

GREENEST CITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM
UBC Sustainability Scholars Program, Summer 2018

Research project title:

Supporting the development of the 2019-2022 Healthy City Action Plan

Research supports the following policies -

- Greenest City Action Plan
Specific goal area (s): _____
- Healthy City Strategy
Specific goal area (s): All _____
- Renewable City Action Plan
- Green Operations
- Other: _____

Background:

The Healthy City Strategy is Vancouver’s long-term, integrated plan for healthier people, healthier places, and a healthier planet. It looks at the social sustainability of the city, and has a vision of equity for a healthy city for all by 2025.

The Strategy includes 13 goals, and associated targets and indicators for health and well-being. It recognizes that health is about much more than just physical health or treatment in the health care system; it is about the social determinants that shape well-being in a broader sense.

The first four year action plan was created for 2015-2018. With that timeline drawing to a close, we are starting the process of developing the next 4 year Action Plan. As the Strategy is intended to engage all residents and all sectors of our community in taking action to build toward a Healthy City for All, the process of identifying priority actions needs to be done in collaboration with others.

Scope of Work:

- Undertake a literature review of cross-sectoral action plans/collaborative initiatives to determine best practice.
- Support stakeholder and City staff engagement to source potential actions for inclusion in the 2019-2022 Healthy City Action Plan.
- Liaise with other lead staff developing related “meta” strategies in similar time-frame (e.g. Greenest City Action Plan 2020, Resilient City) for strategic alignment.
- Develop criteria for prioritizing actions, and analyze potential actions against criteria to produce a shortlist.
- Time permitting, assist in drafting the Action Plan.

Value of Work:

- Council has directed staff to begin the process of developing the next four year action plan, for 2019-2022, and to report back to Council in 2018 with a proposed plan.

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- An external evaluation of the partnerships and collaborative implementation of the plan to date was completed in Nov 2017, with a set of recommendations for how to improve. Staff would like to incorporate these recommendations in the development of the plan, which will mean working more collaboratively with other departments and external partners.
- Reviewing best practice in collaborative implementation, and assisting in gathering and analyzing potential actions, will help to develop a new Action Plan that more genuinely shows collaborative leadership, learning, and integration.

Deliverables

- Best practice summary report on cross-sectoral collaborative initiatives
- Summary report of staff/stakeholder engagement, with resulting long list of potential actions
- Criteria, with supporting rationale, for prioritizing potential actions
- Shortlist of potential actions, generated through analysis of long list against criteria

A public facing final report (or executive summary) for the UBC Sustainability Scholars online project library

Time Commitment

- This project will take **350*** hours to complete.
- This project must be completed between **April 16 and July 27, 2018.**
- The scholar is to complete hours between 9 am – 5 pm, Monday to Friday, approximately 25 hours per week.

Work location: Woodward – Social Policy

Skill set/background required/preferred

- Excellent research and writing skills.
- Demonstrated interest in social determinants of health.
- Experience conducting stakeholder engagement events, including facilitation skills, is an asset.
- Community engagement experience
- Strong analytical skills
- Ability to work independently
- Demonstrated time management skills
- Project management and organizational skills
- Familiarity with Excel.

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