

2018-19 BC Multiculturalism Grant Recipients

City	Organization Name	Project Summary	Grant Amount
Abbotsford	Abbotsford Community Services Society	Blanket Medicine: The project empowers diverse community leaders, stakeholders and youth through a day-long experience that fosters intercultural understanding and trust. Participants will learn about historic injustices against Indigenous Peoples in Canada and ways to share this knowledge with their respective institutions.	\$4,000
Abbotsford	The Reach Gallery Museum	Reel Change: This collaborative creative project presents new works of art, writing and performances by Indigenous artists of Stó:lō.	\$4,000
Burnaby	Burnaby Arts Council	Indigenous Cultural Engagement: The BAC is currently working with well-known indigenous speakers to create a five-part series of conversations and workshop collaborations. They are also collaborating with local indigenous people on a series of open dialogue and discussions about reconciliation, culture and storytelling, and hands-on drum making.	\$4,000
Burnaby	Burnaby Family Life	Interfaith Community Conversation: Challenging Racism and Building Trust: Community conversations to learn about the diversity of Burnaby's faith groups, the role they play in newcomer settlement process, and to identify ways for mutual collaboration and to explore barriers of mistrust and lack of information that contribute to experiences of racism related to faith affiliation.	\$4,000
Burnaby	Culture Chats BC Association	Community Reporting and Action Research: The project invites women from diverse cultures to collaborate and develop community-based stories and reports. The goal is to record and share the stories of socio-cultural experiences of women from various cultures within the community and to enhance diversity coverage.	\$3,000
Campbell River	Multicultural and Immigrant Services Association	Passport to Settlement: Connecting and Engaging Newcomers to North Vancouver Island Communities: Our project comprises the development and implementation of an innovative community interaction tool entitled Passport to Settlement designed to connect and engage immigrants and newcomers with citizens and community organizations in the north Vancouver Island region.	\$4,000
Castlegar	Kootenay Family Place	Cooking with Culture: Local immigrants will enhance cultural understanding and interaction through a community drop-in cultural cafe. Once a month a special cultural awareness day will begin with different cultural food options, a video created by our cultural team, cultural dancing, arts, crafts and sharing.	\$4,000
Castlegar	SQx Danza	Anti-Bullying Movement Program: Based on the success of SQx's award-winning Interactive Dance Awareness, we will embark on the delivery of a new program - Anti-Bullying Movement - specifically	\$4,000

		designed to address systematic bullying and intolerance in young people.	
Coquitlam	Coquitlam Heritage Society	Autumn Cultural Heritage Exchange: Through a series of events, Coquitlam Heritage will facilitate a heritage exchange fostering cross-cultural understanding. We will be looking at traditions and customs surrounding the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival and Diwali.	\$4,000
Creston	Creston & District Historical & Museum Society	Multiculturalism Day in Creston - An Opportunity to Build Awareness and Recognition: The Creston Museum and the Creston Refugee Committee are hosting a one-day event to build awareness and understanding of refugees, new Canadians, and culturally-diverse communities within the Creston Valley. The Refugee Committee's 40th anniversary provides an ideal opportunity for this initiative.	\$4,000
Delta	Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	Official Screening and Discussion of My Name Was January: Double film screening and discussion of My Name Was January. When a trans sister, January Marie Lapuz, is brutally murdered in her own home in New Westminster, BC, a community reacts and her friends and other trans women of colour come to share and voice their issues, concerns, and challenges.	\$4,000
Duncan	Cowichan Valley Intercultural and Immigrant Aid Society	Cowichan Interfaith Dialogues: The Cowichan Intercultural Society will hold two moderated interfaith dialogues. One dialogue explores religious literacy for medical professionals and caregivers and the other examines faith and community values.	\$4,000
Duncan	VC Volunteer Cowichan	'I Tst 'O' Hwuni' 'I - Connecting Community Event: The event will host indigenous Elders and non-indigenous seniors in an afternoon of cultural experiences. From traditional food to crafting and Tzinquaw dancers, the event is intended to create new relations and opportunities for improved cultural sensitivity and understanding.	\$4,000
Fort St. James	Community Arts Council Fort St James	Weaving Cultures Together: Cross cultural art and education to bring together multiple sectors of our communities to design, create, weave and share intercultural locally woven art.	\$4,000
Kamloops	Kamloops Arts Council	Crossing Cultures Outreach: This project will bring high-quality arts and culture workshops to children, youth, adults and seniors at a variety of social service agencies. Participants will explore and share their cultural heritage with each other through food and crafts and share them with the wider public.	\$4,000
Kamloops	Thompson Nicola Cariboo United Way	Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity Training: Cultural sensitivity training in response to the 2017/2018 wildfires and re-traumatization through mass evacuations from Indigenous communities throughout the region. This training will provide insight, understanding and tools to connect appropriately with Indigenous populations during and after crisis situations.	\$4,000

Kelowna	Kelowna Community Resources Society	Youth Identities Exploration Project: This will be an opportunity for immigrant, refugee, and newcomer youth in the Central Okanagan to explore, share, and learn more about themselves and their peers' emerging, intersectional, and ever-changing identities through creative, facilitated sessions.	\$4,000
Kelowna	Global Citizen Events Society	Changing Face of the Central Okanagan: Diverse voices make for interesting conversations and opportunities for growth. Learning and appreciation of others come through encouraging dialogue and respectful discussions as well as creative ways to stimulate heart-felt change.	\$4,000
Langley	BC Association of Family Resource Programs	Truth and Reconciliation Education for Parents with Young Children: Parents and their young children from diverse ethnicities learn about Truth and Reconciliation by experiencing some Indigenous ways of being, right in their own community. This program will include parents who are visitors, newcomers to Canada and native-born Canadians.	\$4,000
Langley	Langley Community Services Society	'Project Dignity Matters' generates new pathways of communication between individuals otherwise marginalized by cultural barriers and community partners with influence and connection, who together might help shape new initiatives for equality and inclusion.	\$4,000
Maple Ridge	The Family Education and Support Centre	'Building Interfaith Bridges Project' is comprised of council members representing seven different faiths and a facilitator to organize and implement these free initiatives. These include: Community Dialogues Series, Interfaith Workshops, and collaboration in four annual community events.	\$4,000
Mission	District of Mission Arts Council	Strengthening Cultural Relationships - Festival of Lights, World Music and Aboriginal Carving: Three separate community opportunities to strengthen the artistic and cultural relationships through an art connection.	\$4,000
Nanaimo	Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society	Nanaimo Multicultural Festival: A fun-filled day celebrating and sharing the diversity of cultures in Nanaimo. The festival will offer a variety of performing groups, live music, food vendors, exhibitors, demonstrations, and hands-on activities for the entire family.	\$4,000
Nanaimo	Crimson Coast Dance Society	InFrinGinG Dance Festival Cultural Communities Outreach: Crimson Coast Dance Society (CCDS) has been orchestrating Nanaimo's InFrinGinG Dance Festival for 20 years, progressively establishing the theme of promoting diversity through dance. CCDS will instigate new and essential outreach amongst marginalized communities in advance of the festival.	\$4,000
Nanaimo	Nanaimo Literacy Association (Literacy Central	Words Matter - A youth anthology: Stories of Refugee and Indigenous Youth on Central Vancouver Island:	\$3,750

	Vancouver Island)	A participation-based project to bring together ten Indigenous and refugee youth, through storytelling and writing to express their experience living in Nanaimo: the commonalities they experience, the myths they hear and the importance of being in solidarity with each other to build inclusion.	
Nelson	West Kootenay Women's Association	Nelson Inter-Cultural Conversation Circle: A weekly open conversation circle space for new immigrants, refugees, international students, and the locals who want to support them in navigating life in a new community. This includes regular social events, workshops and other participant-driven activities.	\$4,000
New Westminister	Centre d'Integration for African Immigrants/Centre of Integration for African Immigrants	Youthfully and Anti-Racism Strategy: This project will contribute to the first year of a 3-year program to develop a responsive youth anti-racism strategy. The goal of this project is to develop an understanding of the impact of the integration process in local community relations, in order to improve the responsiveness, accessibility and adequacy of anti-racism resources and services provided by youth organizations in B.C.	\$4,000
New Westminister	New West Hospice Society	Dying, Death, and Bereavement Care Through a Diverse and Inclusive Lens: This project aims to address the absence of true diversity in end-of-life care. Having inclusive groups as planning partners for community conversations will bridge understanding, identify gaps, and create support that changes the collective culture around dying, death and bereavement in New Westminister.	\$4,000
New Westminister	Umbrella Multicultural Health Co-operative	Breaking Barriers: developing an organizational anti-oppression framework: The Breaking Barriers project will raise awareness of the power imbalance that exist in our society that disproportionately affect the under-represented and racialized groups. We will develop a policy for delivering equitable health and social services through an anti-oppression framework.	\$4,000
North Vancouver	Capilano Community Services Society	A Celebration of Community with Open Minds and Open Hearts: Our project will engage residents in creating a multicultural calendar featuring holidays, recipes, resources and more, at the new Lions Gate Community Centre. We will further engage the community in planning, delivering and participating in intercultural events to bring the calendar to life.	\$4,000
North Vancouver	Parkgate Community Services Society	Exploring Cultural Dynamics: Intercultural interaction activity in which youth explore dimensions and patterns of culture and the impact culture has on our lives and communities. The activity will spark follow-up discussion to increase intercultural understanding and empathy for others while promoting intercultural integration.	\$4,000
Penticton	Penticton Art Gallery	The Colours of Diversity: The Penticton Art Gallery will host a day-long celebration of culture and diversity in our community to close out the exhibition Immaculate Refraction featuring the internationally renowned artist Bentley Meeker.	\$4,000

Port Coquitlam	Diwali Celebration Society	Diwali Fest: To break cultural barriers and celebrate the spirit of Diwali by embracing diverse art forms from all cultures to build a sense of community across Metro Vancouver. The Indian word Diwali means 'row of lighted lamps' - the light symbolizes the triumph of good over evil.	\$4,000
Prince George	Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society of Prince George	My Voice, Your Voice in our Community - Intercultural Understanding: This project is seeking to give voice to voiceless people from different ethno-cultures, races, religions and ages, and to bridge cultural differences and gaps in community interactions.	\$4,000
Prince George	Prince George Regional Art Gallery Association	Indigenous Ways of Learning: In the summer of 2019, Two Rivers Gallery will be presenting an important exhibition of Indigenous art - Reconciliation. For the first time the gallery will integrate Indigenous ways of knowing and being into our interpretation and programming of an exhibition.	\$4,000
Richmond	Richmond Family Place Society	The 'Harmony Project' will promote intercultural understanding and cooperation in Richmond between refugees, new immigrants and Canadian-born families with young children. We will work together within six conversation circles to plan a 14-week program where together we will share stories.	\$4,000
Richmond	Richmond Multicultural Community Services	Poetry of Place- Postcards from Richmond: This project will facilitate pathways for newcomers into the Richmond art community. It will create dialogue on place, identity and intercultural connection through the creation of a vibrant, multicultural and multi-dimensional poetry collection and associated visual art.	\$4,000
Salmon Arm	Shuswap Immigrant Services Society	Who is in Your Backyard? Connecting Youth and Cultures: Shuswap Immigrant Services will work in partnership with the local school district to encourage students to engage and learn about each other and to discover students "who are in their backyard".	\$2,200
Smithers	Friends of the Smithers Library	Indigenous Library Assistant - Summer Reading Club: The Smithers Public Library has created a summer job specifically for an Indigenous student. The student advances reconciliation in the community through cross-cultural education by enriching the popular, free children's Summer Reading Club program with elements of Indigenous culture.	\$4,000
Smithers	Smithers Community Services Association	Coffee & Talk Multicultural Community Café: The Multicultural Community Cafe is a weekly get-together of newcomers to Canada and long-term residents. Coffee & Talk offers a safe place for people from various cultural and religious backgrounds to engage in dialog to build intercultural trust and understanding.	\$4,000
Squamish	Sea to Sky Community Services Society	Whistler Multicultural Festival 2019: The Whistler Multicultural Festival is a grass roots, volunteer-led, annual celebration of cultural diversity by locals for locals. It is managed by the Whistler Multicultural Network, a local immigrant community group formed	\$4,000

		in 2011, now partnering with Sea to Sky Community Services.	
Surrey	Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society	2019 World Refugee Day in Surrey, B.C.: World Refugee Day will bring together community members and stakeholders in Surrey, B.C. Through presentations, discussions, and other intercultural activities, the event will raise awareness of the situation of refugees and celebrate the contributions of former refugees who now call Surrey home.	\$4,000
Surrey	Royal Academy of Bhangra Society	'Punjab da Folk' is an exploration of identity, culture and history of the Punjabi people from India and Pakistan, who at one time co-existed and share cultural roots but now hold strong mistrust and discrimination. Through dance, music and storytelling, we will make connections and improve understanding.	\$4,000
Surrey	Surrey Public Library	Surrey Neighbourhood Safety Series: This anti-racism project is a public dialogue forum consisting of three sessions to discuss issues around cultural differences and to illustrate how racism threatens neighbourhoods, community safety and well-being.	\$4,000
Terrace	Skeena Diversity Society	Building a Vibrant & Compassionate Community through Storytelling: The project will bring together newcomers and long-time residents in a variety of activities to share stories, get to know one another and build lasting cross-cultural connections. The project will include video interviews and engagement through arts, games, food and discussion.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Asian Environmental Association (Hua Foundation)	Race & Food: Hua Foundation's 2nd Annual Fall Digest: As part of its signature project, Hua Foundation's 2nd Annual Fall Digest tackles a widely-felt, seldom discussed challenge: social cohesion in Vancouver's Chinatown and Downtown Eastside, two adjacent neighbourhoods that don't always see eye-to-eye.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Association of Neighbourhood Houses - Kitsilano	Kits Cultural Connections: Enhancing cultural awareness and intercultural interactions by connecting ethnically diverse neighbours through cultural tea traditions and multicultural meals which promote community-building in Kitsilano.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Association of Neighbourhood Houses - Mount Pleasant	It's a Wonderful Week in the Neighbourhood - For All: This project is about connecting diverse neighbours and having fun while doing it. By engaging Elders/seniors and youth in arts and culture-based activities, we seek to promote intercultural sharing and storytelling for all ages.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Be the Change Earth Alliance	Multi-Cultural Earth Wisdom: Be the Change Earth Alliance will co-create a series of events entitled Sacred Earth Wisdom to promote cross-cultural understanding and respect of traditional cultural relationships to Earth that value the flourishing and diversity of all life.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival	Bringing cultures together through Youth Sport Engagement: In	\$4,000

	Society	keeping with our mission of making active living accessible regardless of abilities and backgrounds, the society will bring together underprivileged and underserved youth through the cultural sport of dragon boat to encourage intercultural interaction and engagement in B.C.'s cultural fabric.	
Vancouver	Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society	Chinatown Through a Wide Lens: The Hidden Photographs of Yucho Chow: A first-ever exhibition of long-hidden and forgotten historical photos by Yucho Chow that chronicle how diverse, marginalized communities found refuge in Vancouver's early Chinatown; a neighbourhood that welcomed and served everyone, no matter their skin colour or religion.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Renfrew-Collingwood Creative Resilience Project: In partnership with the Resilient Neighbourhoods Program of the City of Vancouver, Collingwood Neighbourhood House will work with artists, neighbours and facilitators to co-create a public arts forum that will bridge an intersectional understanding of resilience, anti-racism and reconciliation	\$4,000
Vancouver	Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association	Bridging Cultural Gaps to Combat Racism through Cross-Cultural Exchange: A cross-cultural exchange at the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre, particularly focused on Indigenous and Chinese women, the two largest ethnic groups that frequent the centre. To combat tensions between the groups and promote racial harmony and cross-cultural understanding and respect.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education Society	Refugee Children Taking Action to Build Welcoming Communities: This project will provide training and resources to community-based organizations and their staff to build welcoming and inclusive spaces. Participants include refugee and non-refugee children and youth who engage in activities to explore diversity and take action to build communities free from racism.	\$4,000
Vancouver	EYA Environmental Youth Alliance Society	Youth-Led Reconciliation through Nature Stewardship: The project brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to increase intercultural understanding and trust through nature stewardship activities and reconciliation dialogue.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Kiwassa Neighbourhood Services Organization	Shaping Intercultural Understanding Through Art: People from all walks of life will engage in meaningful dialogue and learning across cultures and identities. Healing in real-time, immigrant and Indigenous populations will build understanding and creatively move one another to act and promote a harmonious and connected community.	\$4,000
Vancouver	MISCELLANEOUS Productions Society	Refuge / Refugee / Redress: Our 2019 youth-centred cycle of anti-racism artistic exploration, mentorship and production will focus on concepts of Refuge/Refugee/Redress particularly engaging youth who have experienced homelessness, are	\$4,000

		newcomers/refugees/immigrants, or who are Indigenous.	
Vancouver	Multifaith Action Society of BC	Reimagining Peace and Harmony: One World, Many Faiths: This project will help to create a more cohesive, harmonious social climate in British Columbia by opening a meaningful dialogue about where the priorities and perceptions of diverse communities intersect, and how we can collaborate toward a better future.	\$2,500
Vancouver	S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (also known as United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society)	Inter-Cultural Training Series for Service Providers: Facilitating Diverse & Inclusive Relationships: The project offers inter-cultural training to frontline service workers from mainstream community organizations to enhance their capacities to serve increasingly diverse populations. Training focuses on developing effective and meaningful interactions with diverse groups and across cultures.	\$4,000
Vancouver	The Vancouver Maritime Museum Society	We're all in the Same Boat: Migrants, Contemporary Art & Social Protest: The Vancouver Maritime Museum will be teaming up with the Vancouver Biennale to present a school program that focuses on migration and the plight of refugees across the world as seen through the eyes of contemporary artists.	\$3,000
Vancouver	Vancouver Co-op Radio	The 'Intercultural Podcast Series' brings together leaders from multicultural communities, provides access to recording studios & training, to produce a podcast series of interviews, discussions & stories, with the goal to explore and enhance intercultural trust and understanding across the region.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Vancouver Folk Music Festival Society	The 'Open Arms Initiative' program gives free, facilitated access to the Vancouver Folk Music Festival to newly-landed immigrants, including refugees. Newcomers connect with project participants, staff, volunteers, and general audiences to experience the festival's rich diversity and culture.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre Society for Education and Remembrance	Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre Symposia on the Holocaust 2019: The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre presents an annual Holocaust symposium to more than 7,000 senior secondary students and their teachers. This includes a full-day program at the University of British Columbia and 10-to-12 half-day symposia in school districts throughout the province.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Vancouver Latin American Film Festival	The Language We See In: As part of the 17th Vancouver Latin American Film Festival, and in recognition of the UN declaration of 2019 as the Year of Indigenous Languages, VLAFF will organize The Language We See In, a film series and panel discussion focusing on films made in Indigenous languages from across the Americas.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Vantage Point Strategies Society	The 'Board Diversity Working Group' will connect members of B.C.'s not-for-profit sector to develop applicable tools to lift the leadership of historically marginalized individuals and communities. This project will be led by underrepresented, racialized and other minority groups.	\$4,000

Vancouver	Visceral Visions Society	DiverseTheatreBC Digital Platform Project: A digital platform fostering intersectional interculturalism, diversity, collaboration and community, with searchable database of B.C. Indigenous and racialized theatre artists (performers, directors, writers, designers) that engagers (theatres, schools, social non-profits, film/TV casting) may access.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Indian Summer Arts Society	The 'Tiffin Talks' ideas series brings South Asian and Indigenous thought leaders into conversation to discuss a range of nuanced and complex sites of intercultural rupture, solidarity, and connection. These free events are built on cross-organizational partnerships and community engagement strategies.	\$4,000
Vancouver	Jewish Seniors Alliance of Greater Vancouver	The 'Aging Across Cultures' initiative, will reach out and engage seniors (through promotional campaigns advertised through Senior Line Magazine the JSA Website) within Vancouver's diverse intercultural communities, to meet and share common concerns and collaboratively engage undeserved elder voices.	\$4,000
Vancouver	South Vancouver Neighbourhood House	Sharing Cultures: Monthly intercultural exchanges are organized by a committee of residents and held in locations throughout south Vancouver. The program includes an evening meal and features culturally-themed activities.	\$4,000
Vancouver	The VDC Dance Centre Society (The Dance Centre)	The 'Power of Dance' project facilitates easier integration of new immigrant and refugee youth and their families into British Columbia's society through a series of dance workshops representing the diverse cultural traditions that make up B.C. society today.	\$4,000
Victoria	Ballet Victoria Society	Welcome New Canadians to BC Performing Arts Culture: A collaboration between Ballet Victoria and the Victoria Immigrant and Refugees Centre Society to offer new Canadians two opportunities to attend barrier-free ballet performances in an accessible space, free of charge. A social event with snacks will follow each performance.	\$3,550
Victoria	Bramble Ink	Here Magazine Community Discussions Forum: Round Table Edition: Meaningful, non-judgmental, guided inter-cultural round table discussions on various topics important for better integration, inter-cultural understanding, and building trust among community members of the Greater Victoria area.	\$4,000
Victoria	Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria	I'm More Than My Race/I'm More Than My Religion: An artistic youth project that supports young people to explore the subjects of identity, race, faith and belonging using creative participatory techniques (image creation, storytelling, movement, music, spoken and written text) to create identity self-portraits that capture their full stories.	\$4,000
Victoria	LifeCycles Project Society	'Grow Together' is a food justice program that facilitates	\$4,000

		intercultural relationship building between Indigenous and newcomer youth and their peers. This gardening apprenticeship program connects youth from diverse backgrounds through sharing the traditions, stories, and flavours of their cultures.	
Wells	Island Mountain Arts Society	‘Indigenizing Our Stories’ includes three exceptional Indigenous speakers sharing their personal story in a facilitated participatory storytelling session called A Collective Story Harvest, to build understanding and respect along with new relationships.	\$4,000
Williams Lake	Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society	The ‘International Cooking Series’ in 100 Mile House provides newcomers and Canadians from all over the world an opportunity to share their traditional food and culture with the community.	\$4,000