



## Smart and Caring Grants for 2017

<b>Abbotsford Community Services “Best for Babies” Program</b>	<b>\$6,811</b>
<p>Best for Babies (B4B) is a Pregnancy Outreach Program that provides support to high risk, underprivileged pregnant women during pregnancy and postpartum, resulting in improved infant outcomes and early child brain development. The Food and Nutrition segment of this program enables new parents to learn nutritious cooking methods, develop bulk cooking skills, benefit from meal delivery at a key time shortly after their child’s birth, and benefit from the connection with Best for Babies staff during a homebound time.</p>	
<b>Abbotsford Food Bank Starfish Backpacks program</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<p>This grant will help at risk elementary school students and their families by funding Starfish Backpacks for elementary aged children whose families may not have enough food on weekends. The backpacks are provided every Friday throughout the school year and include: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and a handful of snacks for the whole family. Children return to school Monday ready to learn.</p>	
<b>Abbotsford Restorative Justice</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<p>This grant provides counselling for at risk children working with Restorative Justice where families can’t afford professional counselling.</p>	
<b>Abbotsford Youth Commission – AYC Nutrition Program</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<p>The AYC Nutritional Program provides a healthy after school snack each day at its free youth centres and a dinner program once a month. The dinner program not only provides a healthy meal for up to 50 youth each month but it also provides the opportunity for youth to sit down around the table and share a meal family style with their peers and adult mentors. Through this program AYC educates youth on the importance of nutrition and provides life skills by teaching basic cooking techniques when preparing food for the dinner program. Through this program AYC is building a stronger sense of community belonging and connectedness.</p>	
<b>Central Abbotsford Community School Recreations Program</b>	<b>\$9,854</b>
<p>This after school program provides students with the extra homework and literacy time and exercise with a low student to instructor ratio to give extra help to those that may not be receiving it at home due to language barriers or financial challenges.</p>	



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**Fraser Valley Brain Injury Association Summer Arts Day Camp** **\$2,000**

This program is used primarily by Abbotsford families where one or both parents are affected by brain injury and many are unable to work. As the majority of families that access the camp live in poverty there are no user fees and transportation is provided to those in need. The day camp is offered for five hours a day for five days to educate and inspire children and youth to understand and preserve the wetland environment. Campers are exposed to wildlife, presentations from biologists, nature-inspired art projects along with an opportunity to learn more about brain injury.

**Fraser Valley Child Development Centre – Family Enrichment Program** **\$9,000**

This program focuses on protective factors to reduce risk of falling behind in school for participating children and their families.

**Rick Hanson Secondary Super Science Club** **\$10,000**

This after school program is for disadvantaged children who would not normally have an opportunity to participate in a Science Club or have a one year family membership to Science World. The hope is the program will build an interest among younger students in science so they may want to attend Rick Hanson, which is now a Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) high school.

**Vibrant Abbotsford - Financial Literacy Program** **\$5,835**

Provides instruction in savings planning and budgeting, credit, short and long term goal setting and prioritization.

**West Abbotsford Community School Summer Camp (Scamper)** **\$9,000**

Scamper is offered to all students who require literacy support in the West Abbotsford Community where many children face socioeconomic challenges. The program is free, accessible and reduces barriers to the development of self-reliance and reduces the negative consequences of a lack of literacy and digital literacy skills and develops social emotional learning skills.

**Total: \$82,500**