

Envision Financial Community Endowment

2022 Grant Recommendations



Organization Name	Community	Grant
Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland*	Surrey	\$20,000
<i>Surrey/Delta Go Girls!</i> - A group mentoring program for at-risk youth (ages 10 to 14) promoting the benefit of an active, healthy lifestyle. Participants in this program build tools for confidence and self-awareness during their formative years.		
Ann Davis Transition House*	Chilliwack	\$20,000
<i>Women's Outreach Counselor</i> – Ann Davis provides women help with connection to resources, paperwork, access to funding, supports, and access to computers. They also have legal advocacy at the location with emergency counselling and harm reduction supplies.		
Art's Umbrella Association*	Surrey	\$20,000
<i>Surrey Spring Break 2023 – Children's Program</i> an after-school program, offering weekly free visual and performing arts classes for up to 90 vulnerable and at-risk children, aged 6-12, in three locations identified as vulnerable neighborhoods 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.		
Canuck Place Children's Hospice*	Abbotsford	\$15,000
<i>Dave Lede House Counselling Program</i> - Caring for a child with a life-threatening illness is one of life's greatest challenges and Canuck Place strives to keep families whole through a family-centered approach. Parents and siblings receive counselling from the time of tragic diagnosis through the end of life of the child and beyond, for as long as the family needs guided support.		
BabyGoRound Helping Families Society*	Fraser Valley	\$20,000
<i>Baby Gear Distribution Program</i> – The program provides much needed baby gear throughout the year to supplement the stock of donated items received; we strive to never having to tell a family that we do not have one or more of the items they require. Providing all key items requested by some of the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley's most vulnerable families.		
Reach Child and Youth Development Society *	Delta	\$20,000
<i>Reach Counselling Program</i> benefits both children and families throughout Delta, Surrey, and Langley. This ongoing program is an integral piece in an effective support plan. As a result of the funding received from First West Foundation in 2020, counselling services have increased by 10 hours a week to meet the needs of families. With these additional counselling hours children and families receive this critical support when they need it most.		

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Surrey Hospital Foundation*	Surrey	\$20,000
Youth in Residence Program - Youth in Residence (YIR) positions were piloted in 2018-2021 within Surrey Memorial's Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Stabilization Unit (CAPSU), which is a short stay emergency unit for children/youth aged 6 -18 who are undergoing an acute mental illness crisis.		
MADD – Mothers against Drunk Drivers*	Surrey	\$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 2020-2021, 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.		
Union Gospel Mission*	Mission	\$20,000
Lydia House - A three-month live-in alcohol and drug recovery program in Mission, BC focusing on women who come from the most challenging backgrounds – abuse, trauma, sexual exploitation, sex trade and addiction. Women are supported to improve their physical, mental, and emotional health to build a future that's founded on hope and freedom from addiction.		
Care for Women	Abbotsford	\$15,000
Care for Women Outreach Program - Aids any woman in the Fraser Valley experiencing isolation, feelings of being overwhelmed or loneliness in their journey to motherhood. A mother is matched to a mentor six weeks before their due date providing practical and meaningful support.		
Mamas for Mamas	Fraser Valley	\$10,000
Increase Social Workers Hours – Our funding is limited for our social worker and the goal of this specific project is to give our clients more time with a skilled social worker to find solutions not just band aides. We want to focus this funding on increasing our social work hours.		
Alexander Neighbourhood House*	Surrey	\$20,000
Youth Creating Connections – Mentorship Program - Supports youth ages 10-13 who struggle with social isolation, anxiety/mild mental health issues or who may be at risk for engaging in high risk-will behaviors including substance use.		
BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation	Abbotsford	\$19,800
The Pencil Patch Rebuild Project - Is an incredible one-acre outdoor classroom filled with nature's surprises and delights. The Pencil Patch was destroyed by the devastating Sumas Prairie floods in November 2021. The Pencil Patch Rebuild Project, commencing mid-2022, will bring the garden back to its previous glory, while adding exciting new Indigenous and environmental learning zones.		
BC and Alberta Guide Dogs*	Delta	\$15,000
Autism Service Dog Program - Raises and professionally trains an Autism Service Dog to be matched with a child aged 3 to 10 with profound autism, and their family. Autism Service Dogs provide safety and freedom to children by safeguarding them against potential environmental dangers.		

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Langley Hospice Society*	Langley	\$17,500
Adult Bereavement Program - Provides the development and delivery of group support programs for adults who've experienced the death of significant person in their life and for parents who have experienced the sudden and traumatic loss of a child to substance use or suicide.		
YWCA Fraser Gardens*	Langley	\$20,000
YWCA Fraser gardens - A safe, affordable housing community that offers holistic support for low-income single mothers and children who are at risk of homelessness. Each year, an estimated 50 women and children make their home at Fraser Gardens, in a mixture of two and three-bedroom suites. In addition to safe, affordable long-term housing, the YWCA provides residents with holistic, integrated programs and services that aim to reduce isolation, build community connections, and support economic independence.		
Langley Care Foundation*	Langley	\$20,000
Senior Peer Outreach - A volunteer-driven service providing person-to-person outreach to connect with isolated and at-risk seniors in Langley. The program offering is for a weekly social/recreation program hosted in Langley Lodge providing social engagement, meaningful recreation activities, a nutritious lunch, bus transportation to and from the Lodge in a wheelchair accessible bus, and guest speakers who provide education on senior's health and wellness.		
Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives	Langley	\$20,000
Restorative Action Program – Generates school cultures which respond to conflict and harm in restorative ways that work to make children and youth aware of their responsibilities for harm and to be accountable for their actions.		
Emotions Health and Wellness Society	Fraser Valley	\$20,000
Support and Skills Program - supports people immediately and on an ongoing basis without there being multiple barriers to face. We believe that everyone deserves the right to be well and find connections to others who can relate to their own situations.		
Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation*	Delta	\$20,000
Delta Take a Hike Program - Supports a full-time (Monday to Friday) program for vulnerable youth that includes intensive embedded clinical counselling, outdoor wilderness trips, and community engagement activities, from September 2021 to June 2022, for up to 20 youth ages 15-18 based in and around North Delta (including Surrey).		
Chilliwack Resource Centre	Chilliwack	\$10,000
Free Income Tax and Benefits Return Filing – Year-Round – Assists families and individuals to gain access to information and services they need in the community. Chilliwack Resource Centre helps remove barriers for its client's tax filing and to provide knowledge on these benefits.		

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Surrey School District #36*	Surrey	\$20,000
The Sticks and Stars Program- Provides 75 boys from three inter-city Surrey schools a safe place to meet and interact with mentors who demonstrate and embody positive paths to success, where their perspectives, interests and needs are the focus. Skills are developed and enriched, giving the boys a new sense of success and accomplishment.		
Avalon Recovery*	Surrey	\$20,000
Avalon Counselling Expansion – Pilot - Avalon will offer four internships providing free one-to-one and group counselling services to a roster of clients. This expansion of Avalon's current counselling program envisions the creation of a high-quality counselling internship program		
Langley Meals on Wheels*	Langley	\$10,000
Envision Connection Caféé - Education Table - This table will be used for education, skill building, intergenerational teaching, workshops, and training, for all ages. We will also make available the opportunity for people to print documents and forms.		
Stigma Free Society*	Langley	\$15,000
Rural Mental Wellness Toolkit – Benefits people living in farming communities and small towns across B.C. The target audience for the program is underserved individuals who are experiencing mental health challenges as well as stigma that may be preventing them from accessing help.		
Phoenix Society (year two of four)	Langley	\$25,000
Multi Year Funding – Community Garden Project – Is a mixed-use garden, comprised of three large planters, 14 small planters and five accessible planters in raised beds. A mix of fruit and nut producing trees also have been planted around the edges of the garden. The garden hosts targeted programming for those who are marginalized, including those in recovery, living in poverty, seniors and unhoused individuals.		
Langley Animal Protection Society*	Langley	\$20,000
The Doghouse Program - Provides a dog boarding and daycare program located on the grounds of the Fraser Valley Institution (FVI) a prison for women under the jurisdiction of the Correctional Services of Canada. The women learn dog training and behavior management skills, develop employment readiness skills, and earn certificates so that they have opportunities for employment in animal welfare on their release.		
Cares Counseling Society*	Abbotsford	20,000
Pathways to Counseling - Counseling Program for Vulnerable Individuals – Offers six free counselling sessions to a diverse demographic of individuals that are struggling mentally, emotionally, and financially. In this way, we will maximize the benefit that this project will have by offering the sessions that are needed to an individual, while making sure that nothing goes to waste (unused funding will be redistributed to serve other clients). This will allow for maximum benefit for the individual and the community.		

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Paws for Hope*	Envision Region	\$20,000
Better Together – Supports vulnerable people to keep much loved pets with their families and out of the animal shelter system. The program also offers wrap around support including pet care plus social services and public health support for pet owners.		
Unique Get Together Society	Chilliwack	\$10,000
Develop and Deliver Racism Workshops - We will work together to promote and protect the rights of African Canadians, create initiatives, and propose strategies to address racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, Afrophobia, and related intolerances.		
SHER Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	Fraser Valley	\$20,000
Screenings in School Program – The film is about the coming out journey of three Punjabi Sikh people from Metro Vancouver and the reaction of their parents. The film will be distributed and shown to high school Education Classes and School Prevention Programs.		
Kids Play Youth Foundation	Surrey	\$20,000
Kids Play After School Mentorship Program – This project's target group is youth participants from Surrey, Langley, and Abbotsford elementary and middle schools. This continued program engages them in a free weekly mentorship program in their school setting. The program runs once a week for 1.5 hours for the entirety of the school year.		

Capacity grants provide organizations with financial resources to pursue education, professional development, training, and infrastructure enhancements.

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Langley Community Services*	Langley	\$8,850
Volunteer and Mentoring Program - within Settlement and Integration Services. Our Settlement Team currently provides services to approximately 692 unique clients annually; with the continued arrival of Refugee and now Refugee claimants, we anticipate an additional 400 Newcomer and Refugee clients in the Langley communities within the year.		
Abbotsford Hospice*	Abbotsford	\$10,000
Client Support Volunteer Training Program - The program is important because those in our community who are dying, their families and those grieving the death of someone, need support as they learn to live in their forever-changed world.		
Mission Hospice Society*	Mission	\$2,500
Advance Care - Volunteer Training – for Mission Hospice Society to offer advanced care planning workshops in our community, educating people on what they need to know and do to plan for their care and end of life.		

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley*	Abbotsford	\$10,000
Trauma Informed Mentoring Training - The goal is for BC based leadership and Mentoring Coordinators/Caseworkers to be trained as trainers for our volunteers across the province.		
Backpack Buddies (Community First Foundation)	Fraser Valley Region	\$10,000
Strategic Planning - Create a new strategic plan to guide the staff and board through the next phase of the organization's growth.		
M2/W2 Association Ministries*	Abbotsford	\$10,000
Strategic Plan – Improve System Accuracy and Efficiency - A new CRM system will better meet our needs to fulfil this goal. For the past few years, we have been using a CRM that has become tedious and difficult to use with very little support and onboard training components for unfamiliar staff and volunteers.		
St. John Society (BC and Yukon)*	Envision Region	\$10,000
Enhancing First Aid Training in Our Communities – New first aid training and tech equipment will allow our instructors to teach and train students at a higher capacity, as well as provide students with up-to-date equipment to help them learn more efficiently.		
Lumara Grief and Bereavement Care Society*	Envision Region	\$10,000
Impact Evaluation - To help us develop a strategy to assess the short and long-term impact of Lumara's programs on people who struggle with grief and isolation following the death of a loved one. Impact evaluation is a core component of the business plan we have developed to guide the organization over the next three years.		
Compassionate Neighbourhood Health Partners	Chilliwack	\$4,950
Training Community Connector volunteers - Upon completion, volunteers will be better prepared to reach out within their neighbourhoods to older adults and their caregivers with small acts of kindness, social opportunities, and information about local resources.		
Kitimat Senior Association*	Kitimat	\$7,000
Senior Programmer – Office Space - Presently, the Senior Programmer is working at a desk with a partition. This has made it particularly difficult to focus on work which includes taking phone calls, zoom meetings, streaming of workshops or webinars and meeting with individual seniors that require one on one support.		
Alouette River Management Society	Envision Region	\$5,000
Building Resiliency and Sustainability for the Alouette Watershed - Building our organization in a sustainable and resilient way in response to a growing need for our outdoor education programs, watershed restoration activities, and advocacy for the Alouette Watershed while addressing greater access, diversity, and inclusion factors for our programs to further benefit our community's health and wellness in future years.		
Mission Literacy in Motion*	Mission	\$2,000
Adult Literacy Tutor Training and Volunteer Retention - As restrictions lift, we are faced with requests from potential learners needing volunteer tutors to help them on their English language journey. We require training sessions for new volunteers as well as updates and continued education for those volunteers.		

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Fraser Inclusive and Supportive Housing Society (FISH)	Hope	\$10,000
<i>Business plan for Supportive Residence with Adult Cognitive Disabilities and seniors</i> – Creating a business plan and current housing model for persons with developmental disabilities for placement in homes. Residents often have no choice where they are placed.		

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