoing

GRANTS

\$750,000

distributed

320

households supported

Client benefits included:

- Avoiding eviction
- Maintaining essential utility service
- Grocery cards to help buying good food
- Support moving to new housing
- Referrals to other community resources

Program ended March 31, 2022



Thank you & Funding Request

Thank you to the City of Victoria for funds dedicated to the Greater Victoria Coordinated ID Service and Greater Victoria Rent Bank to date.

We are still looking for matching funds for the Greater Victoria Rent Bank and additional funding for the Greater Victoria Coordinated ID Service as we have a shortfall in funding for this program.



