

2026 Rural Community Grants Awarded

Organization	Organization Description	Purpose of Funding Request	2026 Award
Anderton Therapeutic Gardens Society	We promote health and wellness by providing an interactive gardening experience for all.	Funds will allow for repair of our entrance gates and sign, office floor and some allotments.	\$4,000
Arts Denman	We foster the development of cultural activities for Denman Island and area residents.	This grant will help the ongoing Concerts Denman series by covering expenses including pay the artists, their travel expenses, the technical folks, and the hall rental	\$2,500
Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards	To protect the marine environment for the benefit of the public by conducting environmental stewardship projects designed to preserve and protect flora and fauna and restore the marine environment of Denman Island and surrounding waters.	Funding will aid in the cleanup of the whole of the shoreline by hiring a coordinator to lead and organize this initiative,	\$2,000
Beaufort Watershed Stewards	Our mission is to promote the health and resilience of the local watersheds in the Beaufort Range.	We plan to hire a hydrologist who is versed in rating curve creation. We will work with them to tailor the curve for each creek based on changes to creek channels and control points.	\$10,000

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Bread of Life Food Share (International Christian Mission Services)	For 15 years Bread of Life Food Share has been an outreach organization to the entire Comox Valley. Now serving just under 300 households within the Black Creek & Merville areas alone. Serving 4200 clients per month.	Funding will go to food & fuel expenses for basic operations. Food purchase for Public Distribution & Food Hamper Deliveries Fuel usage for our food pick up van and our community delivery van.	\$24,000
British Columbia Conservation Foundation	We are dedicated to the conservation of fish and wildlife resources in British Columbia through education, collaboration, and habitat conservation.	Funds will help provide equipment, technical support, hands-on site visits and workshops, data feedback, quality control, data management, and capacity building for partner organizations.	\$6,700
Comox Valley Family Services Association for the Early Years Collaborative	We are a network of individuals and organizations committed to improving the lives of children. We offer vital connections among community agencies, organizations, and individuals, in order to offer support where gaps exist in the Comox Valley.	Funding will support hiring a part-time coordinator to manage our initiatives including The Growing Together Conference, and the Poverty Reeducation Collective.	\$15,500
Comox Valley Healthcare Society	We collaborate with donors, supporters and partners to fund innovation, equipment, services, programs and education to ensure that the people living in the Comox Valley have access to healthcare.	Funding will help to create and restore therapeutic garden spaces at Cumberland Lodge that provide a safe, calming, and stimulating outdoor environment to improve residents' quality of life, mental health, physical activity, and social connections.	\$7,000

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Comox Valley Land Trust	We work to protect and conserve the ecologically significant land and wildlife habitat of the Comox Valley region	Funding will be used to support two of the CVLT's programs: The Land Protection Program and The Comox Valley Conservation Partnership.	\$12,500
Comox Valley Project Watershed Society	Our purpose is to restore and conserve sensitive ecosystems. We aim to research and restore natural systems from headwaters to coastal environments throughout the mid to north Vancouver Island.	Funds will assist by equipping local stewardship groups with the tools, training, and scientific framework needed to collect high-quality water quality data.	\$9,000
Comox Valley Recovery Centre	We provide a variety of programs for men at various stages of recovery and we offer the 12-step program led by peer counsellors.	Grant funds will help us provide outreach to increase knowledge of programming for those in more rural/remote locations. Working with existing partners to create a more efficient/effective intake process utilizing digital programs to reduce processing times and reduce turnover from a client completing a program to a new client arriving.	\$8,000

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Cumberland Community Schools Society	We work to improve access to nutritious food, inclusive recreation, lifelong learning and networks of support in the Village of Cumberland. This is accomplished through the provision of free meals and food hampers, barrier free after-school activities, and inclusive community programs & events.	Funding will support the ongoing operational costs of the Cumberland Food Share. The program's goal is to build a more food-secure community by providing dignified, equitable access to nutritious food for low-income and vulnerable residents.	\$5,000
Denman Health Centre Society	We own, manage, and maintain the Zella Clark Health Centre. This Centre allows for health services to be delivered on Denman Island. It is the only such facility on the island.	Funding will support expenditures for the ongoing operations, updating and upkeep of the facility in order to provide a quality, accessible public service for the community.	\$2,000
Denman Island Climate Action Network	Our mission is to connect, empower and provide structure for the Denman Community to address climate change	Funding will support Repair Cafes and letter writing campaigns and attending to issues such as fund raising to for a heat pump in the Old School and support drawing attention to the ship breaking in Baynes Sound.	\$2,000
Denman Island Preschool Society - Blackberry Lane	We provide multi-age child care, Before and After School Care, plus full day care for School Age Home Schoolers.	Funding will assist with our operating funds.	\$2,500

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Denman Island Recreation Commission Society	We are responsible for managing the community hall and we are a free space for our community library.	The funds requested will be used to purchase books to round out the library's collection which mainly relies on random donations from residents. This project will be overseen by a volunteer library committee member who is a former librarian.	\$1,362
DIG FM	We provide a community radio station to the Comox Valley. Since 2023 CVCBS has operated a 24-7 livestream radio station featuring locally-produced talk, music, and news content alongside excellent community radio programming from other community stations.	To apply for FM license we must present technical reports on radio engineering and health and safety compliance prepared by licensed engineers. Funds will go toward this work.	\$3,500
Eureka Support Society	We support adults with severe and persistent mental health conditions in the Comox Valley. Our Clubhouse provides a safe, inclusive, supportive and empowering environment where members can come to enjoy a daily nutritious meal, develop social, personal, educational and vocational skills.	Funding is needed to assure the continuation of the Eureka daily free lunch and vocational program. The Eureka Support Society currently offers a daily hot lunch program supported entirely by community donations.	\$9,500

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Hornby Festival Society	Our Festival presents 10 days of live music and interdisciplinary arts programming each August across multiple venues on Hornby Island.	Funding will be used for partially towards artist fee expenses, supporting fair compensation and artist career support.	\$4,000
Hornby Island Daycare Society	Our mission is to create a nurturing and educational environment that supports early childhood development according to the Early Learning Framework. We are the only licensed childcare in our remote community.	Funds will support two essential facility upgrades—insulating the daycare building and rat-proofing the newly insulated areas—that must be completed together to ensure long-term effectiveness, cost efficiency, and the safety of all users.	\$9,452
Hornby Island Housing Society	Our aim is to provide affordable rental housing to Hornby Island residents of all ages.	Funds will help to replace the 29 year old deck and access ramp on Unit 3.	\$5,000
Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association	Our aim is to contribute to the ongoing evolution of a vibrant, self-governing community that supports and nurtures the well-being of all islanders and of the island itself.	Funding will support a one-day facilitated Strategic Planning session in February or March 2026. The event would include a simple lunch for up to 25 people.	\$3,000
Indigenous Women's Sharing Society	The Indigenous Women's Sharing Society is committed to creating safe spaces and improving the quality of life for all through healing, caring, education, and connection.	Funds will help to provide case management supports to individuals that are experiencing substance use, homelessness and gender based violence.	\$20,000

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K'ómoks First Nation Guardian Watchmen	We are dedicated to protecting and stewarding the natural and cultural resources within the K'ómoks Traditional Territory. Our purpose is to safeguard sensitive habitats, monitor fish and wildlife populations, restore ecological areas, and integrate traditional knowledge with contemporary environmental practices.	Funds will support the Little River Stream Mapping project which will provide a comprehensive, ground-truthed evaluation of the Little River watershed to improve understanding of local freshwater ecosystems and support sustainable land-use planning in the Comox Valley.	\$8,000
Lake Trail Community Education Society	Our mission is to create meaningful and purposeful connections through programming and opportunities that support and strengthen our diverse community.	Funding will assist with offering safe and inclusive programs for all ages. Our free weekly Community Drop-in nights have grown to include an open gym, board game, and art. These events provided a safe, welcoming, and encouraging space for people of all ages and abilities to explore activities together.	\$2,000
Little River Enhancement Society	Our purpose is to undertake and promote habitat enhancement of the Little River watershed to improve the environment for the propagation and growth of salmonid and trout species.	Funding will support renourishment of the gravel which will restore spawning beds, increasing area and quality of spawning habitat for salmon returning to the watershed.	\$10,000

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LUSH Valley Food Action Society	We support the development and implementation of a regional Agricultural and Food Security Area Plan. Supporting other Official City Plans, the Regional Growth Strategy, and municipal and regional planning processes.	Funding will support our ongoing initiatives including School Food, supporting other Official City Plans, the Regional Growth Strategy, and municipal and regional planning processes.	\$10,000
Macaulay Road and Area Neighbourhood Association	Our primary goals include working toward safer roads, advocating for workable emergency routes and alternate public road access.	Grant funds are used to pay for our insurance, required to secure a parks permit so we can hold our meetings.	\$1,500
Macdonald Wood Park Society	We act as stewards of the property commonly known as Macdonald Wood in the Town of Comox.	Funds aid our community invasives plant removal for Macdonald Wood Park and the Fran Johnson Wildlife Sanctuary. In addition, dedicated and trained society volunteers continue with small groups over the balance of the season to address additional sensitive areas.	\$1,000
Millard Piercy Watershed Stewards	Our mission is to assess, preserve and restore the Eco-system of the Millard-Piercy Watershed	Funding will assist us in coordinating and managing our programs including: habitat enhancement, fish monitoring, water quality monitoring, education and outreach.	\$6,000
Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society (MARS)	Our Mission: to conserve and protect native wildlife and its natural habitat through education and rehabilitation.	Funds will help us to continue operating our animal hospital, visitor centre and education programming.	\$15,500

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Strathcona Wilderness Society	To inspire awareness, appreciation and stewardship of the natural world and Strathcona Provincial Park in particular through research, education and participation.	Funding will support our summer educational programming at the Wilderness Centre.	\$5,000
The Hornby Spark	We provide work space, storage, and other resources for projects related to art, science, and technology that will benefit the individual members' personal growth in their fields of interest, encouraging the individual members to share their projects and knowledge for the betterment of society through art, science and technology.	We are seeking funding to install an energy-efficient heat pump system for the upstairs area of the Spark building. This improvement will provide a comfortable and sustainable environment for community workshops, events, and gatherings year-round.	\$3,000
Tsolum River Restoration Society	We promote sustainable stewardship of the Tsolum River and its watershed, - protect it from damage, monitor the health of the ecosystem, and educate students and the larger community on stewardship and challenges in the watershed.	Funding will support our ongoing school student and public outreach, education and engagement in the Tsolum River watershed.	\$15,000

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Union Bay Historical Society	The purpose of the society are: to promote the preservation of the history and our historical buildings of the region; promote and develop a strong working relationship with Indigenous Peoples, operate a museum and an archive, collect and preserve artefacts relating to Union Bay.	Funding will go toward painting the exterior of the 113-year-old Post Office Building. Many old shingles have fallen, others are loose, and paint is peeling off many others.	\$18,876
			\$264,390