

# NEIGHBOURHOOD MATCHING FUND REVIEW

2022-2023

Regular Park Board Meeting Monday, July 10, 2023



# Neighbourhood Matching Fund Review: Purpose of Presentation



- Introduction to the Neighbourhood Matching Fund
- Provide an overview of 2022 NMF Projects
- Look forward at NMF 2023



#### Background: Neighbourhood Matching Fund





Established in 1994, The **Neighbourhood Matching** Fund (NMF) funds and supports neighbourhoodbased projects that facilitate community cultural development and foster community stewardship of park land and other public spaces.

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- Supports neighbourhood-based, not-for-profit groups in making creative enhancements to local public land and spaces through arts, local food and environmental stewardship projects.
- Actively involves community in building neighbourhood connections while enhancing parks and public spaces.
- Funds up to \$10,000 per project, matching contributions made through volunteer labour, supplies donated and/or other funds raised by not for profits and community organizations.
- Is funded through the Capital Plan: \$50K annually through DAC and \$30K annually through Environmental Stewardship

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#### **Guiding Policies and Strategies:**

- Neighborhood Matching Fund Policy & Procedures (1993 and 2019)
- Neighborhood Matching Fund Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (2015 and 2019)
- VanPlay (2019)
- Park Board Arts Policy (2003)
- Local Food Action Plan (2021)
- Rewilding Vancouver (2014)
- Biodiversity Strategy (2016)





NMF holds 2 public calls annually. Recipients have two years to complete their supported projects.

#### In 2022:

- 9 projects funded in 2020-2021 were completed
- 15 new projects were supported





Modifications to the call for projects, made in response to the COVID 19 pandemic, were continued in the Spring of 2022 and lifted for the Fall 2022. These included:

- Expanding the physical legacy of projects to include online projects on publically accessible digital platforms
- Focusing land-based projects on Park Board lands and facilities only

# Neighbourhood Matching Fund Review – Projects Completed in 2022



Community Sponsor	Project	Awarded
Wildcoast Ecological Society	Trout Lake stewardship project	2020
Invasive Species Council, BC	Community Art Plant Guide Book	2020
Strathcona CC Association	Strathcona Conversations	2020
West End CC Association	West End Murals	2021
RayCam CC Association	Picnic table Stories	2021
SPEC Theatre	Artificial Outings	2021
Foolish Operations	Moving, Resting, Nesting	2021
Hives for Humanity	Pollinating Pathways	2021
Kettle Society	Wall Street Community Garden Mural	2021

# Neighbourhood Matching Fund – 2022 Projects



<b>Community Sponsor</b>	Project	Status
Native Bee Society of BC	Bee Friendly: Celebrating Vancouver's Native Bees!	In Progress
Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty	Chinampa Milpa Garden	In Progress
Kiwassa NH	Community Food at Pandora Park	In Progress
Opera Unbound	Community Soundwalk	Complete
Little Mountain NH	Indigenous Insights on Pollinator Plants	In Progress
Environmental Youth Alliance	Medicinal Harvest Garden and Indigenous Foodscape	In Progress
Frog Hollow NH	P'ipa:m Lelum Healing Garden Project	Complete
Pine Street Community Garden	Accessibility Enhancement	In Progress

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Collingwood NH	Joyce Street Community Banners	In Progress
Cottonwood Community Garden	Urban agriculture Self-guided Tour	In Progress
Free the Fern	Native Food Forest	In Progress
Hives for Humanity	Maps, Medicines and Meadows	In Progress
Stanley Park Ecology Society	Stanley Park Bog Restoration	In Progress
Still Moon Arts	Cob Garden Shed for the Colour Me Local Dye Garden	In Progress
Vancouver Urban Food Forest Foundation	Medicine Wheel Mosaic	In Progress



Frog Hollow Neighbourhood
House Medicine Wheel Garden
surrounded by a living fence and
pathway mural at the Clinton Park
Fieldhouse P'ipa:m Lelum
Indigenous Garden

Completed and celebrated on National Indigenous People's Day









In June 2023, The NMF Committee met for the Spring 2023 adjudication

6 new NMF projects received funding support totalling \$58,000



# Neighbourhood Matching Fund Review: 2023 Projects





Eastside Family Place 45th Anniversary Legacy Project

The creation of indoor and outdoor murals, led by Indigenous artist Derek Edenshaw and inspired by the creation of a community Children's Charter.

#### Neighbourhood Matching Fund Review: 2023 Projects





# Copley Community Orchard Connecting people to each other, the land and food

with increased native plants, a new reflective seating area by the Every Child Matters Garden, and new fruit-producing plants to give the community free access to harvest seasonal fruit.



Amy Steeves Butler, Grace Nombrado, Rita Buchwitz and Jeff Mallach are confirmed new members of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund Community Advisory Committee. The committee:

- adjudicates project calls
- makes recommendations about the NMF program
- reviews completed projects annually



# Neighbourhood Matching Fund: Next Steps





# Neighbourhood Matching Fund Review : Questions?





