

2020 RENTER SERVICES GRANTS
Renter Services Grants Recommended (Recommendations A - B)

The Renter Services Grants will support non-profit advocacy and renter serving organizations to help renters understand and pursue their rights, to provide direct services to support renters to maintain their tenancies, and to enable renters to find adequate rehousing options.

AGENCY	2020 REQUESTED	2020 RECOMMENDED	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	CONDITIONS & COMMENTS
Access Pro Bono Society of BC	\$45,000	\$40,000	Vancouver Renter Legal Services	Will enhance and extend APB's capacity to provide expert legal assistance and representation to low- and modest-income Vancouver renters confronting tenancy-threatening legal problems in and out of Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) hearings and BC Supreme Court.	
Atira Women's Resources Society	\$80,000	\$40,000	Legal Advocacy Program	Will enhance the organization's capacity to improve housing outcomes of low-income women, including trans women, in the DTES by supporting them to understand and pursue their rights through legal advice, advocacy, and representation.	
Aunt Leah's Society	\$24,500	\$24,500	Friendly Landlord Network	Will enhance the program's capacity to successfully support youth and families transitioning from government care into private market housing through connections and collaboration between non-profit services agencies and landlords, thereby increasing the housing options for youth and families transitioning from care to independence.	
Battered Women's Support Services	\$48,152	\$24,182	How to Survive a Housing Crisis	Will provide weekly educational workshops and one-to-one support and advocacy of a housing specialist for women and girls who are experiencing or have survived Gender Based Violence.	
Disability Alliance BC Society	\$116,213	\$70,000	The Right Fit	Will build the capacity to support people with disabilities who have housing needs. The program is designed to address the crisis in wheelchair	

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				accessible housing by matching scarce affordable, accessible homes and independent living supports for people with disabilities.	
DTES SRO Collaborative	\$75,000	\$75,000	The SRO Hub	Will assist and empower SRO tenants through new initiatives to understand their rights through educational programming, share that knowledge through community building, newsletters and a resource library, and improve and stabilize their rental housing by bringing together the stakeholders of the SRO housing sector.	
First United Church Community Ministry Society	\$14,236	\$14,236	First United Legal Advocacy	Will enhance and extend the capacity of First United's Legal Advocacy program to provide legal advocacy services on tenant issues to low-income renters.	
Helping Spirit Lodge Society	\$35,580	\$35,580	Journey Home	Will enhance the capacity of the program to support homeless individuals and families in Vancouver, with special focus on Urban Indigenous Peoples who are chronically or episodically homeless, to stay housed permanently in affordable and safe housing and to prevent and reduce homelessness by providing direct support.	
Seniors Services Society of BC	\$72,000	\$59,425	Vancouver Seniors Housing Navigation Services	Will enhance the capacity of Seniors Services Society to provide one-on-one housing navigation services for homeless Vancouver seniors and assist them to secure and maintain affordable and appropriate rental housing and empower them to understand and pursue their rental rights.	
Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (TRAC)	\$73,000	\$40,000	Legal Representation for Renters in Non-Profit Housing	Will provide low income Vancouver renters living in non-profit housing with direct advocacy, including full representation at Residential Tenancy Branch dispute resolution hearings.	
Vancouver	\$94,550	\$40,000	Building	Will build the infrastructure of VTU chapters to	Condition:

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Tenants Union (VTU)			Neighbourhood Based Infrastructure Renter Education, Advocacy & Mutual Support	rapidly expand Vancouver renters' access to renter rights information, create local entry points to legal advocacy and develop mutual support to stop evictions, achieve maintenance standards in rental buildings and prevent homelessness.	Quarterly payments contingent on program update of work accomplished to the satisfaction of the Managing Director of Homelessness Services and Affordable Housing Programs
Watari Research Association	\$68,343	\$68,343	Transition to Independence Program	Will enhance the capacity of Watari to support pregnant/parenting youth in Vancouver gain access to dignified housing and other supports. This transitional housing program consists of a monthly rent supplement provided by BC Housing and support services provided by a trained and dedicated youth housing outreach worker.	
Westside Anglicans Neighborhood Ministry	\$64,600	\$26,600	Equipping Volunteers for Service to Homeless & Vulnerable People	Will enhance the capacity of volunteers to assist homeless and vulnerable people on Vancouver's Westside to access housing, income, disability, and other supports by investing in training, collaboration and mentorship opportunities for volunteers.	
West End Seniors Network	\$50,000	\$50,000	Roommate Pairing Service for Older Adults	Will support the implementation of a new and innovative roommate pairing service that will connect older adults with other Vancouver residents of all ages in need of affordable accommodation.	Comment: staff note that Council allocated, as part of Housing Vancouver in 2018, \$50,000 to support an initiative to

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					connect seniors in underutilized homes with renters in need of affordable housing.
Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice	\$30,000	\$17,134	Renter Services for Chinese Seniors	Will enhance Yarrow's capacity to address service gaps and reduce language and other barriers faced by low-income Chinese senior renters in DTES and Strathcona by assisting and empowering them to achieve housing security through advocacy, education and outreach.	
Total = 15	\$891,174	\$625,000			

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Renter Services Grants NOT Recommended

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Atira Women's Resources Society	\$45,000	\$0	Homelessness Prevention & Housing Outreach	Will enhance the program's capacity to assist women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to secure safe and affordable long-term housing and provide ongoing support to the women in maintaining their housing.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Carnegie Community Centre Association	\$35,880	\$0	Renters' Rights in Supportive & Program Model Housing	This project would explore how supportive and transitional housing models impact housing security through Residential Tenancy Act exemptions. Activities include "Know Your Rights" resource creation, peer-led research into the experience of tenants in supportive or program-model housing, and feedback for BC Housing and other government actors.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	\$80,000	\$0	Staying Housed in Renfrew Collingwood	Aims to enhance capacity to support renters in Renfrew-Collingwood who are at risk of losing housing by addressing social determinants of health. Will connect folks with one-on-one support and resources to support their health and wellness, support finances, build support networks with community partners, and liaise with housing providers to keep renters at home.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS)	\$50,000	\$0	Human Rights & Rental Housing in Vancouver	Through this research project, CLAS will create systemic recommendations and develop targeted strategies for their implementation to support human rights in Vancouver's rental housing. These	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications

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				recommendations will involve law reform, public education, and improving access to mechanisms for addressing discrimination.	rated higher in addressing City priorities
Community Legal Assistance Society (CLAS)	\$70,000	\$0	Renters' Rights Ad Campaign	This billboard and media campaign will bring housing rights advice to the public in accessible ways by providing short, easy to understand messages in ways that will reach those most in need. The ads will direct people to CLAS and to the Renter Services Group at the City of Vancouver to assist people wishing to pursue their rights.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
EMBERS	\$100,000	\$0	Workforce Rental Savings & Support	The grant will fund a workforce housing initiative, providing a dedicated housing coordinator and a matched savings program to help our workers both secure and maintain permanent housing.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
McLaren House Society	\$57,500	\$0	MHS Community Support Program	The program focuses on housing stability, sustainability and addressing social isolation. Our program provides staffing resources and support services for the many challenges and barriers clients face that negatively impact their housing, leading to housing instability and homelessness. Fundamentally, this is a homelessness prevention program.	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications rated higher in addressing City priorities
Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	\$95,500	\$0	Our House	This project includes three Vancouver Neighbourhood Houses. We will amplify rental sustainability in our local neighbourhoods. It includes a multi-pronged approach to increase the capacity	NOT RECOMMENDED: Meets eligibility criteria but funding not recommended as grants budget is limited and other applications

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				for renters to pursue their rights through resources to secure and maintain housing.	rated higher in addressing City priorities
Total = 8	<i>\$533,880</i>	\$0			