Build it Better:
Call for Applications

Every day at the VTL we talk to people keen to tell us about what's going on in their lives and the projects they've been working on to make them better. We, as the volunteers that keep this organization running, get the privilege of meeting all of you as you come in and borrow tools, but we wanted to create a space for you all to meet each other and talk about our shared passions.

In the spirit of supporting makers, in making community VTL is launching the 'Build it Better' community grant program

What is it?

Build it better will provide four mini-grants of up to $200 each for participants to complete a project. Preference will be given to projects that enrich the community you live in but if that is something personal then feel free to pitch that too. Participants will have four months to complete their projects and at the end of the build period we will be hosting a community night where the participants will be asked to give a short presentation about their project; How you did it, how it went and what it means to the people who interact with it. This event will be open to everyone so that all of the VTL can attend and your friends and family too!

What will be required of you?

Regular project updates!   The point of this project is connecting members so as a result we would like you to share some photos of your build that will be shared with community as a whole (through the newsletter and via social media) – note: you don't personally need to be on social media you just need to share some photos for us to post.

Give a presentation: You will be asked to attend and present at the community event held at the end of the project period to show off your work and meet the other creators! This will also be a great opportunity to show off to the community and your friends and family too.

How do you apply?

We will be accepting Applications until January 9th 2026. Interested applicants can submit an application at this link: https://forms.gle/xgesCBRDsTN7arzx6

Other Stuff

We will be waiving the power tool rental fee for participants over the duration of the build period in an effort to keep this project as accessible as possible. Preference will be given to applicants who are already members of the tool library for this round but if a non-member were to apply and be selected (due to the extraordinary nature of the project pitch) they would be issued a temporary membership for the duration of the project.

If you have any additional questions please contact us via email at vicepresident@vancouvertoollibrary.com