

**RDN Board Approves Grants in Support of Local Organizations**

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board approved grants for 17 organizations across the northern part of our region at the November 28, 2023, board meeting. The value of the grants awarded totals \$40,776 and will be used for a variety of community and recreation-focused projects.

The grants were awarded through two programs: Oceanside Recreation Services Youth Grants (11 – 18 years) and Oceanside Recreation Services Community Grants (all ages). Recreation grants support recreation programs, special events or projects which benefit specific communities in the Oceanside area. The funding was allocated as follows:

**Fall 2023 Oceanside Recreation Services Youth Grant Recipients**

- Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association – 3-on-3 basketball facility rental and youth movie night \$900
  - Ravensong Aquatic Club – Pool lane fees \$2,500
- Total Awarded \$3,400**

**Fall 2023 Oceanside Recreation Services Community Grant Recipients**

- Arrowsmith Agricultural Association - Coombs Fair Kids ProD Days supplies and hall rental \$1,235
- Arrowsmith Agricultural Association - Coombs Pet Expo advertising and facility rental \$1,390
- Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association - Coombs Community Picnic facility rental and food \$700
- Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association - Preschool and Childs Play facility rental and snacks \$2,283
- Bowser Tennis Club - Sign, sunshade canopy and ball machine \$1,741
- Island Crisis Care Society - Orca Place Music Program instruments and entrance fees \$2,000
- Lions Club of Parksville - Free Family Skate ice rental fees \$500
- Mid-Island Castaways Fly Fishing Club - Community engagement fly tying and event equipment \$2,300
- Mid-Island Pensioners and Hobbyist Association - Sew Easy Connection Café washer and dryer \$2,467
- Nanoose Bay Pickleball Club - AED and pickleballs \$2,200
- Oceanside Community Arts Council - Vancouver Island Festival of Halls facility rentals \$2,500
- Oceanside Community Arts Council - MAC School for the Creative Arts art supplies \$2,500
- Parksville Seniors Activity and Drop-In Centre - Enhancement of exercise speaker and bolsters \$560

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### Fall 2023 Oceanside Recreation Services Community Grant Recipients


• Parksville Table Tennis Society - Table tennis tournament supplies	\$2,500
• PQB Fruit Tree Foundation - Art Farm at the MAC insurance, benches and kitchen rental	\$2,500
• Qualicum Beach Lawn Bowling Club - Accessible Bowling for the community and four sets of lawn bowls	\$2,500
• Qualicum Beach Seniors' Activities Centre - Yoga program props, bolsters and blocks	\$2,500
• Sandy Shores Skating Club - Learn to Skate ice rental fees	\$2,500
• VanIsle Walking Soccer - Annual VIWS Tournament facility rental, food and equipment	\$2,500
<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>\$37,376</b>


For further information and grant application forms, visit [rdn.bc.ca/grants](https://rdn.bc.ca/grants). The next application deadline is April 26, 2024, for recreation grants.

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