



Neighbourhood Small Grants Bowen Island

Small grants. Beautiful ideas.

The Six Guiding Principles of Neighbourhood Small Grants

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1. **Everyone Has a Gift** – We believe everyone has capacities and gifts to contribute to their community and that the passions, skills and knowledge of neighbours are the building blocks of vibrant communities.
 2. **Small is Beautiful** – Small-scale actions and projects can have far-reaching and lasting impacts on people and places. No project is too small. Short term successes and tangible results can also spark neighbours' motivation and desire to collaborate with others and give back to their community.
 3. **Local is Best** – Local community members are the experts in the priorities and opportunities in their own neighbourhood.
 4. **Where We Live Matters** – A place-based approach to building community. NSG projects are envisioned and implemented by local community members, to bring positive change in a way that is unique to each neighbourhood and the people who live in it.
 5. **We Learn Together** – Opportunities to learn together support the success and sustainability of communities. The NSG aims to foster a spirit of life-long learning and to empower community members to contribute their knowledge and skills.
 6. **Everyone is Invited** – A commitment to facilitating accessibility and inclusion so that all neighbours feel welcome to contribute to NSG leadership, initiate projects and participate in community events. We can also increase neighbours' sense of belonging and create opportunities for people to form connections across differences.
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