Envision Financial Community Endowment

2019 Grants

* The following organizations received a grant from the stream: **Creating Resiliency & Resourcefulness (R&R)**

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| Organization Name | Community | | | | 2019 Grant |
| Big Sisters of Lower Mainland | Coquitlam, Delta, Surrey | | | | $16,132 |
| ***Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds*** participants benefit from group mentorship and an opportunity to ask tough questions in a safe space, make new friends and learn all about healthy living. The guidance they received around healthy living and eating well will serve them during their especially vulnerable pre-adolescent years and beyond. | | | | | |
| Abbotsford Youth Commission | Abbotsford | | | | $11,000 |
| ***AYC – Get a “Clue”*** exists to identify, promote, improve, increase and provide services and programs for youth in Abbotsford. Our vision is that Abbotsford is a city where every youth feels included, safe, valued, empowered and connected. We strive to achieve this vision by providing youth with programs that are engaging, educational, recreational, and preventative in nature while maintaining a safe and supportive environment. | | | | | |
| Art’s Umbrella Association | Surrey | | | | $15,000 |
| Arts Umbrella’s **Act Your Art Out** is an after-school program, offering weekly free visual and performing arts classes to up to 90 vulnerable and at-risk children, aged 6-12, in three locations identified as vulnerable neighbourhoods by the Surrey School District. Workshops and theatrical pieces safely explore and unpack difficult issues the students are exposed to, including diversity, racism, poverty, and gang-related violence. | | | | | |
| Pacific Post-Partum Support Society | Province Wide | | | | $8,000 |
| One in six moms and one in ten dads struggle with postpartum depression and anxiety. ***Postpartum Depression/Anxiety Text Message Support*** utilizes the secure VoiP service provider iCarol designed for healthcare providers, a messaging service which facilitates web-based live text conversations. A texting pilot program was funded in 2018—the results indicated a 21% increase in phone and email calls, indicating the text messaging was reaching other individuals not prone to these two modes of outreach. Demand for support increases annually, over the past 24 months client calls have increased from 3,500 to 5,500. | | | | | |
| Langley Care Foundation | Langley/Surrey | | | | $15,000 |
| ***Senior Peer Outreach Program*** is a volunteer-driven service providing person to person outreach to connect with isolated and at-risk seniors in the Langley area. Maintaining weekly contact with participants, the program offers social/recreation program hosted in Langley Lodge, providing social engagement, meaningful recreation activities, nutritious lunch, bus transportation to and from the Lodge in our wheelchair accessible bus. | | | | | |
| Langley Hospice Society | Langley | | | | $17,500 |
| ***Langley Hospice Adult Bereavement Program*** will provide two, 10-week loss support groups, twice annually for an increasing number of clients, who have experienced the death of a loved one, due to suicide, substance use, homicide, terminal illness, accidental and natural causes. These groups establish an opportunity for individuals who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their lives, to come together with others who are grieving similar losses and access support. | | | | | |
| Pacific Community Resources Services | Surrey | | | | $4,500 |
| PCRS’ **Surrey Youth Services** is seeking funding to run an eight week sport and outdoor education program from July to August for 15-20 youth in Surrey. This program will enhance these youth’s wellbeing, self-esteem, self-confidence, physical health, social skills and sense of community as well as provide them a supportive space that they can seek assistance with other aspects of their lives. | | | | | |
| Reach Child and Youth Development Society | Ladner/Cloverdale | | | | $20,000 |
| ***Reach Counselling Program***is seeking toexpand its current program by 10 hours per week starting in September 2019 to eliminate our current waitlist and ensure children and families receive the counselling services they need in a timely fashion, when they are most in need of support. Our Counselling services are provided at our Reach Center in Ladner, our Play and Learn Center in the North Delta Rec Center and from an office in Cloverdale*.* | | | | | |
| YWCA – Metro Vancouver | Tri Cities/Maple Ridge | | | | $15,000 |
| The YWCA is seeking funding for our **Single Mothers’ Support Groups** in the Tri-Cities and Maple Ridge communities. Groups are offered year-round in two locations, reaching 30 women and 42 children annually. An estimated 95% of participants are low-income and 45% face mental health/addiction issues. Through weekly group meetings and 1:1 support, we help single mothers build upon their resiliency and develop skills and knowledge in areas such as employment, education and financing. | | | | | |
| MADD – Mothers against Drunk Drivers | Province Wide | | | | $5,000 |
| MADD Canada developed the ***School Assembly Program*** to teach youth in grades 7-12 new skills and information including the consequences of impaired driving, alternatives to driving impaired and to plan ahead and call 911 if they see a suspected impaired driver. In 2019-2020 approximately 1,000,000 students will see the presentation at 2,200 schools across Canada, including approximately 100,000 youth in BC at 100 middle and high schools. | | | | | |
| Share Family and Community Services | Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, Port Moody | | | | $20,000 |
| Our **counselling, outreach services and prevention programs** strengthen the community by providing social services in response to the changing needs of the community. We started a New Beginnings program when our community saw an increase in refugees. This program helps families transition into their new life. Our English Language Practice Groups strengthen the connection immigrants have with our community by giving them a social and practical way to practice their English. Our social housing allows families to stay in their community by providing an affordable housing option. | | | | | |
| Volunteer Cancer Driver’s | Delta to Hope | | | | $20,000 |
| The all-volunteer **Volunteer Cancer Drivers**, provide reliable transportation for all cancer patients in need of rides to and from their treatment centres and doctor’s appointments throughout most of the Lower Mainland. The service ensures cancer patients in need can get to all their appointments, a critical factor in their long journey to recovery. The volunteer driver cadre has grown from 15 drivers at inception to 175 drivers by late 2018. | | | | | |
| Canuck Place | Fraser Valley | | | | $10,000 |
| We are seeking funding to support annual **counseling services at Canuck Place (CPCH) Dave Lede House** (DLH) as we expand in-patient care. Children and families on the CPCH program experience feelings of loss at the point of diagnosis that require the expertise of a counsellor. The Fraser Valley-based counsellor provides support and care for families facing challenges, supporting the child and family through phone, visits to families’ homes and through activities. | | | | | |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of Langley | Langley | | | | $10,000 |
| In **our In School Mentoring program**, children aged 7-12 are matched with adult or teen volunteer mentors and receive one on one support in a school environment by spending 1 hour a week engaging in shared interests. Our In School Mentoring program provides young people with access to caring mentors and helps foster a sense of belonging, acceptance, factors that are known to foster mental health and emotional well-being. | | | | | |
| Child Development Foundation of BC | Surrey, Langley, White Rock, Delta | | | | $5,000 |
| We are seeking funding to continue our **Hydrotherapy Pool Program** at The Centre for Child Development in Surrey, B.C. The pool is used by physiotherapists, occupational therapists and communication therapists to treat children children/youth 0 – 19 years who have developmental and/or physical disabilities. | | | | | |
| Xolhemet – Wilma’s Transition House | Chilliwack | | | | $20,000 |
| ***Wilma’s Transition House Second Stage Safe Housing Program***is a 52 week ongoing program for women and children who are escaping domestic violence. In this program we focus on rebuilding lives through self-discovery, life skills, self-improvement programs and more. | | | | | |
| Abbotsford Police Foundation | Abbotsford | | | | $10,000 |
| The project we are asking funding for is our **Youth Making Positive Changes** program. This program has been put into place to help educate our young people at risk of the gang lifestyle. With matching funds from the South Asian Community, the Abbotsford Police Department is working with local middle and high schools, the Abbotsford School District and the School Police Liaison officers to stop the appeal of the gang lifestyle. | | | | | |
| Greater Vancouver - Youth For Christ | Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows | | | | $10,000 |
| 1 in 20 High School students comes to school hungry, without breakfast, without a packed lunch nor the means to purchase food. GVYU manages a **hot breakfast program** in six of the seven high schools in Maple Ridge in partnership with the school staff and admin. We endeavor to meet the holistic needs of these hungry students (and their peers, so as not to stigmatize the target youth). The result is more focus in classrooms, better scores on exams and calmer hallways on breakfast days. | | | | | |
| Little House Society | Delta | | | | $20,000 |
| **Heart of the Family** is a counsellor facilitated group recovery program for family members, caregivers, loved ones and friends that have been affected by substance abuse. The program has been presented over the past few years, as a one-day, six hour, Saturday workshop, however, balancing the activities of today’s busy families has effected enrollment in the workshops. With this in mind, we have restructured the Heart of the Family Program into a more robust ongoing 52 week incorporating core education and group support. | | | | | |
| Umoja Operation Compassion Society\* | | | Surrey | $15,000 | |
| This 2 year funding has provided the capacity Umoja has needed, for several years, to ensure specific work is done around trauma informed care. Umoja is a small grass roots organization that serves over 150 families each year, however can be challenged in our ability to increase capacity due to limited funding. The impact of the First West Foundation means that Umoja is able to implement training, policy and practice throughout the organization to provide a safer, more sensitive, trauma informed space for newcomers to Canada. As the project continues to move forward, implementation of organizational assessment priorities will continue to be put into place, continued staff training, counsellors will continue to do in program specific work, staff and management will focus on curriculum development and resources will be created for clients to also take home.  *\*This agency received $15,000.00 in 2018 and 2019 is the second year of First West Foundation’s 2 year commitment to this project* | | | | | |
| **Total** | | **$267,132** | | | |