

2026 Recreation Grants Awarded

Organization	Organization Description	Purpose of Funding Request	2026 Award
Blazing Paddles Dragon Boat Society	Encourage and promote participation in the sport of dragon boating in the Comox Valley, and facilitate community service partnerships within the Comox Valley	Specific operational costs - insurance, storage locker and marina fees	\$1,500
Comox Valley Cycling Coalition	We wish to create a safe environment for cycling in the Comox Valley and encourage cycling as an effective, economical, healthy, and environmentally friendly mode of transportation. The CVCCo Cycle Route Map provides and up to date insight on safe cycling infrastructure allowing cyclists to choose the safest route.	Funding will go toward updating the cycle route map.	\$2,000
Comox Valley Exhibition Association	We provide a community agricultural event that brings farming and agriculture into the limelight and encompasses the many diverse cultural aspects of our growing community. The main event is the Comox Valley Exhibition itself, which is a 3 day family friendly agriculture and community event. Lots of focus on local farming and businesses, building community, and raising awareness of a multitude of current concerns.	Funding will support our annual exhibition.	\$10,000

Comox Valley Sports Hall of Fame	Our mission is to recognize and celebrate those athletes, teams and sport builders who have contributed to the development of sport through their performance, contribution and service. This is an initial start up grant application that will require a significant "up front" grant to cover initial costs such as attaching 10" tall lettering (CV Sports Hall of Fame), a CV Sports Hall of Fame crest and 10 recipient plaques to the wall.	Funding will be used to purchase and install the lettering, crest and plaques. The funding will also be used to move the TV screen that is presently located on the wall. Funding will also be used to develop a CV Sports Hall of Fame website.	\$2,000
Comox Valley Therapeutic Riding Society	The Comox Valley Therapeutic Riding Society (CVTRS) has been steadily growing since it began in 1986 with a mission to provide a therapeutic riding program for physically, cognitively and psychologically challenged children and adults using Hippotherapy, Equine Facilitated Mental Health Wellness and Adaptive Riding. CVTRS is dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive, recreational and therapeutic horse riding program to all members of our Special Need Community.	Funding will go toward the Pheonix Rider's Program which is designed specifically for children ages 8-18 with extra needs including FASD, ADHD, autism, brain injury, Down syndrome and developmental delays. Skills learned in the riding area translate into everyday life.	\$7,500

Comox Valley Volleyball Club	We are seeking funding to develop a dedicated volleyball and multi-sport training facility in the Comox Valley by late 2026. The project addresses the region's ongoing shortage of accessible gym space for youth and community recreation programs. The facility will serve as a year-round training hub supporting CVVC athletes and multiple community groups, including pickleball and basketball associations, as well as school PE programs and community fitness classes. CVVC will work closely with Volleyball BC, School District 71, and the Comox Valley Regional District to identify an appropriate facility or site and bring the project to completion within the next year.	Comox Valley Volleyball Training & Multi-Sport Facility	\$7,000
Denman Island Community Education Society	We provide educational, recreational, and cultural programs for children, youth and adults to build community through participation in knowledge sharing activities.	This funding will allow us to offer recreation focusing on enriching the daily recreation programming we provide, known as "Community Programs"	\$7,500

Hornby Island Athletic Association	To provide recreational, social and health services to members, residents and visitors to Hornby Island. HIAA holds a Crown Land lease on which it operates a Clubhouse, small Fitness centre and washhouse. Outdoor sport facilities include the Joe King Ballfield, a multi-use court, disc-golf course, bike pump-track.	This grant funding is to complete structural upgrades on the clubhouse that will make it a safer and more user-friendly space for community use.	\$7,500
MIKI'SIW Metis Association	We are the Chartered Metis Community for the Comox Valley. We uphold Section 35 rights and advance self-determination through governance, cultural revitalization, and community development.	Grant funding will go to our Land Based Culture Camp that gives participants the opportunity to immerse themselves in Metis traditional cultural activities. All workshops will be taught by Metis Elders and Knowledge Keepers from <u>MIKI'SIW Metis community</u> and	\$10,000
Mount Washington Freestyle Club	We are a non-profit sports organization dedicated to developing freestyle skiing on Vancouver Island. Our purpose is to provide a safe, inclusive, and progressive training environment where athletes of all ages and abilities can learn, grow, and excel in freestyle skiing disciplines including moguls, slopestyle, and big air.	Funding will go towards a capital project to improve the safety, sustainability, and reliability of freestyle training facilities on Vancouver Island. The project involves constructing two large permanent dirt-and-rock landings in the MWAR Stomping Grounds Terrain Park.	\$2,000

Steam Donkey Racing Club	We operate a non-profit entity that organizes and hosts athletic races and events, and encourages physical activity through athletic competition. Grant funding will go toward the Dodge City X, held annually in Cumberland, and is the only cross (off-road) triathlon. Our 2026 event will also serve as the 2026 BC Cross Triathlon Provincial Championship event, with top finishers qualifying for the 2027 World Cross Triathlon Championship in Edmonton. This is a tremendous opportunity to showcase the Comox Valley and the Valley's commitment to athletic pursuits	Grant funding will support our annual Dodge City X cross (off-road) triathlon.	\$2,000
United Riders of Cumberland	To ensure continued access to a diverse, evolving, and well-managed trail network.	Grant funding will be used for trail management and maintenance, network development, insurance and administration, human resources, staffing and retention	\$27,600

TOTAL	\$86,600
Denman Island Rec Programs	\$4,000
Hornby Rec Programs	\$4,000
TOTAL	\$94,600