



**Call for Applications**  
**Resilience BC –Pilot Project: Community Conveners**

**Information Session – Summary Notes**

An information session was hosted on **Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – 1:00 - 2:00 PM (PST)** via: Zoom.

**In this summary you will find:**

- An overview of what was shared from the Call for Applications (CFA).
- Information that was not included in the original CFA.
- Information shared during the Question and Answer period.
- Additional questions received from February 10 – February 12.

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**Overview of Call for Applications**

- A brief overview was provided of the information outlined in the Call for Applications.
- Additional background information was provided about Resilience BC.
  - The Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network was launched in late 2019.
  - The program is the result of a series of community dialogues led by Ravi Kahlon, former Parliamentary Secretary for sport and multiculturalism, in July and August of 2019. The meetings explored issues and experiences around racism and hate, and asked community leaders for advice about how government can help build a safer, more inclusive province.
  - Resilience BC operates on a “Hub and Spoke” model and provides communities with information, supports and training they need to respond to, and prevent future incidents of, racism and hate.
  - The Hub maintains a provincial scope on responding to hate incidences and delivers relevant expertise and knowledge and is a key link between spokes and the Province.
  - The Spokes are community driven committees that lead anti-racism and anti-hate work at the local level.
  - There are other initiatives, including the Community Convener project, that fall under the broader Resilience BC Network.
  - More information about the Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network can be found on our [website](#).

- A correction was noted regarding the application deadline. An earlier copy of the Application Form posted to the website incorrectly stated that the deadline was on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The updated version was posted earlier in the week with the correct deadline of Monday, February 22nd. Both copies have the same questions and any submissions using the older form will not be penalized.
- The following scoring matrix was shared and will be used by the evaluators in scoring applications:

<b><i>All applicants will be scored based on information available in each stage.</i></b>	<b><i>Stage 1</i></b>	<b><i>Stage 2</i></b>
<b>Proposed Activities</b>	<b>/70</b>	<b>/70</b>
Proposed project addresses racism at a systemic level	/20	/20
Engages members from different regions of the province	/20	/20
Project budget is realistic	/5	/5
Strategically addresses issues impacting the broader community	/20	/20
Project aligns well with ongoing initiatives of the Ministry	/5	/5
<b>Organizational Capacity</b>	<b>/30</b>	<b>/30</b>
Has relevant experience or organizational mandate	/5	/5
Demonstrates having established relationships with organizations and members of the specific community at a provincial level or having capacity to coordinate issues at a provincial level	/10	/10
Convener is from the community it seeks to represent (ie. Black community organization seeking to convene Black communities).	/5	/5
Convener understands specific issues of racism within the community	/5	/5
Low financial risk	/5	/5

## Question & Answer Period

### **Question 1**

*Just to clarify, this will be one grant of \$50,000 to one convener group in the Asian Canadian community?*

### **Response:**

Yes, there will only be one grant of \$50,000 awarded to one recipient to be the Asian communities convener.

### **Question 2**

*For the purpose of grant applications, could you please clarify which racialized communities you include in the term "Asian."*

### **Response:**

We leave it up to you to define it in your application. For our purposes, we see it as a broad umbrella and acknowledge that there is a lot of diversity and complexity in communities. We are looking for applicants to define communities as broadly as appropriate that allows for wide engagement but also meaningful and effective engagement.

### **Question 3**

### **Response:**

*I have seen two application deadlines, Feb 22 and Feb 18. which one is the right one?*

The correct deadline is on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm.

**Question 4**

*Is a federally registered non-profit eligible?*

**Response:**

Yes, as long as you have a B.C. address.

**Question 5**

*What is the overall expected outcome from these projects that you expect to be undertaken?*

**Response:**

The overall focus is to do anti-racism work. For us, it is the convening process and we want to make space within the Resilience BC Network to make sure that voices of key communities impacted by racism are being heard throughout the work of the Network. It's also to be able to bring representation from various communities together to determine what kind of anti-racism project the convener should lead.

There are also those elements of the project that have been outlined in the Call for Applications, including convening the group for a meeting and providing feedback on activity.

**Question 6**

*If a Black-lead organization is not registered, but partnered with one that is not Black-lead, are they eligible?*

**Response:**

Yes, but please indicate in your application that the Black-led organization is leading the process that you're proposing to do. We understand that often some groups need to partner with other organizations to access that administrative infrastructure.

**Question 7**

*Is the information about the evaluation criteria available anywhere online?*

**Response:**

This information will be posted in the summary notes from this information session.

*\*\*Please see summary notes above.*

**Question 8**

*Do we add budget item in any specific template or give information in the question?*

**Response:**

In terms of budget items, we are not looking for line by line items. We are looking for a general idea of how you propose to spend your money. Please be conscious of the character limits within the application form when creating your budget.

**Question 9**

*Will a few bigger projects or many smaller projects will be the priority?*

**Response:**

It is up to the applicant to determine this. We do expect to see the convening element of the project to happen as outlined in the "How to use this grant" section of the Call for Applications.

**Question 10**

**Response:**

*I might not have a large project, but I have written an anti-racism song. Is there any opportunity for this to be funded?*

It may be possible if the song is a piece of a larger set of activities and you're still able to demonstrate how you would meet the requirements of the grant.

However, if you are looking to only have the song funded, there may be other funding opportunities through other programs that may be better suited.

**Question 11**

*Can an anti-racism collective that functions under a registered society eligible to apply?*

**Response:**

Yes, you are eligible. Please demonstrate in your application how the communities in focus are involved in leading the work.

**Question 12**

*Can a Resilience BC Spoke support a Black-led organization to submit an application?*

**Response:**

Yes, a Spoke is eligible to submit an application. Please demonstrate in your application that the Black-led organization is leading the work.

**Question 13**

*Where can I access information on the critical issues that have been highlighted in 2020?*

**Revised Response:**

We do not have a summary report of the various critical issues around racism that occurred throughout 2020. However, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted systemic injustice and discrimination toward Black people, Indigenous peoples and people of colour.

There was no formal report from our dialogues in 2019, but four key themes were identified for government to take action on:

- Demonstrate Leadership in Anti-Racism
- Improve Coordination
- Focus on Anti-Racism Education
- Address Systemic Racism in Public Services

**Question 14**

*Organizational capacity - does this refer specifically to how this grant could help in capacity building?*

**Response:**

The Community Convener will coordinate a meeting with representation from the community, the Ministry, and the Network. The community driven project could be any of the things listed in the posting, including increasing community capacity. We recognise that capacity levels in community organizations are different, and so we want to give opportunity to build capacity where it's needed to represent the diversity within each community.

**Question 15**

*Can Projects that cross BIPOC groups qualify under one stream or should it be fully focused on one stream?*

**Response:**

If groups are interested in addressing issues impacting across varying streams, please submit individual

applications for each stream. We recognize that there are unique approaches required for each stream.

**Question 16**

*Given the amount of diversity within the Asian population, is the amount of grant sufficient to meet objectives for the Asian community convener that get awarded this grant or will it create Asian groups to be pitted against each other?*

**Response:**

We recognize that this project doesn't have as robust funding as other programs may. However, we hope that groups see the strategic opportunities to approach the issues and goals in a coordinated way.

Our current competitive application process was recommended after consulting with stakeholders on how best to approach this project.

**Question 17**

*Will meeting notes be e-mailed or posted somewhere?*

**Response:**

They will be posted to our website. We will continue to post any other questions we receive throughout the application process on the website. We will not be emailing responses at this time.

**Question 18**

*If I am writing for the south Asian community - my project would be centered around that community?*

**Response:**

Your project would be driven by that community.

**Question 19**

*Will the organization be funded the amount allocated to that category? And if so, should the budget be reflective of that?*

**Response:**

Yes, the successful applicant will receive the amount allocated to the category and the budget should reflect that (ie. \$50,000 or \$100,000).

**Additional Questions Received**

**Question**

*I am trying to determine where the Indigenous stream of funding is as I am writing from an Indigenous organization. It says on the page that there is another stream for Indigenous people but does not say where that stream is or how to find it. Please send the details.*

**Response:**

We have gone through a different process to address issues impacting Indigenous communities and have already identified a partner to work with on this. More information will be available soon.