



ResilienceBC

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

**Questions and Answers  
UPDATED February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**In this document you will find:**

- Questions received from February 13 – 18
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- Please see the [Information Session Summary](#) posted on our website for other information shared during the Information Session hosted on February 10.

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**Questions Received from February 13 - 18:**

**Question 21**

*As a [group that serves faith groups and members in the Asian community], do we apply under the interfaith stream or under the Asian stream?*

**Response:**

It is up to the applicant to determine the stream that best describes what community will be centred/convened in their work. This may depend on the direction you want to move in with your project and what communities you wish to engage.

**Question 22**

*Does the proposal need to be for the total amount available? Or can it be less?*

**Response:**

The application should include a budget for the full amount available. A total of 3 grants will be provided in this program: one grant of \$100,000 for the Black Communities Convener and \$50,000 each for the Asian Communities and Interfaith Communities Convener.

**Question 23**

*Are there any stipulations on how the funds must be used? (i.e. can a percentage be used for hiring staff to increase organizational capacity and ability to carry out proposed activities?)*

**Response:**

Funding can be used for any project expenses including expenses for costs associated with coordination, convening, and project implementation. So yes, funds can be used for hiring staff to increase organizational capacity and to support implementation of the proposed activities.

**Question 24**

**Response:**

*Can existing Black-led organizations with similar mandates partner with each other on the application to form a joint "Black Communities Convenor" conglomerate?*

Yes, organizations can submit an application in partnership with other organizations. A lead applicant will need to be identified in the application to provide administration for the grant (ie. receive the funding and report to the Ministry). However, you may choose to describe the work of the "conglomerate" in questions 3 and 4 of the application.

**Question 25**

*To clarify "How to Use This Grant", is it expected that the final (3) selected community convenors representing each community (Black, Asian, Interfaith) work collaboratively to fulfill the proposed activities of successful convenors through the duration of the one year project term [inter-community]? Or, does each selected community convenor return to their respective communities to fulfill these activities [intra-community]?*

**Response:**

Each Community Convenor is expected to work within their respective communities to fulfil the activities outlined in the "How to Use this Grant" section of the posting. Ie. Black communities will organize 1 meeting with the Ministry and Resilience BC, and other communities will independently do the same.

However, during the year, Community Convenors may choose to collaborate with one another on activities if appropriate.

**Question 26**

*What requirements are in place to demonstrate the outcomes of proposed projects to Resilience BC?*

**Response:**

As a Pilot Project with relatively open parameters, the outcomes of proposed projects will vary based on the type of project that the applicant chooses to do.

Note: Our response to Question 5 may provide additional information and context to this question.

**Question 27**

*Is there an expected deadline to submit an overview of project outcomes?*

**Response:**

Proposed project outcomes should be included in the Application, briefly in Stage 1 and more in-depth in Stage 2. A final report with project outcomes will be requested in March/April 2022.

**Questions Received from posting date to February 12:**

**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*

**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

*communities you include in the term "Asian."*

applicants to define communities as broadly as appropriate that allows for wide engagement but also meaningful and effective engagement.

**Question 3**

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

**Response:**

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**

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

**Response:**

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**

**Response:**

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

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).

**Question 20**

*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.