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RDN Board Approves Recreation Grants in Support of Local Organizations

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board approved grants for organizations at the June 24, 2025, board meeting. The value of the grants awarded for the spring 2025 intake totals \$37,560 and will be used for a variety of recreation-focused projects. Recreation grants provide funds to organizations requesting financial assistance to offer recreation programs, special events or projects which benefit specific communities or the whole Oceanside area.

There are two categories in the recreation stream: youth specific (11-18 years) and community (all ages). The funding was awarded as follows:

- \$4,960 in Oceanside Recreation Services Youth Grants awarded to three organizations
- \$32,600 in Oceanside Recreation Services Community Grants awarded to 20 organizations

Please refer to the following page for details on amounts awarded to the recipient organizations. For grant application forms and general grant information, visit rdn.bc.ca/grants.


The next RDN grant application deadlines are:

- Oceanside Community Safety Grants: August 29, 2025
- Electoral Area A Recreation and Culture Grants: September 26, 2025
- Oceanside Recreation Services Grants: September 5, 2024
- Community Grants: April 24, 2026

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Spring 2025 Oceanside Recreation Services Youth Grant Recipients

• Ballenas Secondary School: Parent Grad Committee - Ballenas 2025Prom/Dry Grad - food and entertainment	\$1,230
• Oceanside Jr B2 Lacrosse: Team Productivity - helmets, trainer, advertising and development training/courses	\$2,500
• Oceanside Minor Lacrosse Association: new Shark jerseys/uniforms	\$1,230
Total Awarded:	\$4,960

Spring 2025 Oceanside Recreation Services Community Grant Recipients

• Arrowsmith Agricultural Association: Active Horizons - purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)	\$2,500
• Arrowsmith Agricultural Association: Coombs Fair Kids Club - supplies, honorariums and volunteer appreciation	\$1,230
• Arrowsmith Agricultural Association: Coombs Family Day Celebration - food, craft supplies, prizes, snow removal and volunteer appreciation	\$1,230
• Arrowsmith Agricultural Association: Coombs Pet Expo - supplies, prizes, honorariums	\$1,230
• Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association (ACRA): Coombs Halloween Candy Walk - volunteer appreciation, honorariums, decorations, supplies and candy	\$1,230
• Arrowsmith Cycling Club: ACC Race Tent and Banners - canopy, frames, banner, flags	\$2,500
• Bowser Tennis Club: Tennis Court Upgrade, Install Electricity - electrical wire, security camera, concrete, excavator rental	\$1,230
• Ecole Oceanside Elementary School PAC: Recreational Year End Out Trips - swimming fees, mini golfing, skating fees	\$1,230
• Errington War Memorial Hall Association: Around the World for Young Musicians - artist fees	\$1,230
• Errington War Memorial Hall Association: Hi Neighbour Day Festival - musician fees	\$1,230
• Errington War Memorial Hall Association - Recreation Thursdays at the Errington Hall - program supplies, food, advertising, honorariums	\$1,230
• Forward House Community Society: Forward House Discovery Series - activity trip costs	\$1,230
• Island Crisis Care Society: Pathways to Wellness - Physiotherapy Support at Orca Place - honorariums for physiotherapists	\$1,230
• Lighthouse Community Centre Society: 2025 Route 19A Arts Festival -artwork display rental	\$1,000
• MAC School for the Creative Arts (OCAC): Summer Kids Program - art supplies, instructor fees, advertising	\$1,230
• Mid Vancouver Island Elder College Society: MIEC Fall Campaign - advertising	\$1,230
• Mid-Island Pensioners & Hobbyist Association: Neon Nights - black light equipment, decorations, safety supplies, advertising	\$1,230

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- Oceanside Track and Field: Equipment purchase - hurdles, starting blocks, high jump pole \$1,230
- Parksville & District and Historical Society: Annual Railway Day - advertising, musicians, staff, lights, staging, table, tents, exhibit enhancements \$1,230
- Parksville & District Musical Association: Fostering Community Through Music in Oceanside - musical scores, instruments, equipment \$1,230
- Parksville Golden Oldies Sports Association: AED machine replacement \$2,000
- Parksville Table Tennis Society: Equipment Project - table tennis tables and nets \$1,230
- Sources Community Resource Centre: Sources Family Wellness and Food Security - event supplies, food \$1,230
- Springwood PAC: Grade 3/4 School Swimming Lessons - swim lessons \$1,230

Total Awarded: \$32,600

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