Envision Financial Community Endowment

**2024 Grants**

**$414,000 and 26 grants distributed through Impact, Capacity and SOAR grant streams.**

* $318,000 in Impact grants awarded to 17 charities
* $38,500 in Capacity grants awarded to five charities
* $57,500 in SOAR grants awarded to four charities

## **IMPACT GRANTS**

**Impact Grants** are unrestricted grants, investing in an organization’s operations, programs, projects, or services.

## Multi-year commitments:

**Phoenix Society** Surrey, $25,000

Community Garden Project is a mixed-use garden, comprised of 3 large planters, 14 small planters and 5 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.



**Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD)** Envision Region, $5,000

School Assembly Program teaches youth in grades 7-12 new skills and information including the consequences of impaired driving, alternatives to driving impaired and to plan and call 911 if they see a suspected impaired driver.

**Take a Hike Foundation** North Delta, $25,000

Supports a full-time (Monday to Friday) program for vulnerable youth that including intensive 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).

## 2024 Recipients:

**Langley Meals on Wheels** Aldergrove, $25,000

Commercial Kitchen Café Upgrade - To continue serving those in need effectively, we urgently need to double our range and convection oven capacity. This expansion isn't just about meeting numbers; it's about ensuring we can keep pace with the ever-increasing need and continue making a tangible difference in our community.

**Food for the Soul Project Society**, Maple Ridge and Abbotsford, $20,000

Housing Outreach Services – Supports individuals grappling with addiction and homelessness. Funding will support more food deliveries and support clients in getting to and from important appointments outside the community.

**Surrey North Delta Meals on Wheels** North Delta/Surrey, $25,000

Volunteer Mileage Program is the reimbursement paid to our volunteers, based on kilometers driven while delivering, to help cover the costs of gas and vehicle maintenance. This enables volunteers to continue delivering nutritious meals to our senior/disabled/immunocompromised clients.

**Barrowtown Elementary School** Abbotsford, $5,000

Agricultural Program – Funding will be utilized to support the planting of our school orchard as well as introducing students to beekeeping and the impact bees have on our environment.



**Delta Hospital and Community Foundation Delta** $25,000

State-of-the-art Long-Term Care Community - The new care community will replace the dated, 92 bed extended care facility at Delta Hospital, built in 1977. The current building no longer meets safety or infection control standards.

**Stroke Recovery Association of BC** Envision Region, $3,000

Skill Development, Peer Support and Education – Funding will enrich the Surrey and Delta Stroke Recovery Programs by providing a stable venue for the program with provides specialized programs geared to assist stroke survivors to re-learn and improve their physical and emotional function.

**Care for Women Foundation** Abbotsford, $20,000

Program Support - Our goal is to help mothers feel more calm, connected, and confident by providing comprehensive care. This grant would be used to support 3 key areas, programming, supporting mentors and increasing awareness.

**Step Forward Health Society** Delta, $25,000

The When Love Hurts Support Group Program offers group and individual support to women for 20 weeks at each Delta location. These programs will be offered at no charge to registrants including one-on-one counselling during the group program, based on individual needs, as required.

**BeMorr Society Mental Health and Suicide Awareness** Abbotsford, $20,000

The Mental Wellness Program supports enhancing access to counselling services, first aid training sessions, and peer support groups. The grant will be instrumental in ensuring the success and sustainability of the mental wellness program.

**M2W2** Abbotsford, $25,000

Journey Together Role Modeling - Current successful clients, having completed the Prison Mentorship and NOLA program of M2W2, serve as tangible, relatable role models for new parolees. Their success stories and lived experiences inspire and motivate new participants.

  **Chilliwack Restorative Justice and Youth Advocacy Association** Chilliwack, $5,000

Restorative Mentorship 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.

**Stigma Free** Envision Region, $15,000

Rural Mental Wellness Toolkit benefits people living in farming communities and small towns across B.C. The target audience for the program are underserved individuals who are experiencing mental health challenges as well as stigma that may be preventing them from accessing help.

**Emotions Health and Wellness** Surrey, $25,000

Essential Skills Program-This grant will pay wages for a supervisor, coordinator and facilitator and includes guest speaker fees, participant hosting costs, program operating expenses, volunteer support, facility rental costs and administrative overhead.



**BC Agriculture in the Classroom** Abbotsford, $25,000

Classroom Growing Programs provide teachers K-12 the chance to make it easy to learn about agriculture. From “Spuds in Tubs” to “Common Ground: Strawberry Project with Indigenous Roots” as well as Harvest Bins, the program creates a positive learning environment to get growing!

## **CAPACITY GRANTS**

**Capacity grants** are restricted grants toprovide organizations with financial resources to pursue education, professional development, training, and infrastructure enhancements**.**



**Kitimat 50+ Society Centre** Kitimat, $10,000

Kitchen Improvements – Updating the commercial dishwasher, kitchen hood fan and microwave at the Kitimat 50+ Society Centre.



**Mission Hospice Society** Mission, $5,000

Revamp our volunteer training to include traumatic grief training and facilitator group training and more hands-on Hospice training to help us retain more volunteers. We are not just training for the Hospice floor but seeking facilitators to help with our grief groups, which are in high demand. We lost most of our volunteers over Covid.

**Mackie’s Place Youth Social House Society** Surrey, $10,000

Front Line Youth Worker Team Crisis Prevention Training - We would like to train our entire team in Crisis Prevention, as well as one person trained to teach the course on an ongoing basis to new staff. We are also committed to industry best practice and the safety of all our youth and staff.

**West Coast Kids Foundation** Envision Region, $10,000

Volunteer Training - This grant will be used to develop internal systems and provide important governance and volunteer training within our fast-growing organization. Over the last two years we have seen the need for our services increase exponentially, and as a relatively young organization we have not had capacity to create the structure and systems needed to support this rate of growth.

**Elder College Delta Society** Delta, $3,500

Upgrade audio visual equipment - ECDS is looking to upgrade our audio-visual equipment for our classroom located in the Tsawwassen Towne Centre Mall. ECDS has a requirement for a smart 75-inch TV/Monitor and sound bar which will be used for our technology training and seminars.

## **SOAR GRANTS**

SOAR launched in 2023 to support and partner with those committed to equity deserving organizations, and racialized groups, including and not limited to people who identify as Black, Brown, Indigenous and/or as a person of colour in communities served by First West Credit Union. **Grants in the amount of $57,500 to four charities were awarded**.

## Multi-year commitment

**Sher Vancouver LBGTQ Friends Society** Delta, $25,000

Sher Vancouver Podcast—a safe space for BIPOC LGBTQ+ individuals and allies.Creates awareness and educates the community on LGBTQ+ and BIPOC issues through a series of podcasts. Reduce the alienation, isolation, loneliness, depression, and discrimination and oppression of LGBTQ+ and BIPOC people.

## 2024 Recipients

**Hope Indigenous Welcome Centre** Hope, $25,000

**Indigenous Gathering Building** – Inspired by traditional designs the Indigenous Gathering building will be a place of Indigenous ceremony, learning and community engagement for the community of Hope.

**Coqualeetza Cultural Education Centre Association** Chilliwack, $2,500

To gather, learn, and share our Sto:lo land Based Knowledge**.** Offers language and cultural workshops to the community led by the Coqualeetza Elders.

**Qmunity BC’s Queer, Trans, and Two-Spirit Resource Centre** Vancouver, $5,000

The Bra and Binder and Breast Forms ExchangeProgram provides free new and used gender-affirming chest-wear to trans and gender-variant youth who are unable to attain these garments otherwise.