

2019-20 BC Multiculturalism Grant Recipients

City	Organization	Project Summary	Grant Amount
Abbotsford	The Reach Gallery Museum	<i>Séma:th The Lake That Disappeared / Luminous Waters.</i> A project addressing the draining of Sumas Lake (1919-1924) that will result in a children's book and public performance on Canada Day with participating members of the Sumas First Nation	\$4,000
Abbotsford	Inasmuch Community Society	<i>Refugees are just like our grandparents: a video.</i> The production of a video that shows how refugee claimants of today are not so different from the people who settled in Abbotsford over the last 150 years	\$4,000
Bouchie Lake	Friends of Bouchie-Milburn Society	<i>Passport to Villages.</i> As part of the annual Billie Bouchie Days, this project will create awareness and understanding of First Nations, Métis and early settler contributions to the community, with a special focus on the contributions of Chinese-Canadians in the North Cariboo.	\$4,000
Burnaby	Canadian Anti-racism Education and Research Society	<i>Preventing Hate Group Recruitment.</i> This project will develop information, resources and guidelines to help families, communities and professionals prevent hate group recruitment on social media	\$4,000
Burnaby	Burnaby Family Life	<i>World Refugee Day in Burnaby 2020.</i> The project will allow the Burnaby Community to have a better understanding of the challenges and situations faced by refugees in their settlement process through videos and group facilitated discussions	\$4,000
Campbell River	Multicultural and Immigrant Services Association	<i>Building Connection Through Our Stories, Cuisine and Crafts.</i> An event for local Elders and the International Seniors Group to increase connection, understanding, and trust by sharing their personal stories and traditions, sampling cultural foods, and making a traditional craft	\$4,000
Castlegar	Kootenay Family Place	<i>Where You From?</i> A year long program of activities for community to learn about inclusion and diversity through different customs, dress, dance, songs, foods and traditions	\$4,000

Chilliwack	Chilliwack Community Services	<i>Interactive Multiculturalism Open House.</i> An open house with immigrants, First Nations, Francophones, faith groups, youth and other community members to share their culture with each other	\$4,000
Coquitlam	Re:Naissance Opera	<i>Towards Truth and Reconciliation: Deepening our understanding.</i> Educational events, to help the general public and arts creators in the opera and music theatre field to gain understanding into historical injustices towards Indigenous peoples, and to discover how reconciliation can be lived through music	\$4,000
Courtenay	World Community Development Education Society	<i>Reconciliation in the Comox Valley: Our Shared History, Our Shared Present and Future Relationships.</i> A series of public engagement events including films, speakers, and mini-workshops about the history of colonialism and systemic racism in Canada	\$4,000
Courtenay	North Island College	<i>From Mio: Rediscovering Japanese Canadian Transpacific Histories for Community Building.</i> A community-based, participatory action research collaborative that will work to solve the problem of returning lost pre-war Japanese Canadian history on Vancouver Island to its descendants and the Canadian public	\$4,000
Courtenay	Kumugwe Cultural Society	<i>Hutlilala.xa Ninoxsola</i> (English translation - Listen to the Wise Ones). The cultural society and dance groups will host, Hutlilala.xa Ninoxsola, an Indigenous traditional welcome ceremony for the Courtenay community to increase intercultural trust and understanding.	\$4,000
Creston	Creston & District Historical & Museum Society	<i>Reflections of Cultural Communities.</i> A four-month research and outreach project to build connections between the Creston Museum and cultural communities whose history in Creston Valley is under-represented at the museum.	\$4,000
Dawson Creek	Kiwanis Art Centre Society	<i>Pillars of our Community.</i> A collaborative project between local multicultural groups and local artists to transform the lobby area of the Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre into a more inclusive space by turning pillars in our	\$4,000

		lobby into story poles that tell the journey of these groups	
Delta	Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	<i>Emergence: Out of the Shadows</i> . Creation of a documentary that explores the taboo topic of being gay or lesbian in the South Asian community of Metro Vancouver	\$4,000
Galiano Island	Galiano Conservancy Association	<i>Nuts'a'maat Forage Forest Feast: Working together with One Heart, One Mind</i> . Galiano Community and members of the Penelakut First Nation will come together to organize games, storytelling, harvesting, and a delicious meal to deepen relationships	\$4,000
Golden	Wildsight Golden	<i>Ktunaxa Cattail Mat Weaving Workshop</i> . In collaboration with the Métis Nation Columbia River Society and Indigenous Artist Lillian Rose from the Aqisqnuq First Nation, this project will bring diverse people together to share stories, cultural skills and build relationships and understanding	\$2,654
Kamloops	Big Bear Child & Youth Advocacy Centre	<i>Cultural Awareness Project – Phase 1</i> . This project will develop and deliver cultural awareness training to community partners involved in the investigation of non-emergent cases of suspected child abuse and neglect to enhance partners' understanding of the needs of children, youth and families and reduce systemic or institutional barriers to healing supports	\$4,000
Kamloops	Kamloops-Cariboo Regional Immigrants Society	<i>Diverse Storytelling through Art - Embracing the Multicultural Canadian Experience</i> . A pop-up art exhibit that will connect immigrants with local artists and individuals of all ages in the community outside of their current circle of contact	\$4,000
Kamloops	Kamloops Know Your Neighbour Walk Society	<i>Know Your Neighbours</i> - This project will organize small community satellite social units in various communities of Kamloops to promote the spirit of oneness and neighbourhood support	\$4,000
Kelowna	Kelowna Community Resources Society	<i>Diversity and Inclusion Capacity Building</i> . A community dialogue on cultural and intercultural knowledge and awareness	\$4,000
Langley	African Stages of Association BC	<i>Engendering Safe Communities through Spoken Word Performance Series</i> . A performance arts series including poetry, storytelling, festive spoken word, dance, drama and music as vehicles to promote	\$4,000

		intercultural understanding and friendships among all Canadians	
Langley	Langley Community Services Society	<i>Dignity & Inclusion Matters project.</i> Planned community discussion 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
Nanaimo	Nanaimo Literacy Association	<i>The Harmony Project: An Intercultural choir</i> This project will focus on creating a place where diversity is lived through singing and community building	\$4,000
Nanaimo	Crimson Coast Dance Society	<i>Qwuyulush Nuwilum Xwu'alum Suñsháthut (Dancing in the Returning Sun).</i> A contemporary Coast Salish solstice celebration aimed at fostering intercultural community connections alongside Indigenous creative sovereignty	\$4,000
Nelson	Nelson and District Museum Archives Art Gallery and Historic	<i>Métis Art and History Youth Engagement Project and Exhibition.</i> The project aims to engage Métis artists, historians, knowledge keepers and elders to work with Nelson area youth through hands-on arts practice, mentoring, research and exhibition creation	\$4,000
New Westminister	Umbrella Multicultural Health Cooperative	<i>Breaking Barriers: implementing an organizational anti-oppression framework.</i> A multi-stakeholder workshop to seek community feedback to implement a policy for delivering equitable health and social services through an anti-oppression framework	\$4,000
New Westminister	The Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families	<i>Delicate Conversations.</i> Development of a curriculum and a pilot workshop for agencies and businesses to address prejudice and improve inclusion	\$4,000
North Vancouver	Presentation House Cultural Society	<i>Beginning to Decolonize: Dialogues and Workshops.</i> A series of dialogues and workshops of new ways to perform Indigenous land acknowledgements, bringing together Settler, Newcomer, and Indigenous groups for dialogue, education, and problem-solving	\$4,000
North Vancouver	Capilano Students' Union	<i>Supporting Self-education on Indigenous Issues.</i> Development of self-education resources for non-Indigenous staff and learners	\$4,000

Pemberton	Stewardship Pemberton Society	<i>Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being: Cross Cultural Field Trips with Lil'wat and N'Quatqua Nations Stewardship</i> Pemberton Society will organize family/community-oriented field trips that educate and inspire participants on the area's rich Indigenous history, culture, lands ethic, and more	\$4,000
Penticton	South Okanagan Similkameen Pride Society	<i>SOS Pride Month.</i> Events and learning opportunities to help the South Okanagan community better understand the issues and needs of the LGBTQ2S+ community	\$4,000
Port Moody	DreamRider Productions Society	<i>Planet Protector Academy: Climate! (Phase One).</i> A digital/interactive classroom program for kids that integrates and centres Indigenous knowledge/perspectives on climate change and climate adaptation, & inspires kids via innovative, transformative experiential learning	\$4,000
Prince George	The Community Arts Council of Prince George & District	<i>Culture Confluence Anti-Racism Broadcast Series.</i> A partnership between the Community Arts Council and CFUR-FM (campus radio station based at UNBC), this multipart podcast / radio series will provide in-depth analysis and review the ways in which local culture both contributes to systemic racism and endeavors to combat systemic racism	\$4,000
Prince George	Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society of Prince George	<i>Bridging the multicultural gap approach in Prince George.</i> This project aims to promote dialogue and understanding in the community through different cultural dialogues and activities (storytelling, food, and art expressions) to support the welcoming and inclusiveness	\$4,000
Prince George	Two Rivers Gallery	<i>MakerLab Youth Immersion.</i> A year-long, mentor-led intensive art making program focusing on traditional (drum making, carving, First Nations Design) and new media (laser cutting, 3D printing, silver clay). It is aimed at attracting under-served, Indigenous, immigrant and refugee youth to build relationships and improve connections between each other and their families.	\$4,000
Princeton	Vermillion Forks Elementary	<i>Drum Making.</i> A collaborative project with Elders, Princeton Secondary School students and staff and The Upper Similkameen Indian Band to create a class set of drums the	\$3,755

		'traditional' way and improve intercultural trust and understanding	
Prince Rupert	North Coast Immigrant and Multicultural Services Society	<i>Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action</i> . This project will engage a facilitator to lead focused discussions with community stakeholders in the fields of health, education and child services on implementing the recommendations in the <i>Calls to Action</i> report.	\$4,000
Prince Rupert	Change Makers Education Society	<i>Kaien Fusion of Fashion, Culture and Dance</i> . An evening of cultural celebration highlighting the different people and cultures in Prince Rupert through an exposé of fashion and dance	\$4,000
Revelstoke	Revelstoke Arts Council	<i>LUNA Fest Indigenous outreach and engagement project</i> . Revelstoke Arts Council and Aboriginal Friendship Society will work closely together to make LUNA Fest more accessible to Indigenous people through programming and festival design, liaison, engagement, outreach, invitations, transportation, and special events	\$4,000
Richmond	Richmond Multicultural Community Services	<i>A Samosa, A Perogy, and A Spring Roll</i> . An intercultural dialogue will be used to increase intercultural understanding of similarities between neighbours of varied backgrounds	\$4,000
Salmon Arm	Shuswap Immigrant Services Society	<i>Multiculturalism Matters: Connecting Youth and Culture</i> . A project to connect youth from different cultures and encourage them to learn about each other	\$3,000
Smithers	Friends of the Smithers Library	<i>Indigenous Library Assistant -- Summer Reading Club</i> . This project will support the hiring of an Indigenous student to advance 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	<i>Multicultural Games Nights at the Park</i> . A weekly, outdoor summer get-together of newcomers to Canada and long-term Canadian residents. Games Nights offer people of all ages from various cultural and religious backgrounds a safe place for dialogue, and provides the opportunity to build intercultural trust	\$4,000

Squamish	Sea to Sky Community Services Society	<i>Whistler Multicultural Festival 2020</i> . An inclusive, grassroots, 'by locals for locals', volunteer-led celebration of cultural diversity	\$4,000
Surrey	Royal Academy of Bhangra Society	<i>Folk Lok Live 4: From Persia to Punjab</i> . An inter-cultural event and celebration that will create a safe space for people of Persian and Punjabi heritage to come together and learn about each other through poetry, storytelling, music and dance	\$4,000
Surrey	Surrey Public Library	<i>Surrey Neighbourhood Safety Series</i> . A public dialogue forum whereby the public is invited to three sessions to discuss issues around cultural differences and to illustrate how racism threatens neighbourhood and community safety and well-being	\$4,000
Tappen	Arts Council for the South Shuswap	<i>Secwepemc Cultural Workshop Series</i> . The Arts Council for the South Shuswap will be hosting Secwepemc cultural workshops in traditional dance, games, song, storytelling and visual arts, bringing Indigenous & Non-Indigenous peoples together	\$4,000
Terrace	Skeena Diversity Society	<i>"My World" Youth Dialogue and Engagement</i> . Youth from diverse backgrounds will build a greater understanding of their identity, of diversity and build trust among diverse groups	\$4,000
Vancouver	S.U.C.C.E.S.S.	<i>Be the Change: Engaging Under-Represented Communities in Civic Leadership</i> . The project will support under-represented & racialized groups to participate in leadership roles	\$4,000
Vancouver	Check Your Head: The Youth Global Education Network	<i>(Un)learning: Empowering Youth Migrant Justice Education</i> . Peer-to-peer education to engage young people in the social, economic and climate justice issues impacting migrants and racialized communities	\$4,000
Vancouver	MISCELLANEOUS Productions Society	<i>Grimm brothers' & Indigenous/international Sisters' fairy tales, folklore, myths and legends</i> . This project will involve regional workshops and performances with an anti-colonialist take on folklore and fairy tales, including hip hop dance, theatre and discussion workshops for culturally/socially representative youth in Vancouver, Victoria, Prince George, Kelowna and Westbank First Nation	\$4,000

Vancouver	Indian Summer Arts Society	<i>Tiffin Talks</i> An idea series that brings South Asian and Indigenous thought leaders into conversation	\$4,000
Vancouver	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden	<i>Cultivating Indigenous Connections at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.</i> An exhibition by Chinese Canadian and Indigenous artists to create multimedia experiences that re-centre their marginalized histories	\$4,000
Vancouver	The Jewish Museum and Archives of BC	<i>The Cross Cultural Strathcona Walking Tour.</i> This project will support a walking tour series to enhance public awareness of the intercultural history of Vancouver's Strathcona neighbourhood	\$4,000
Vancouver	Asian Environmental Association DBA Hua Foundation	<i>Lifting Each Other Up: Bridging Indigenous communities and Vancouver's Asian diaspora.</i> A panel discussion and facilitated dialogue exploring how to cultivate connection between Vancouver's Indigenous and Asian diasporic communities	\$4,000
Vancouver	Vancouver International Children's Festival Society	<i>Kid's in Africa.</i> An outreach project that invites children from all cultures within Metro Vancouver to join Jacky Essombe and friends to learn about the many African diaspora communities in Metro Vancouver and to engage with each other through music, song, dance, and language	\$4,000
Vancouver	Vancouver Fringe Theatre Society	<i>Reducing Barriers for BIPOC Fringe Artists.</i> This project will offer subsidies and reduce barriers for BIPOC artists (Black, Indigenous and People of Colour) to perform and share their stories at the Festival, in an effort to create systemic change	\$4,000
Vancouver	Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver	<i>Intercultural Seder.</i> A Passover celebration will be hosted in collaboration with communities with shared histories of government oppression who are overcoming their past and gaining self-determination through faith and tradition	\$4,000
Vancouver	IndigenEYEZ	<i>IndigenEYEZ.</i> This project will involve five inter-cultural, land-based learning sessions and curriculum to increase understanding and respect between Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents in the Similkameen	\$4,000

Vancouver	Providing Advocacy Counselling & Education Society	<i>Creating Inclusive Communities.</i> This project will involve an equity and inclusivity review led by an experiential Advisory Committee representing the diversity of the sex worker population, that will inform policy design and service implementation strategies	\$4,000
Vancouver	Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association	<i>Building cross-cultural understanding in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.</i> A cross-cultural exchange focused on Indigenous and Chinese-Canadian women, the two largest ethnic groups that frequent the centre, intended to combat tensions between the groups, and promote racial harmony and cross-cultural understanding and respect	\$4,000
Vancouver	Vancouver Asian Film Society	<i>Diversity in Filmmaking Training and Storytelling.</i> A full day of workshops and panels that serve filmmakers, digital content makers and storytellers of colour to empower them with tools to tell stories from their own perspective with an authentic voice that will amplify through cross-cultural and intercultural interactions	\$4,000
Vancouver	Young Christian Women's Foundation	<i>YWCA Pathways to Leadership.</i> Vancouver immigrant and refugee single mothers will build self-advocacy skills and collaborate on civic engagement projects that support systemic change	\$4,000
Vancouver	Inner Activist	This project will bring anti-racism educators in BC together to co-create a new five-day program for racially and culturally diverse leaders to deepen their understanding of anti-racism and decolonization	\$4,000
Vancouver	Latincouver Cultural and Business Society	<i>Latin American Experience project.</i> Seven events will bring attention to various cultural and ethnic groups of Latin American countries and engage other communities in exploring our diversity together	\$4,000
Vancouver	Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC – Mount Pleasant	<i>Building a Compassionate and Connected Community: Strengthening Cross-Cultural Resilience and Inter-cultural Bonds at Mount Pleasant.</i> A series of cross-cultural dialogues that will enhance understanding of diverse values, beliefs, and cultures, and foster stronger intercultural interaction	\$4,000
Vancouver	Solid State Community Society	<i>Solid State Community Industries event: Here and Now.</i> A one-day gathering in Surrey to	\$4,000

		address issues of xenophobia, nationalism, belonging and place	
Vancouver	Global Youth Education Network Society	<i>Next UP Change of Art</i> Change of Art is a series for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, persons of colour) artists committed to explore and develop their artistic approach to justice and community leadership	\$4,000
Victoria	Support Network for Indigenous Women & Women of Colour	<i>A Conversation about Black Maternal Health.</i> The project will support community conversations about Black maternal health in Victoria and Vancouver, featuring expert speakers and artists, with the goal of fostering systemic change	\$4,000
Victoria	Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group	<i>Highlighting Black Canadian Entrepreneurs.</i> A community discussion where the challenges of Black entrepreneurs will be discussed and highlighted with the participation of four expert speakers	\$4,000
Victoria	Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society	<i>Nesting Doula Collective.</i> This project will look at ways to improve culturally appropriate doula support during labour and delivery for Indigenous and racialized communities on Vancouver Island	\$4,000
Victoria	BC Black History Awareness Society	<i>Black African Canadian Identity: Community Research and Dialogue.</i> This project will improve explore Black African Canadian perception of identity and lived realities in Greater Vancouver and Victoria. The project will entail two components: community research, and intercultural engagement and dialogue on research findings.	\$4,000
Victoria	Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria	<i>Building Inter-Cultural Competency and Relationships.</i> A series of interactive cross-cultural engagement and knowledge sharing workshops for members of newcomer and Indigenous communities	\$4,000
Williams Lake	Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society	<i>International Cooking Series, 100 Mile House.</i> This international cooking series will provide newcomers and long-term community members with an opportunity to share their traditional food and culture with the community	\$4,000