

NEWS RELEASE

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City seeking applications for inaugural Community Watershed Restoration Grant

Up to \$20,000 in funding available for watershed restoration projects

Summary

Beginning on September 9, 2022, the City of Nanaimo will be accepting applications for a new Community Watershed Restoration Grant.

During the June 20, 2022 meeting, Council endorsed the Community Watershed Restoration Grant Guidelines and Criteria, effectively supporting a new grant program for environmental restoration within the City of Nanaimo.

Up to \$20,000 in grant funding will be available annually to community organizations, environmental non-profits, and individual residents that aim to carry out watershed restoration projects focusing on urban stream and riparian restoration enhancement and natural environment protection. Individual applications of up to \$20,000 in funding will be accepted; however, funding of less than \$20,000 may also be split between more than one successful applicant. Funding may be used to provide financial support for restoration planning and design studies, material purchase, invasive plants disposal, equipment rental, and labour.

More details regarding the Community Watershed Restoration Grants are provided in the Grant Guidelines and Criteria and application forms available on the City of Nanaimo's website at www.nanaimo.ca/your-government/grants/community-watershed-restoration-grant. The deadline for submitting applications is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2022. Successful applications will be announced and awarded in early 2023.

Strategic Link: This program supports Council's Environmental Responsibility priority "to protect and enhance Nanaimo's natural environment by looking after the community's biological diversity and adapt the way we live, work, recreate and move".

Key Points

- The City of Nanaimo is now accepting applications for a brand new \$20,000 annual Community Watershed Restoration Grant. The grant will support community environmental restoration projects focusing on urban stream and riparian restoration enhancement, natural environment protection, and climate change adaptation solutions.
- The grant application deadline is Monday, October 17 at 4pm.

Quotes

"This is the first time ever the City will be awarding funding for the Community Watershed Restoration Grant. These funds will help support local volunteer stewardship efforts in maintaining and restoring the City's many wonderful natural spaces."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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