

Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program - 2023-2024 Intake - Funded Projects

Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities

Funding Recipient Name	Funding Stream	Project Name	Funding Amount	Economic Development Region
Tseshah First Nation	Economic Diversification	Somass Business Park - Infrastructure Design	\$1,000,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Community Futures Development Corporation	Economic Diversification	BC Business Match (BCBM)	\$500,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Tofino Arts Council Society	Economic Capacity	Leveraging existing community strengths and building economic capacity in Tofino's creative sector	\$99,500.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
City of Port Alberni	Economic Diversification	Foundation for Clutesi Haven Marina Uplands Development	\$91,360.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation Economic Development Corporation (TFNEDC)	Economic Diversification	Calm Waters Travel Center	\$1,000,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Capital Regional District (CRD)	Economic Diversification	Last-mile Connectivity and Economic Diversification for the Southern Gulf Islands	\$495,500.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Nuxalk Nation	Economic Capacity	Community Economic Development Strategy	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Heiltsuk Climate Action	Economic Capacity	Fishing Economy Diversification: A 5 Year Strategy	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Heiltsuk Tribal Council (Heiltsuk Indian Band)	Economic Diversification	Heiltsuk Shearwater Resort's Commercial Enterprise Water System Upgrade	\$998,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Great Bear Initiative Society	Economic Diversification	Implementation of Community Based Fisheries for Coastal First Nations	\$999,776.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation (HICEEC)	Economic Diversification	Diversified Community Development	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce	Economic Diversification	Rural Recruitment and Retention Research (Development Project)	\$34,900.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council	Economic Capacity	Phase 1: Naut'sa mawt Tribal Council Economic Development Community of Practice and Needs Assessment.	\$99,750.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Cowichan Green Community Society	Forest Impact Transition	Cowichan Valley Farm and Food Hub Kitchen (The Food Hub)	\$496,105.34	Vancouver Island/Coast
Canadian Amateur Rowing Association (doing business as Rowing Canada Aviron)	Forest Impact Transition	A National Training Centre (NTC) and Home for Canadian Rowing in the Cowichan Valley - Phase Three Constructing a Shell House	\$500,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Malahat Nation	Economic Diversification	Workforce Housing Planning at the Malahat Business Park	\$99,300.00	Vancouver Island/Coast

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Dzawada'enuxw First Nation	Economic Capacity	Dzawada'enuxw Development Corporation Capacity Development 24 -25	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation	Forest Impact Transition	Kwaxwalawadi Disability Accessible washroom and Waste Water System	\$500,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
'Namgis Business Development Corp.	Economic Capacity	Cultural Reconnection - A Vision for Indigenous Tourism in Yalis (Alert Bay)	\$54,860.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Regional District of Mount Waddington	Forest Impact Transition	Northern Vancouver Island Regional Economic Development Strategic Planning	\$256,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Village of Port Alice	Forest Impact Transition	Port Alice Arena Redevelopment Feasibility Study	\$75,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Port Hardy & District Chamber of Commerce	Forest Impact Transition	Retail & Customer Service Confidence Through Holistic Training	\$491,280.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Tlatlasikwala First Nation	Economic Diversification	EcoResilience: Shushartie's Path to Sustainable Prosperity	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Community Futures Development Corporation of Mt. Waddington	Economic Diversification	Mt. Waddington Digital Business Enhancement Program	\$88,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
B.C. Marine Trails Network Association	Economic Capacity	BC Marine Trails First Nation Engagement Program – Capacity Building	\$96,588.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Indigenext Business Accelerator	Forest Impact Transition	The Worlds Tallest Pole	\$90,700.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Quatsino First Nation	Forest Impact Transition	Quatsino Response to Neucel Pulp Mill Receivership and Decommissioning	\$500,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Island	Economic Diversification	Crisis Management for Small Business – Building Business Resiliency Through Strategic Leadership and Continuity Planning	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Parksville Downtown Business Association	Economic Diversification	Community Economic Resiliency for Parksville Downtown and Beyond	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Town of Qualicum Beach	Economic Diversification	Pathways to Sustainable Economic Development in Qualicum Beach	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Nanoose Economic Development Corporation	Economic Diversification	Snaw Naw as Campground Expansion Project	\$1,000,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Salish Sea Regenerative Farm Society	Economic Diversification	Salish Sea Regenerative Urban Farm (SSF) Business Development Project	\$845,361.00	Vancouver Island/Coast

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Village of Daajing Giids	Economic Capacity	Village of Daajing Giids Development Capacity Building	\$100,000.00	North Coast
Back Country Horsemen Society of British Columbia	Forest Impact Transition	Salmon Brewster Trail Corridor Rehabilitation Project	\$495,778.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Village of Tahsis	Economic Capacity	Rural Economic Development Coordinator	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Village of Gold River	Economic Capacity	Strategic Economic Development Plan	\$75,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Kwiakah Indian Band	Forest Impact Transition	Kwaxala Natural Resources Innovation Centre	\$500,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Mamalilikulla First Nation	Economic Capacity	Economic Development Coordinator	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Corporation of the Village of Zeballos	Economic Diversification	Lot 501 Revitalization Feasibility Study	\$79,980.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Wei Wai Kum First Nation	Economic Diversification	Klamataxw Waterfront Development Project	\$100,000.00	Vancouver Island/Coast
Roberts Creek Community Association	Economic Capacity	xwesam/Roberts Creek Community Association Economic Development Project	\$100,000.00	Mainland/Southwest