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Location	Organization	Project Name and Summary	Grant
100 Mile House	Cariboo Family Enrichment Centre Society	Secwepemctsin Language Preservation Storytelling and Art Series – two to six sessions focused on teaching and preserving Secwepemctsin. Elder language keepers will lead language lessons, art and storytelling, and explore cultural competency and truth and reconciliation	\$4,700
Abbotsford	Abbotsford Cultural Centre (OA: The Reach Gallery Museum)	Anti-Black racism, Mental Health and the Fraser Valley – three events supporting the mental health of the growing Black community in Abbotsford and across the Fraser Valley	\$5,000
Aldergrove	Daughters of Hope Resources Society	Thrive – Racialized Youth and Families – strengthening Black racialized youth and families by connecting them with and helping them navigate social services, housing and financial empowerment	\$5,000
Aldergrove	Langley Arts Council	Celebration of Culture – providing safe space for education, connection and the celebration of cultural differences, allowing local cultural groups, collectives and First Nations to showcase their unique and rich histories	\$5,000
Burnaby	Black Girl Collective Society	Black Girl Brunch – an annual event that celebrates the existence, resilience and radical joy of Black women, providing a space to meet, exchange ideas and build an authentic and inclusive community	\$5,000
Castlegar	Kootenay Family Place	Welcome Here – a collaboration with immigrant population, services, workplaces and organizations to create a handbook that provides multicultural, racially appropriate information to support immigrants and those who serve them	\$5,000
Creston	Creston and District Historical and Museum Society	40 Years, 40 Voices: A New Look at Old Collections – a community-curated exhibit to counteract exclusion and work towards a truly inclusive presentation of community heritage through sharing 40 stories from individuals with connections to culturally significant objects in the museum’s collections	\$5,000
Dawson Creek	Dawson Creek Literacy Society / Lake View Learning Centre	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: A Celebration – a celebration of cultural diversity in Dawson Creek and surrounding area: food, poetry, culture, music and dance will promote goodwill, empathy and understanding while reducing or eliminating racial stereotyping and racism	\$4,840

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Dawson Creek	Kiwanis Arts Centre Society	Pillars of Our Community – a collaborative project between local multicultural groups and local artists to transform the lobby of the Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre into a more inclusive space by turning pillars into story poles about those groups’ journeys	\$5,000
Delta	Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	Emergence: Out of the Shadows – screenings and discussions in high schools, colleges, universities and the communities of Metro Vancouver	\$5,000
Galiano Island	Galiano Conservancy Association	Feed the People Workshop – a two-day workshop bringing together participants from across the Gulf Islands and adjacent communities to learn how to process, preserve and prepare locally hunted deer from Penelakut Elders and knowledge holders, supporting local food security and Indigenous sovereignty	\$5,000
Gibsons	PowHERhouse Women’s Leadership Accelerator DBA PowHERhouse Impact Media Group	Moving Past Pain - Choose Happiness! – a 12-week online program primarily for young IBPOC men, offering support from facilitators who provide non-judgmental space to heal and focusing on anti-Indigenous, anti-Black racism, resilience and recovery for racialized groups	\$5,000
Kamloops	Kamloops-Cariboo Regional Immigrants Society	Welcoming Workplace Program – a collection of interactive online resources on equity, diversity and inclusion to help Kamloops-area employers and other organizations create a more inclusive culture for people of diverse backgrounds	\$5,000
Kelowna	Wahkohtowin Wellness Services Association	Indigenous Leadership and Cultural Sensitivity Workshop/Training – Indigeneyze is providing training to supervisors and Wahkohtowin wellness leaders about Indigenous ways of leading Indigenous teams, and promoting cultural awareness and safe practices in dealing with marginalized populations, including family violence, addictions and homelessness	\$5,000
Lillooet	Lillooet Friendship Centre Society	Bridging the Gap – an intercultural performance to raise awareness of culture and combat anti-Indigenous racism and Lilloofest, a two-day multicultural family event with vendors, games, contests and stage shows	\$5,000
Maple Ridge	CEED Centre Society	CEED Pod Connected Communities – a podcast series that seeks to create cultural connections and counter racism with compelling first-hand stories told by those with lived experience as racialized people	\$5,000

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Maple Ridge	WC-Coalition Against Racism Society	Roots, Rhythm and Resistance: Anti-Racism Symposium and Performance – an anti-racism symposium and performing arts presentation featuring racialized panelists and artists to discuss organizing against racism and related forms of oppression on May 21-23, 2022, at Pitt Meadows Heritage Hall, Moberly Arts and Cultural Centre, and Japanese Language School and Hall	\$4,500
Mission	Kara-Kata Afrobeat Society of Canada	African-Canadian Community Needs Assessment – a gathering of African community members from around the Lower Mainland (in person) and around Canada (virtually) to assess the top needs and desires of the community to create economic opportunity, empowerment and camaraderie	\$5,000
Nanaimo	Pacific Coast Stage Company	Promoting Social Change Through the Arts: Forum Theatre Workshop and Site-Specific Performances – workshops for IBPOC immigrants and refugees who are new to Canada for creating and performing their own plays at the Nanaimo Fringe Festival, helping remove barriers to participation in the arts for under-represented/minority groups, and prioritize intercultural interactions around issues of belonging and racism	\$5,000
Nelson	Intercultural Kootenays	Anti-Racism Community Response Project – building intercultural competencies while supporting people experiencing inequitable treatment	\$5,000
Nelson	Nelson and District Museum, Archives, Art Gallery and Historical Society	Museum Exhibition Redevelopment – working with the regional Indigenous Nations, local and regional historians, local IBPOC leaders and Nelson and area community to redevelop the museum exhibition to align it with the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP	\$5,000
New Denver	Blood of Life Collective Society	Sinixt Allyship Gathering – an intensive anti-racism lab with educational workshops and hands-on discussion, creating a space for attendees to engage in allyship and decolonization work	\$5,000
New Westminster	Odihi	Holistic Maternal Health in IBPOC Women – providing information, support and coaching for IBPOC women who have experienced miscarriage or infertility	\$5,000
Penticton	Penticton Art Gallery	Ignite the Arts Festival – bringing together and celebrating all artists, individuals and organizations in Penticton’s diverse arts and culture community	\$5,000

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Port Moody	Asian Community Impact Society	Educating the Next Generation on Anti-Asian Racism – developing a children’s book series aimed at elementary to middle school age children using personal stories and contributions from the community about racism to educate youth to embrace diversity and acceptance	\$5,000
Powell River	Tla’amin Nation	Tla'amin Nation Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Project – helping Tla'amin citizens and city residents understand and identify systemic racism while building unity, pride, knowledge and understanding of the shared responsibility, and responding to systemic racism and find truth, justice and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples	\$5,000
Prince George	Canadian Mental Health Association of Northern BC	Indigenous Training – a two-day intensive training session for all staff on the impacts of colonialism and racism on Indigenous Peoples served by CMHA of Northern BC	\$5,000
Revelstoke	Flying Arrow Productions Society	Engaging the Whole Community in Theatre – a community-based musical presentation, performed outdoors with a large community group	\$5,000
Richmond	Power of Discourse Consulting	Safer Spaces Project – providing educators and school administrators with the tools and knowledge required to create safer spaces for IBPOC youth	\$5,000
Surrey	Black Women Business Network	Addressing Systemic Barriers Limiting Black Women from Equitably Accessing and Participating in Resilient Tech Jobs – increasing the economic security and prosperity of Black women and girls in B.C. by addressing systemic barriers that prevent them from equitably accessing and participating in resilient technology jobs	\$5,000
Surrey	DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society	Together Now – a community-centred and culturally responsive program led by and for 2SLGBTQ+ newcomers to reduce social isolation and provide access to 2SLGBTQ+ resources and group counselling	\$5,000
Surrey	Edo Friends of British Columbia Association	Togetherness – bringing people together to celebrate cultural differences and build listening skills, tolerance and empathy through storytelling and spoken word	\$5,000
Surrey	MustangJustice	Justice Over Charity – a year-long program that seeks to empower youth and provide opportunities to organize and take part in justice initiatives	\$5,000
Surrey	Royal Academy of Bhangra Society	Tanggu to Dhol – a collaborative artistic event with the Chinese and Punjabi communities exploring heritage and culture through drum beats and rhythms	\$5,000

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Surrey	Sikh Heritage Society BC	Sikh Heritage Month BC 2022 – celebrated in April 2022, featuring events including an interactive exhibition exploring what “True Home” means from a Sikh cultural lens	\$5,000
Surrey	Solid State Community Society	Black Futures Every Day – bringing together five Solid State cohorts and 45 Black youth to shoot, edit, produce and present a series of videos featuring members of Surrey's diverse Black communities; videos will be hosted online and shown at the Black Arts Centre	\$5,000
Tappen	Arts Council for the South Shuswap	Entertainment Support Salute to the Sockeye – supporting live music and storytelling at Tsutsweww Provincial Park at the 2022 Salute to the Sockeye Salmon Run Festival in September	\$5,000
Vancouver	ARC Foundation	Indigenous Perspectives on SOGI-Inclusive Education – a project to ensure Indigenous perspectives are included in SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) 1-2-3 and SOGI-inclusive education across B.C.	\$5,000
Vancouver	Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society	Learning by Design – apprenticeships for emerging IBPOC theatre designers to gain experience working with a large theatre company	\$5,000
Vancouver	Arts Umbrella Association	Intersections – a project bringing together more than 30 different theatres in B.C. to advance the conversation of diversity and representation in our studios and on our stages, affecting change for future artists	\$5,000
Vancouver	BC Family Hearing Resource Society	BC Family Hearing Resource Society (BCFHRS): Synthesising Cultural Safety Calls to Action – identifying systemic racism within the organization, BCFHRS aims to remove service barriers, build intercultural understanding and trust, and direct anti-racist strategies to eliminate barriers to participation by under-represented, racialized and minority groups	\$5,000
Vancouver	Big Sisters of B.C. Lower Mainland	Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Organizational Change – undertaking an organizational EDI assessment to identify barriers to full participation of systemically marginalized individuals and build more inclusive practices	\$5,000
Vancouver	Canada Committee 100 Society	Rediscovering the Bonds Between First Nations and Chinese Communities – a project that seeks to strengthen the mutual understanding, respect and trust between First Nations and Chinese communities in the province, a relationship dating back 150 years	\$5,000

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Vancouver	Miscellaneous Productions Society	MISCELLANEOUS Productions Co-Creation Tour in B.C.'s Regions – a co-creation music/street-dance theatre workshop, film screening and performance tour to B.C. Indigenous youth centres, including Victoria Native Friendship Centre, Westbank First Nation Youth Centre, and Kitsumkalum First Nations/Northwest Inter-Nation Family and Community Services Society	\$5,000
Vancouver	Pacific Canada Heritage Centre – Museum of Migration Society	Unearthing Hidden Stories on Commercial Drive – a community-engaged project that mentors young people to discover and document the vibrant and diverse but fast-disappearing history of the older food businesses run by racialized peoples in a working-class neighbourhood	\$5,000
Vancouver	re:Naissance Opera	The Imaginarium – a new program at re:Naissance Opera that addresses the lack of IBPOC leadership in the performing arts by inviting early-career and established IBPOC artists to curate and present performances and panels	\$5,000
Vancouver	Reel Youth - a project of MakeWay Charitable Society	Black Brilliance 3 – a video-production, skill-development, and community-building program bringing together youth of African descent in an all-Black space. Black artist facilitators will mentor Black youth in creating short films about their lived experiences and visions for positive change.	\$5,000
Vancouver	Savage Production Society	White Noise – a comedy by Taran Kootenayoo, co-produced by Savage Society and Firehall Arts Centre Live, with in-person performances at the Firehall Arts Centre, Vancouver from April 16-May 1, 2022	\$5,000
Vancouver	Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Society	Resilience and Reconnection – reducing cultural and systemic barriers for marginalized Taiwanese/Asian seniors by providing workshops in anti-racism, social policy, public safety and holistic health counseling, and promoting intercultural engagement and volunteerism through participation in community activities	\$5,000
Vancouver	Urban Ink Production Society	Indigenizing History: Conversations surrounding Les Filles du Roi Digital Work – building relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities by sharing the story of Les Filles Du Roi, an Indigenous woman’s perspective of history on this land in 1665, through language (Kanien’kéha [Mohawk], French, and English), music and movement	\$5,000

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Vancouver	Vancouver Choral Arts Society	Vancouver Youth Choir KINDRED – a free program where newcomer and refugee youth learn about Indigenous music and culture from Indigenous artists	\$5,000
Vancouver	Young Women's Christian Association	Reimagining Urban Child Welfare: Indigenous-led Child Welfare Practices and Restorative Community Supports – a panel event that amplifies the voices of Indigenous women and youth and examines how B.C.'s child welfare system is connected to the racist history and intergenerational impacts of residential schools	\$5,000
Vernon	Family Resource Centre Society for the North Okanagan	Newcomer Women Outreach Program – a women's group for refugee and immigrant women that helps build relationships and connect newcomer women with counselling at the Family Resource Centre Society and other mental health services in Vernon	\$5,000
Vernon	Museum and Archives of Vernon (MAV)	Introduction to Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Workplace - A MAV Professional Development Series – an interactive training program for North Okanagan professionals, businesses and community organizations to introduce and address concepts of bias, privilege and discrimination in the workplace and to teach practical strategies to confront racism and privilege	\$5,000
Vernon	Vernon Winter Carnival Society	Cultural Inclusion – Vernon Winter Carnival 2023 – a carnival with events including daily Syilx cultural activities and knowledge-sharing to help build community	\$5,000
Victoria	British Columbia Black History Awareness Society	African Ancestry Project – Youth Connection – using video and focused outreach to engage young people in dialogue through a research and dialogue project that investigates and brings awareness to the diversity of Black people of African ancestry in B.C.	\$5,000
Victoria	Esquimalt Farmers Market Society	Culturally-Relevant Produce Project – increasing access to identified and requested culturally relevant produce for IBPOC, low-income, and newcomer communities.	\$5,000

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Victoria	Oasis Society for Spiritual Health	Supporting the Sacred Journey – a community program providing a sense of belonging in a supportive community, cultural teachings and healing practices for Indigenous adults facing intergenerational trauma	\$5,000
Victoria	Pacific Peoples' Partnership Association	One Wave Gathering 2022 – a community-centred arts and cultural event focused on deep knowledge-sharing and co-created in relationship with Indigenous and Pacific Islander communities in Victoria	\$5,000