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## Small grants aim to engage neighbours

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North Shore residents with community-building ideas are invited to apply to the Vancouver Foundation's 2014 Neighbourhood Small Grants program.

The program is designed to bring people closer together and help neighbours to connect and engage in their community. Every year, small grants ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 are provided to support resident-led community projects such as community gardens, canning workshops, street parties, movie nights, origami lessons, book exchanges and more.

Since launching in 1999 in the Downtown Eastside, the program has since expanded to 16 communities across Metro Vancouver - including both North and West Vancouver. Last year, more than \$408,000 was doled out to support 848 projects.

"For a very small amount of money - often only a few dollars - these small projects help bring people together. We take great pride in helping create a sense of community, where before, there may have been none. We hope to expand the Neighbourhood Small Grants program into four more communities this year," said Vancouver Foundation president and CEO Kevin McCort in a press release.

For more information, or to apply for a small grant, visit [vancouverfoundation.ca/nsg](http://vancouverfoundation.ca/nsg) (<http://vancouverfoundation.ca/nsg>).

The deadline for applications is April 7.

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