



2026 SHORT FORM GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

VANCOUVER POLICE
FOUNDATION



IMPORTANT DATES

December 1, 2025: Grant application window opens

March 13, 2026: All notifications to applicants complete

May 21, 2026: Annual Grant Celebration Ceremony, location TBC - pending

As a public foundation and registered charity, the VPF has certain restrictions on what it can fund. The programs/initiatives must have general community benefit.

Grants are funded under the Foundation's three streams:

1. Community Engagement, including youth, seniors and mental health programs
2. Public and Personal Safety
3. Specialized Equipment and New Technologies

In addition, grants must align with one of the following Vancouver Police Department's strategic priorities:

1. Serving the Community
2. Community Safety
3. Community Well-being

CFO FUNDING

The Foundation encourages applicants to also apply to the Civil Forfeiture Office (CFO) if the program/initiative/equipment meets that year's priorities for the CFO. Applicants may still apply to the Foundation, even if the outcome of the CFO application is not known. If the CFO application is successful, it will take priority and all or a portion of the VPF funds will be returned to the Foundation for redistribution to other programs.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Both sworn and civilian members can apply for grants. Before being considered by the Foundation, the applications must be approved by the applicant's manager. The Foundation compiles all applications and sends them through the appropriate Chain of Command.



RESTRICTIONS

TRAINING

The Vancouver Police Foundation will not be accepting applications focused on training or conference attendance.

CHALLENGE COINS

The VPF does not accept applications for Challenge Coins.

COMPUTERS/IT

Grants for technology hardware or software **MUST** be submitted to the Director, Information and Communications Technology (Raymond Lai) prior to submission to the Foundation. An email or other documentation that shows approval by the Director, ICT must be included with the application. Grant requests for software must also be approved by the VPD's privacy team/legal counsel – Darrin Hurwitz.

EQUIPMENT

Grants for equipment **MUST** be submitted to the Equipment Committee (Superintendent Don Chapman) prior to submission to the Foundation. An email or other documentation showing the status of the EC request must be included with the application.

CLOTHING/APPAREL

Grants for apparel/clothing, if successful, **MUST** be presented to the Uniform Committee (Superintendent Andrew Chan) prior to submission to the Foundation.

VPD LOGO, MARKS, DESIGN, ADVERTISING AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Any program or project that contemplates using the VPD's logo and marks will require design services from Public Affairs Section. Additionally, any promotion of the program via out-of-home (OOH), traditional or social media, **MUST** be approved by the Director, Public Affairs. We encourage all applicants to reach out to the PAS before submitting to the Foundation.

VEHICLES/VESSELS/ACCESSORIES

Grants for boats, vehicles, trailers, etc. **MUST** be submitted to the Manager, Fleet Operations (Peter Parmar) prior to submission to the Foundation. An email or other documentation showing the status of the request must be included with the application.

* Extraordinary circumstances may be reviewed by the Grant committee.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

There are two required components to the grant application and applicants are encouraged to provide Supporting Documentation to help the members of the Adjudication Committees make informed decisions about the application.

1. Application Form (fillable PDF): **REQUIRED**
2. Budget (Excel or PDF): **REQUIRED**
3. Supporting Documents (file type varies): **OPTIONAL**

Submissions **MUST** be made via email to grants@vancouverpolicefoundation.org by **January 9, 2026**, at 17:00 hours. We cannot guarantee that applications sent to any other email address will be considered.

EXTERNAL REQUESTS

Grant requests from outside agencies will only be considered in rare circumstances. It is recommended that such requests are discussed with members of Foundation staff before submission. In such an instance, the applicant or receiving organization must find a VPD sponsor for the application which will still require approval through the sponsor's chain of command.

MULTI-YEAR REQUESTS

The Foundation does consider multi-year requests. For programs that have been running for several years and are considered to be a "staple" of VPD offerings to the community are encouraged to apply for a multi-year grant.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Relevant information: This is your opportunity to include additional information that will help the Adjudication Committee members really understand what your application is about and how it will benefit our community. Please include clickable links to any sites or media.





SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

If your grant application is approved, you will be notified by email no later than **March 13, 2026**. An online checklist and Terms and Conditions will be included in that email. Recipients must review and accept Terms and Conditions before any funds can be dispersed. Not meeting requirements set out in the Terms and Conditions may affect your eligibility for grant funds in future.

Any use of the Foundation's logos or marks **MUST** be approved in advance by the Foundation. Please submit design proofs to kdyk@vancouverpolicefoundation.org for approval. Do not use old VPF logos. Any use of the VPD's logos or marks **MUST** be approved in advance by Public Affairs.

Applicants are **required** to submit mid-term and final reports. These reports should include a summary of activity to date, including milestones and objectives achieved for measurable impact. Please include a financial report as well (the original budget with YTD actuals). You are encouraged to include photos and any materials that have been developed and distributed. Reports to be submitted by email to grants@vancouverpolicefoundation.org

Thank you for the exceptional work you do each day to help make Vancouver safer for all. Each year, we are inspired by the quality of applications we receive and by the dedication and passion shown by VPD members and Civilian Professionals. We look forward to reviewing your program applications for the year ahead.