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The District of North Vancouver REPORT TO COUNCIL

June 22, 2026

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SUBJECT: 2026 Child Care Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the 2026 child care grants recommendations of \$70,941, as described in the June 22, 2026, report of the Community Planner entitled “2026 Child Care Grants”, are APPROVED.

AND THAT Council direct administration to refer a potential inflationary adjustment to the child care grants budget to the 2027 financial planning process.

REASON FOR REPORT:

To provide Council with the Child Care Grants Committee’s recommendations for the 2026 child care grants.

SUMMARY:

Twenty-three applications for 2026 child care grants are being recommended for funding (**Attachment 1**). The total amount of funding requested by applicants for child care grants was \$123,213, while the total available budget is \$70,941.

All of the applications recommended for funding serve District of North Vancouver families, meet the eligibility requirements, and respond to local child care priorities.

BACKGROUND:

Approved in 1990, the District’s [Child Care Policy](#) established operating and program support for child care through the child care grants program. The [Child Care Grants Committee](#) reviews grant applications and makes funding recommendations to Council. Revisions to the Child Care Policy in 2008 reconfirmed the importance of annual funding to eligible non-profit societies to enhance the availability, affordability, and quality of child care services in the District of North Vancouver. In 2020, continuing to deliver the child care grants program was a recommended action to improve affordability in the District’s Child Care Action Plan.

EXISTING POLICY:

Official Community Plan (2011)

Policy 6.3.4: Promote the establishment and maintenance of affordable quality child care services; and

Policy 6.3.8: Encourage the retention of sufficient space in surplus public facilities (schools, churches, recreation centres) to meet changing community needs (such as child care).

Child Care Policy (1990)

This policy states that the District is committed to being an active partner with senior government and others in the development and maintenance of a comprehensive child care system. It further recognizes that this responsibility must be shared with partners.

Child Care Action Plan (2020)

The Plan identifies four goals and twenty-nine supporting actions to meet community child care space needs in the District over a 10-year period.

ANALYSIS:

The 2026 budget for child care grants of \$70,941 includes an inflationary adjustment of 2% from 2025. The Child Care Grants Committee received 23 child care grant applications for 2026, with a total fund request of \$123,213. The Committee is recommending funding (partial or full) for each of the 23 applications.

As part of the child care grants application, applicants were asked to provide information on the following:

- The non-profit society, including its clientele, existing services, partnerships, staff, and volunteers;
- How the organization, programming, and initiatives are aligned with District's child care priorities, including the goals in the Child Care Action Plan;
- The proposed project, including the child care needs being met, project outputs, and project evaluation methods; and
- Project budget and financial statements for the applying society.

Evaluation of Applications:

The 23 applications recommended for funding met one or more of the following priorities:

- Infant/toddler care;
- Before and after school care including care for 9-12 year olds;
- Supported child development (extra supports for children with special needs care);
- Increased access and facility improvements; and
- Caregiver or parent education.

The maximum individual grant request available under the child care grants program is \$8,000.

Table 1 below provides a summary of the Child Care Grants Committee's recommendation for allocation of the approved 2026 budget (\$70,941). The Committee recommended full funding for ten applications and partial funding for thirteen applications. It is noted that 21 of the 23 grant applications in 2026 received funding under the child care grants program in 2025. These returning applicants are seeking support for both new and ongoing needs, such as facility upgrades, new equipment, programming costs, and staff wages. The two new grant applications are from Fulmer Family Children's Centre and Wildwood Child Care Society.

A detailed summary of the 2026 applications and recommendations is also available in **Attachment 1**.

Table 1: Summary of 2026 Child Care Grants Recommendations

2026 Applicant		Project/Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
1	Boys and Girls Club of South Coast BC	Wages for staff at the Norvan Club after-school drop-in program	\$8,000	\$3,705
2	Capilano Community Services Society	Wages for staff to support running parent education workshops	\$4,000	\$3,550
3	Deep Cove Parent Participation Preschool	New outdoor play equipment and upgrades to play space water feature	\$8,000	\$5,435
4	Forest View Early Learning Society	Wages for music and yoga program staff	\$7,400	\$887
5	Fulmer Family Children's Centre	Facility acoustic treatments and furnishing upgrades	\$8,000	\$3,772
6	Highlands Early Learning Centre	Wages for preschool teaching staff	\$8,000	\$3,039
7	Highlands Out of School Care Society	Wages for summer staff	\$3,896	\$3,457
8	Lynn Valley Parent Participation Preschool Society	Wages for staff and facility upgrades	\$8,000	\$5,324
9	North Shore Women's Centre	Wages for childminding	\$3,992	\$3,543
10	North Shore Neighbourhood House - Capilano Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	\$500	\$444

2026 Applicant		Project/Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
11	North Shore Neighbourhood House - Cleveland Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	\$500	\$444
12	North Shore Neighbourhood House - Lynn Valley Out of School Care	Interior paint job	\$3,000	\$1,775
13	North Shore Neighbourhood House - Mountainside Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	\$500	\$444
14	North Shore Neighbourhood House - Norgate Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	\$500	\$444
15	North Shore Neighbourhood House - Novaco Child Care Centre	Power wash building exterior and playground	\$1,000	\$887
16	Parkgate Community Services Society	Wages for staff and educational workshops	\$8,000	\$7,099
17	Seymour Heights Play Based Program	Upgrade outdoor playground	\$8,000	\$1,331
18	Spectrum Mothers Support Society	Wages for caregivers providing in-home support	\$7,000	\$6,212
19	Sunflower Early Learning Society	Upgrade outdoor playground	\$8,000	\$4,063
20	Tsleil-Waututh Nation Child and Family Development Centre	Wages for childminding and culturally grounded events	\$8,000	\$4,881
21	Upper Lonsdale Preschool	Music program, library and outdoor equipment upgrades	\$7,925	\$3,550
22	Vancouver Waldorf School Society	Wages for childminding during parent education workshops	\$3,000	\$1,331
23	Wildwood Child Care Centre Society	New furniture and play equipment	\$8,000	\$5,324
Total:			\$123,213	\$70,941

Timing/Approval Process:

Approval of the 2026 child care grants by Council will ensure effective program delivery to District families for projects that commence in the summer and fall and continue into 2027.

Concurrence:

The report and recommendations were submitted to the Finance Department and approved.

Financial Impacts:

The 2026 child care grants budget of \$70,941 is proposed to be allocated to 23 applicants as shown in **Table 1**. An inflationary adjustment is included in the 2026 child care grants budget.

Social Policy Implications:

The District of North Vancouver collaborates with provincial and federal governments, child care providers, and community stakeholders to create a comprehensive child care system. By providing child care grants, the District demonstrates an ongoing commitment to prioritizing children's wellbeing, promoting economic stability, and building vibrant, inclusive communities.

Conclusion:

The 2026 child care grants recommendations will support community based child care programs and help meet local area needs. Continuing to deliver the child care grants program will contribute to affordable, quality child care consistent with the District's social planning goals.

Options:

1. THAT the 2026 child care grants recommendations of \$70,941, as described in the June 22, 2026, report of the Community Planner entitled "2026 Child Care Grants", are APPROVED.

AND THAT Council direct administration to refer a potential inflationary adjustment to the child care grants budget to the 2027 financial planning process.

Or

2. THAT Council directs staff to reconsider the 2026 child care grant allocations.

Respectfully submitted,



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Community Planner

REVIEWED WITH:		
☐ Business and Economic _____	☐ Finance <u>SJ</u>	External Agencies: ☐ Library Board _____ ☐ Museum and Archives _____ ☐ NSEM _____ ☐ NS Health _____ ☐ NVRC _____ ☐ RCMP _____ ☐ Other: _____
☐ Bylaw Services _____	☐ Fire Services _____	
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☐ Engineering Infrastructure _____	☐ Real Estate _____	
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☐ Environment _____	☐ Transportation _____	
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2026 APPLICANT		PROJECT/ PROPOSAL	AGENCY NOTES	2025 GRANT	2026 REQUEST	2026 RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1	Boys and Girls Club of South Coast BC	Wages for staff at the Norvan Club after-school drop-in program	Norvan Club provides before and after school care, including drop-in and camps, for children aged 6 to 12. Requested funds would be allocated to staffing costs for the after-school drop-in program during the 2026-2027 school year, specifically the Assistant Coordinator position.	\$4,650	\$8,000	\$3,705
2	Capilano Community Services Society	Wages for staff to support running parent education workshops	In April 2022, Capilano Community Services Society launched a new family and children's program at the Lions Gate Community Recreation Centre. Requested funds would go towards salaries for additional staff time that will be used to plan and organize parent education workshops for families with children aged 0 to 5.	\$3,150	\$4,000	\$3,550
3	Deep Cove Parent Participation Preschool	New outdoor play equipment and upgrades to play space water feature	The Deep Cove Parent Participation Preschool offers a play-based learning environment largely focused on outdoor play. Requested funds would go towards purchase of eight balance bikes (and helmets) and water feature area upgrades.	\$6,100	\$8,000	\$5,435
4	Forest View Early Learning Society	Wages for music and yoga program staff	Forest View Early Learning Society provides programs for children aged 0 to 5. Requested funds would be used for staff wages to continue the music and yoga program.	\$3,600	\$7,400	\$887
5	Fulmer Family Children's Centre	Facility acoustic treatments and furnishing upgrades	Fulmer Family Children's Centre opened in June 2025 as an expansion of the existing Capilano University Children's Centre, providing child care spaces for infants, toddlers and children aged 3 to 5. Requested funds would support acoustic upgrades in classrooms to reduce noise levels, as well as facility improvements such as new shelving, rugs, and baskets.	N/A	\$8,000	\$3,772
6	Highlands Early Learning Centre	Wages for preschool teaching staff	Highlands Early Learning Centre provides preschool for children aged 2 to 5. The requested grant would be allocated towards the remuneration of the 2-year-old preschool teaching staff during the upcoming 2026-2027 school year.	\$4,200	\$8,000	\$3,039

2026 APPLICANT		PROJECT/ PROPOSAL	AGENCY NOTES	2025 GRANT	2026 REQUEST	2026 RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
7	Highlands Out of School Care Society	Wages for summer staff	Highlands Out of School Care Society provides after school care and group child care for preschoolers. They run a summer program from July to August. The requested funds would go towards wages for summer program staff.	\$3,400	\$3,896	\$3,457
8	Lynn Valley Parent Participation Preschool Society	Wages for staff and facility upgrades	Lynn Valley Parent Participation Preschool offers preschool for children aged 3 to 4 and operates a play-based program that primarily uses outdoor space. The requested grant would go towards wages for staff assisting learners with diverse abilities, in addition to facility upgrades such as furniture and sensory equipment.	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$5,324
9	North Shore Women's Centre	Wages for childminding	North Shore Women's Centre offers childminding while women attend support groups and receive counselling. The requested funds would help compensate the childminders for the weekly Single Mother's Support Group for vulnerable families and single mothers.	\$3,500	\$3,992	\$3,543
10	North Shore Neighbourhood House - Capilano Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	Capilano Kids Club provides before and after school care for school aged children (5-12 years). Requested funds would be allocated to new outdoor equipment such as balls and outdoor games.	\$500	\$500	\$444
11	North Shore Neighbourhood House -Cleveland Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	Cleveland Kids Club provides before and after school care for school aged children (5-12 years). Requested funds would be allocated to new outdoor equipment such as balls and outdoor games.	\$500	\$500	\$444
12	North Shore Neighbourhood House – Lynn Valley Out of School Care	Interior paint job	Lynn Valley Kids Club provides before and after school care for school aged children (6-12 years). Requested funds would go towards painting the interior of the child care centre.	\$500	\$3000	\$1,775
13	North Shore Neighbourhood	New outdoor play equipment	Mountainside Kids Club provides before and after school care for school aged children (6-12 years).	\$500	\$500	\$444

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	House - Mountainside Out of School Care		Requested funds would be allocated to new outdoor equipment such as balls and outdoor games.			
14	North Shore Neighbourhood House – Norgate Out of School Care	New outdoor play equipment	Norgate Kids Club provides before and after school care for school aged children (6-12 years). Requested funds would be allocated to new outdoor equipment such as balls and outdoor games.	\$500	\$500	\$444
15	North Shore Neighbourhood House – Novaco Child Care Centre	Power wash building exterior and playground	Novaco Child Care is a child care centre providing child care spaces for infants and toddlers, preschoolers and children aged 6-12. Requested funds would be allocated to power wash the centre exterior and playground, including play structures.	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$887
16	Parkgate Community Services Society	Wages for staff and educational workshops	Parkgate child care centre providing child care spaces for infants and toddlers, preschoolers and children aged 6-12. Requested funds would be allocated to workshops, coaching sessions and staff wages for the Neurodiversity-Informed Care Project.	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$7,099
17	Seymour Heights Play Based Program	Upgrade outdoor playground	Seymour Heights Play Based Programs offer preschool and full-day child care for children aged 2.5 to 5. The requested funds would go towards expanding playground renovation completed in 2024, by upgrading the outdoor playground including the deck and stairs.	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$1,331
18	Spectrum Mothers Support Society	Wages for caregivers providing in-home support	Spectrum Mothers Support Society connects caregivers and mentors to mothers in crisis. Childminding and respite are provided while mothers work one-on-one and in support groups. Requested funds would be used to pay caregivers to provide in-home support for mothers.	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$6,212
19	Sunflower Early Learning Society	Upgrade outdoor playground	Sunflower Early Learning Society provides preschool, and before and after school care. Requested funds would go towards improvements and furnishings for the outdoor playground, such as removal and replacement	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$4,063

			of existing fencing, and updating the existing retaining wall areas.			
20	Tsleil-Waututh Nation Child and Family Development Centre	Wages for childminding and culturally grounded events	Tsleil-Waututh Child and Family Development Centre provides child care support for infants and toddlers, preschoolers, and delivers multiple programs. The requested funds would be allocated to child care space enhancements, paying staff childminding wages during community events, and supporting culturally grounded events and activities.	\$7,250	\$8,000	\$4,881
21	Upper Lonsdale Preschool	Music program, library and outdoor equipment upgrades	Upper Lonsdale Preschool offers a morning and afternoon program for 3 and 4 year olds. Requested funds would be used towards the music program, library facility upgrades featuring light and shadow exploration for early STEM learning, and new outdoor learning area equipment.	\$3,700	\$7,925	\$3,550
22	Vancouver Waldorf School Society	Wages for childminding during parent education workshops	The Vancouver Waldorf School Society offers an after-school and extended care program for children in kindergarten to grade 6. The requested funds would go towards supporting on-site childminding during parent education sessions that support parents and caregivers in understanding child development while strengthening community connection.	\$0	\$3,000	\$1,331
23	Wildwood Child Care Centre Society	Eight new licensed school-age child care spaces	Wildwood Child Care Centre Society supports children from 30 months to school age, as well as school-aged children requiring before- and after-school care and seasonal programming. Requested funds would support program development for school aged child care (before- and after-school care), including care for 9 to 12 year olds.	N/A	\$8,000	\$5,324
Total				\$68,186	\$108,875	\$70,941