



NEIGHBOURHOOD MATCHING FUND REVIEW

2019 & 2020 Projects

Park Board Committee Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2021

- Provide an overview of 2020 NMF Projects
- Review impact of the pandemic on the NMF
- Look forward at NMF 2021

Chinatown Riots, 360° Walking Tour
Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden, 2019



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Collingwood Neighbourhood House Mural, 2018

The objectives of the Neighbourhood Matching Fund (NMF) are to facilitate community cultural development in Vancouver neighbourhoods and foster community stewardship of park land and other public spaces.

- 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.



Between March and September facility closures, staff lay-offs and PHO guidelines around gathering paused most projects. In the Winter and Fall of 2020, NMF funded projects were able to continue their work.

Of the 17 projects underway in 2019-2020, five were completed and twelve are still in progress

Tsleil-Waututh artist Jordan Galli installs his work at Mount Pleasant CC, 2020

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Community Sponsor	Project	Status
Hives For Humanity	Cathedral Square Park Pollinators	Complete
Trout Lake Community Centre Assn	Clark Park Cultural and Natural History	In progress
Mount Pleasant Community Centre Assn	Coast Salish Art	In progress
Little Mountain NH	Trellis Entrance & Renewable Energy Shed	In progress
Strathcona Community Gardeners Society	Thriving Pollinators	In progress
Aboriginal Friendship Centre	Mural	In progress
Disability Foundation / Disabled Independent Gardeners Assn	Accessible Community Gardens	In progress
Cineworks Independent Filmmakers	The Sound We See	In progress
Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty	Fieldhouse Garden	In progress
Still Moon Arts	Sarah Ross House Mural	Complete

Projects completed in 2020
include:

Collingwood Neighbourhood House: RE-SIL(i)ENCE stories

This visual arts project shifted
from a public art installation to
a mail art postcard project
documented digitally, and then
mailed to participants and
community at home



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Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society

Roots in the Community:
Indigenous Sensory & Pollinator
Gardens at Van Tech Secondary
School and Beaconsfield Park.

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Still Moon Arts: W/4/ Polans, Sarah Rose Hayes Mural by Sloop Park



As a result of COVID 19 impacts, the NMF Spring project call planned for March 2020 was cancelled. In October 2020, staff conducted an adapted call for projects. Pandemic pivots to the call 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

In February, Park Board announced the results of the Fall 2020 adjudication.

11 new NMF projects received funding support totalling \$80,000



- The Overdose Prevention Society: DTES Artist Collective Picnic Table Arts
- Vancouver New Music: Sounding Sculptures performance and video
- Vines Art Festival: Sculptural Community Gathering Table & Zine Library
- EarthHand Gleaners: Tending our Community FibreShed
- Wildcoast Ecological Society: Trout Lake Stewardship Project
- Collingwood Neighbourhood House: Walking the Mycelial Self-guided Mushroom Walks
- Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver: Community Art Plant Guidebook
- Hives for Humanity: Cathedral Square Invasive Plant Removal and Indigenous Plantings
- Strathcona Community Centre: Strathcona Conversations Exhibition and Zine
- Still Moon Arts: Colour Me Local Dye Garden Accessibility Improvements community.
- South Vancouver Neighbourhood House: Public Art and Place-making mural project

Supported Projects
include:

EarthHand Gleaners:
Tending our Community
FibreShed will focus on
sedge area revitalization in
Trillium Park



EarthHand Gleaners, Trillium Park, 2020

**Overdose Prevention
Society: DTES Artist
Collective Picnic
Table Arts** will see
local artists paint and
weatherproof picnic
tables at the Downtown
Eastside Market



**Invasive Species Council
of Metro Vancouver
Community Arts Plant
Guidebook** will be a
community developed, local
plant guidebook offered
online and in print as a free,
educational resource.



Naz Gurbuz and Joseph Bardsley 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



Naz Gurbuz



Joseph Bardsley

Neighbourhood Matching Fund: Next Steps

The Spring NMF project call will continue to follow COVID-adapted guidelines.

The call is currently underway and closes April 30, 2021.

Cloudscape Comic, Sunset Pollinator Path Comic, 2019



NMF Community Advisory Committee: Questions?



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