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Organization	Location	Project Name	Project Summary
Whistler Multicultural Society	Whistler	Stories Out of the Shadows	Migrant workers and other newcomers living and working in Whistler are mostly unheard and undervalued, equity-challenged and seeking validation. This project will use the power of storytelling to bring their stories into the light, to celebrate how they add to the fabric of our local community, and to start addressing racism by building intercultural community understanding and connections.
Westbank Museum and Arts and Crafts Society	West Kelowna	The Westside Multiculturalism Day	The Westside Multiculturalism Day is an opportunity for the residents of the City of West Kelowna to celebrate their rich cultural diversity and to take part in cultural exchanges that one may not encounter in their day-to-day routine. It is complete with song, dance, music, food, activities, workshops, and much more.
Sher Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	Delta	Screenings and Panel Discussions of Films at a BIPOC and Queer led Film Festival	Screenings and Panel Discussions of Films at a BIPOC and Queer led film festival called the Sundar Prize Film Festival. The festival will be held at Surrey City Hally in June 2024.

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<p>SQx Danza</p>	<p>Castlegar</p>	<p>Active Inclusion Program (AIP): “Home” & “Land” Theme</p>	<p>AIP is an interactive performance program using contemporary dance to disrupt racism, discrimination, intolerance, & hate as a method for creating awareness about: -BC’s cultural diversity -Issues affecting vulnerable populations from fully participating in society.</p> <p>AIP movements & discussions investigate HOME & LAND: -Exploring the concept of HOME is essential for inclusive community building & increasing diverse youths’ sense of belonging -LAND influences Canadian society, & is a source of identity for Indigenous peoples. Learning about Indigenous histories & lands helps build understanding & relationships between non-Indigenous & Indigenous people & instigates reconciliation.</p>
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<p>Engaged Communities Canada Society</p>	<p>Abbotsford</p>	<p>Engaged Sports: play, learn, heal</p>	<p>A basketball program bringing together Urban Indigenous and South Asian youth through their collective love of basketball (play) while promoting intercultural engagement and providing opportunities to promote cultural awareness and safe practices (learn and heal).</p> <p>Through youth sports, all communities will be provided an opportunity to diminish barriers between cultural communities and foster a deeper understanding and appreciation that benefits future generations but also spreads into the mainstream community.</p>
<p>Sikh Heritage Society BC</p>	<p>Surrey</p>	<p>Sikh Heritage Month BC 2024</p>	<p>Sikh Heritage Month aims to celebrate and raise awareness about the contributions of Canadian Sikhs to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of British Columbia. This takes place every April and involves a celebration of the arts, history, and a rich cultural heritage.</p>

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<p>Foundation for a Path Forward</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>Harmony Toolkits: Navigating Emotional and Communal Challenges</p>	<p>Harmony Toolkits: Navigating Emotional and Communal Challenges" is a community-focused initiative designed to develop and disseminate specialized toolkits aimed at fostering anger management, mental health first aid, and effective conflict resolution. Targeted towards community organizations, faith groups, and the general public in British Columbia, this project seeks to equip individuals and communities with essential skills and resources. These toolkits are especially geared towards addressing the emotional, interpersonal, and intercommunal challenges that emerge in the aftermath of geopolitical conflicts like the 2023 Israeli-Gaza situation.</p>
<p>Comunidad Mexicana en Vancouver Services Society</p>	<p>New Westminister</p>	<p>Fiesta Mexicana 2024</p>	<p>Fiesta Mexicana 2024 is our annual ceremony honoring Mexican Independence Day while welcoming local business of Mexican nationality and providing resources for newcomers and Mexicans settling in Canada. The vendors and resources selected are tailored to Mexican needs in our efforts to prevent further racialized individuals in a new country.</p>

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<p>Karen Community Society of British Columbia</p>	<p>Surrey</p>	<p>Traditional Karen Wrist Tying Ceremony and Karen Martyr Day</p>	<p>Providing opportunities for the Karen families in BC to come together to share and practice their traditional dancing, music, customs, food, and poem through organizing this Martyr event. Since we do not have our own cultural center, and practice different religions such as Christianity, Buddhism, and Animism, we only choose our important traditional days to learn and practice our Don dance, Bamboo dance, harps and traditional song at each event.</p>
<p>The Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families</p>	<p>New Westminster</p>	<p>Community Connections Family Room</p>	<p>As families often gather in their “family room” at home, this event will be designed to be a similar place where families gather for activities and meet new friends. Caregivers and their children will learn about language and culture through fun, playful, and engaging activities, and will share their own unique stories to promote empathy and understanding, build community connections and find a sense of belonging.</p>
<p>Canadian Iranian Foundation</p>	<p>West Vancouver</p>	<p>Education, Empowerment, Recognition, And Celebration</p>	<p>The Canadian Iranian Foundation is planning to host a series of monthly educational workshops that will address the topics of racism, violence, abuse, reconciliation and integration into Canadian society. It will also celebrate Canada’s rich multicultural community by way of music, dancing and singing resulting in cultural appreciation and its power to create understanding and unity.</p>

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Dixon Transition Society	Burnaby	Voices of Diversity	<p>With a diverse staff, Dixon Transition Society would like to embrace the distinct experiences that come alongside. With this project, staff will conduct workshops sharing their diverse cultures’ traditions, customs, and outlooks to provide lived experience of diverse cultures, allowing staff to embrace the distinct perspectives.</p>
Kamloops-Cariboo Regional Immigrants Society	Kamloops	EmpowerHER Retreat: International Women’s Day	<p>The EmpowerHER Retreat: International Women’s Day, organized by Kamloops Immigrant Services, is an impactful event aimed at promoting inclusivity and empowerment for immigrant women, addressing challenges such as loneliness, cultural adaptation, and barriers to integration, and seeks to create a supportive community through various workshops, diverse speakers, and inclusive approaches. By providing immigrant women with tools and connections, the retreat helps them to build resilience and integrate successfully into Canadian society.</p>

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<p>Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association</p>	<p>Burnaby</p>	<p>Reflections on Racism in BC: The Japanese Canadian Experience and Anti Racism Alliances</p>	<p>In the Japanese theatrical style of kamishibai (picture theatre) we will produce a video that explores the concept of "race" and legacy of white settler colonial rule upon Indigenous and racialized settler people. It will explore how non-whites were targeted, why BC's west coast Japanese Canadian (JC) communities were destroyed in the 1940s, highlight racism's profound social/intergenerational harm, and question ways it can be countered. The GVJCCA will host a gathering at the Vancouver Japanese Language School to premiere this video, and invite Indigenous, Black, and Asian Canadian presenters to dialogue on today's race relations and collaborative antiracism strategies.</p>
<p>Arts Umbrella Association</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Public Programs</p>	<p>In September 2024, Arts Umbrella will collaborate with Indigenous artists to provide knowledge-sharing through free educational arts activities and events honouring National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.</p>

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Canada Caring Community Alliance	Burnaby	Be See N Bao Bao- a story of resilience	<p>This project is a continuation of the Canada Caring Community Alliance's efforts to support the community in dealing with violent racist crimes, promoting anti-racism and supporting victims healing, resource facilitating and extending sharing and stories with community in joyful fun media that provides a safe place for victims of physical or exposure to discrimination and racist verbal or physical violence in Canada. We acknowledge the support of the Province of BC in providing an opportunity to find healing amidst continued exposure in the media to racist violent and are grateful to be able to have a voice to support youth, seniors, multi-abled members of our communities in building BC.</p>
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<p>Bangladesh Canada Cultural Association in Victoria (BCCA)</p>	<p>Victoria</p>	<p>Community Engagement to educate and empower Bangladeshi community to combat racism and hate incidents</p>	<p>Bangladesh Canada Cultural Association in Victoria (BCCA) represents a growing and diverse community of Bangladeshi diaspora in the CRD region that includes first-generation settled families, a recent influx of young families and students, and a budding second generation who are Canadian by birth. Empowering this diverse community through community engagements is fundamental to combat racism and hate incidents collectively; as part of BCCA’s core mandate, we will organize engagement sessions to strengthen the Bangladeshi diaspora; furthermore, BCCA will support children and youth to equip them in encountering racism and hate incidents that hinder their inclusion in Canadian societies.</p>
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<p>Aids Network Outreach Resource Society (ANKORS)</p>	<p>Cranbrook</p>	<p>East Kootenay Human Rights and Anti-racism collected response Symposium</p>	<p>Host a community all day symposium with a panel guest speakers from racialized and stigmatized groups multicultural society, such as Indigenous groups, newcomers to Canada, people that make up the BIPOC students at College of the Rockies, representatives in health care and housing. We will be offering information and education tables, offering food and beverages, and music including Indigenous entertainment Drumming/dancing. Our goal is to break down barriers and invite discussion as well as education for the community. Open to the public, community leaders, businesses, media, government representatives, College of the Rockies, and other educational services, as well as service provider</p>
<p>AFRO LATIN CULTURAL EXCHANGE SOCIETY</p>	<p>VICTORIA</p>	<p>Victoria International Kizomba Festival 5th Edition- Welcome Party</p>	<p>The VIKF 5th Edition Welcome Party runs from March 21, 2024 to April 1st, 2024. The Welcome Party boasts free public exhibitions, 15+ Hours of educational workshops, Afro-Caribbean music, a live concert, performances, Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination presentations, cultural exchange activities.</p>

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<p>VIVA Alliance</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>3rd Annual VIVA Exhibition</p>	<p>The 3rd Annual VIVA Exhibition is a 3-day visual arts exhibition curated by Vancouver’s Iranian Visual Arts Alliance (VIVA), which will be held at the Exhibition Hall of the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre in March 2025. The exhibition will feature the works of up to 20 Iranian-Canadian artists recruited and selected through a call for submissions and a jury selection process.</p>
<p>Amici Curiae Friendship Society</p>	<p>Richmond</p>	<p>Everyday Law Series æ— ¥å , , æ³•å¼•ç³»å ~—è²å°§æ•• Summer 2024 å¹’ å••å£ Advancing public legal education and racial justice</p>	<p>In response to public need for information and heightened overt racism and violence towards IBPOC groups, Amici Curiae will host a free four-part public legal education series in Vancouver’s Chinatown inviting members of the community, the DTES, and the general public to come learn about their entitlements and human rights. The workshops will explore the following topics: 1) Where to get free legal information and services, 2) Human rights (eg: Standing up against racism and sexism: knowing your rights), 3) Family law, and 4) Tenancy and seniors.</p>

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Theatre SKAM Association	Victoria	Momotar	<p>Momotar is a new shadow puppet adaptation of a classic Japanese fairytale about a boy who saves the country of Japan with the help of a dog, pheasant, and a monkey. This adaptation is important to helping develop the canon of Japanese-Canadian work in the theatre community in Victoria, BC.</p>
Diwali Celebration Society	Vancouver	Diwali Fest 2024	<p>Diwali Fest lights up the Lower Mainland with joy, uniting communities and celebrating cultural richness. We joyfully break down barriers through a vibrant tapestry of diverse art forms, including music, dance, visual arts, crafts, and more. Our spotlight shines brightly on South Asian and South East Asian communities, bringing people together with lively performances and interactive workshops in music, dance, and visual art. We invite everyone to join us in spreading the spirit of Diwali and embracing the beauty of cultural diversity!</p>

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Reconciliation Theatre Society	Nanaimo	Reconcile your Canada Day Live Theatre tour	This summer, Reconciliation Theatre Society embarks on its third annual "Reconcile Your Canada Day" live theatre project, bringing indigenous and settler performers and audiences together to share stories on traditional S'nuneymuxw territory, and beyond. R.T.S. is an indigenous-led theatre company that produces live theatre through a reconciliation lens out of the OV Art Center in Nanaimo, and tours these productions to Qualicum First Nation, Cowichan Tribes, School District 68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith and Langham Court Theatre in Victoria to perform in their venues.
Tri-River Metis Association	Smithers	Medicines that help us	4 part medicine workshop (traditional medicine gathering protocols, medicine gathering on the land, traditional salve making, traditional medicine making) led by Metis and Wet'suwet'en knowledge keepers to be shared with Bulkley Valley community members.
Carousel Theatre for Young People	Vancouver	The Incredible Adventure of Mary Jane Mosquito, a Carousel Theatre for Young People presentation.	The production of Tomson Highways™ The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito, as Carousel Theatre for Young People's outdoor presentation on Granville Island in Vancouver, May 2024, including Cultural Consultation with Quelema Sparrow and working with 3 Crows Productions to keep protocol and celebrate Indigeneity.

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<p>University of the Philippines Alumni Association in British Columbia</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>Balagtasán, Kundiman, Harana, Tula at Sayawan â€œ Ika-sampung Yugto (Philippine Language in Debate, Serenade, Song, Poetry, and Dance â€œ 10th Edition)</p>	<p>The UPAABC's "Balagtasán, Kundiman, Harana, Tula at Sayawan â€œ Ika-sampung Yugto" (Philippine Language in Debate, Serenade, Song, Poetry, and Dance â€œ 10th Edition) is an enriching celebration of Filipino heritage, blending traditional debate, music, poetry, and dance to unite diverse communities in BC. Supported by the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver, BC officials and other community stakeholders, this culturally significant event fosters cross-cultural understanding and unity. The proposed grant will enable us to extend its reach and impact, reinforcing our commitment to a multicultural society that values diversity and promotes racial harmony.</p>
<p>Salt Spring Arts Council</p>	<p>Salt Spring Island</p>	<p>Artcraft Indigenous Outreach</p>	<p>With a focus on fine art and craft, Salt Spring Arts Artcraft Indigenous Outreach initiative works to remove barriers to inclusion so that Indigenous artists from our region can participate and showcase their works as part of Artcraft and Salt Spring Arts programs on Salt Spring Island.</p>

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Skeena Diversity Society	Terrace	Understanding the Truth and embarking on Reconciliation on the Tsimshian territory	Engage in partnership and understanding building through learning, exploration and with indigenous people of the Tsimshian Nation (Kitsumkalum and Kitselas) as well as neighbouring indigenous nations surrounding Terrace, BC. Skeena Diversity Society recognizes and acknowledges that we live and work on the territory of the Tsimshian people but do we really know what that means?
Restorative Justice Program of the Sunshine Coast	Sechelt, BC	Talking the Talk and Walking the Walk	We want to conduct dialogue sessions with various groups on the Coast to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) ways of interacting with people who experience racism on the Sunshine Coast.
PowHERhouse Women's Leadership Accelerator Inc.	Gibsons	TRAIN THE TRAINER MODELING WELLNESS WORKSHOP	Building on past initiatives, Train-the-Trainer is a workshop and toolkit tailored to teachers, TAs, respite, and youth care workers for at-risk youth and struggling young adults on the Sunshine Coast. This project prioritizes mental wellness to combat burnout and proactively model one's own prioritizing of self-care practices.

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<p>Coastal Research, Education, and Advocacy Network (CREAN)</p>	<p>VICTORIA</p>	<p>Melanin Magic: An Afterschool Program</p>	<p>This project aims to engage middle schoolers in conversations about race, to increase their understanding of the impact of systemic racism, and avoid student forming hurtful and harmful racist stereotypes. Middle school is a developmental period when racial identity development becomes a central developmental task, students already have awareness of racism, ideas about interpersonal relationships are formative, and bullying behavior is at its peak.</p>
<p>Langley Arts Council</p>	<p>Aldergrove</p>	<p>Celebration of Culture 2025</p>	<p>The Langley Arts Council's Celebration of Culture will provide a safe and fun space for local cultural groups, collectives, and First Nations bands, to showcase their unique and rich history. It will provide space for education, connection, and the celebration of our cultural differences.Â</p>

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<p>Congregation Beth Israel</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>Youth Against Hate</p>	<p>Youth Against Hate aims to address discrimination and inequality by bringing together youth from different faith groups. It will facilitate interfaith dialogue, provide a platform for self-expression, and create collaborative art forms for education and awareness. A panel of experts will lead interactive discussions, allowing participants to share experiences and learn from one another. The art forms created will serve as educational tools and be used to raise public awareness.</p>
<p>The Society of We Are Canadians Too</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>Pancouver Print Edition 2024</p>	<p>Pancouver Print Edition 2024, an initiative by the Society of We Are Canadians Too, continues the fight against racism through storytelling in a multilingual magazine. Dedicated to dissolving societal silos, it promotes diverse artists and fosters unity.</p>
<p>Pacific Coast Stage Company</p>	<p>Nanaimo</p>	<p>Promoting Social Change through the Arts: Forum Theatre Workshop and Performances</p>	<p>The project offers Forum Theatre workshops for newcomers to create/perform in their own plays at the Nanaimo Fringe Festival. The goal is to reduce barriers to participation in the Arts for under-represented groups and prioritize intercultural interactions around issues of belonging and racism.</p>

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<p>Capitol Theatre Restoration Society</p>	<p>Nelson</p>	<p>Indigenous Culture “ Learning Together</p>	<p>In June 2024, we are coordinating a visit to Kettle Falls in collaboration with and under the guidance of the Sinixt Arrow Lakes peoples of the Colville Confederated Tribes. This event seeks to bring together local Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth, as well as settler individuals, with Sinixt people living on their reservation south of Nelson in Inchelium to delve into the historical significance of Kettle Falls as a traditional Salmon fishery and trading post for Indigenous peoples in the interior of British Columbia.</p>
<p>Ridge Meadows Multicultural Society</p>	<p>Maple Ridge</p>	<p>Hosting a Community Reporting Tool (CRT)</p>	<p>Experiencing racism, discrimination, hate speech, religious vilification or breach of their human rights, can be very unsettling and intimidating for people especially newcomers to report through the formal process. There are so many reasons why racism and hate crimes go unreported. The CRT can be used by anyone in the community to make reports of racism, sexual harassment or discrimination of any kind.</p>

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<p>Community Mental Wellness Association of Canada</p>	<p>Richmond</p>	<p>Halting Anti-Asian Hate</p>	<p>Through impactful workshops, intercultural communication and a social media campaign, the CMWAC is standing up against anti-Asian hate in Richmond. We will look into what causes anti-Asian racism and how hate crimes and bigotry can be prevented in order to break down historic divisions within our city and build a better Richmond.</p>
<p>Vernon Public Art Gallery</p>	<p>Vernon</p>	<p>Guest Protocols for a New World</p>	<p>Individuals with refugee and immigrant backgrounds residing in the North Okanagan will be encouraged to delve into the concepts of "home" and belonging through the lens of Indigenous worldviews. This exploration aims to broaden their understanding of settler-colonization within the context of Canada. Renowned syilx artist Mariel Belanger will lead workshops designed to involve participants in traditional crafting practices, personal reflection, and land-based education. Throughout these sessions, the central inquiry will be: How do we relate to the land we come to and how do we relate to the land we come from?</p>

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<p>Mediate BC Society</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>Equity in Conflict Resolution</p>	<p>Equity in Conflict Resolution™ is a virtual speaking series designed to generate a community focused on equity-informed approaches in conflict resolution practices and to increase racialized and marginalized individuals' participation in the collaborative dispute resolution (CDR) profession stepping away from the adversarial and cost prohibitive legal system and offering alternatives for equity-denied groups by equity-denied groups, recognizing these groups continue to be the most underserved by the law. This series will create critical mass within our roster mediator communities, with an equity-informed approach becoming a vital attribute of all good CDR practices and ongoing discussions.</p>
<p>PTC Playwrights Theatre Centre</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>Unscripted: Deep Fried</p>	<p>Unscripted is a unique theatre event for Filipinx-Canadian, racialized and 2SLGBTQQAI+ service workers using a musical in development, “Deep Fried: A Pinoy Musical” as a springboard to facilitate conversation. Seeing their complex realities reflected and having supported space for critical feedback will build resilience, support advocacy for current worker actions, and continue anti-racism work in an intercultural space.</p>

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<p>Centre A: Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>SLOW Relations + Practices</p>	<p>SLOW Relations + Practices is a series of one-month-long paid studio and research residencies at Centre A from June - July of 2024. The program will prioritize emerging Asian and BIPOC artists living in Vancouver and the surrounding area. A total of four artists will be chosen from an open submission process to work in our main gallery space, and one artist in our Reading Room. The participating artists will engage with the public through a series of open studio and artist talks. At the end of the residency, the artist will also have the opportunity to exhibit their new work from July - August 2024.</p>
<p>Team Bhullar Foundation</p>	<p>RICHMOND</p>	<p>Williams Lake Wrestling With Racism</p>	<p>Our organization helps communities celebrate multiculturalism and diversity while using Sport as a tool to break down preconceived barriers/beliefs about racism. Sport is a common language that unites people.</p>

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<p>INUA COLLECTIVE SOCIETY</p>	<p>SURREY</p>	<p>Building Inclusive & Resilient Communities Dialogue</p>	<p>Black, Indigenous, and racialized people in Canada continue to be harmed by systemic racism, hatred, discrimination, and other forms of cultural genocide. The dialogue will create a platform where the values of diversity, inclusion and mutual respect can be amplified, celebrated, and reflected as a foundation to build resilient and inclusive communities.</p> <p>The dialogue will bring together panelists consisting of leaders from business, non profits, government, minority groups, learning institutions, sports, and arts sectors.</p> <p>The dialogue conversations will explore best practices in creating inclusive communities, some of the challenges that exist and recommendations from the panelists</p>
<p>Chilliwack Community Services</p>	<p>Chilliwack</p>	<p>Chilliwack Local Immigration Partnership Annual Public Forum “Voices of Our Community”</p>	<p>The Chilliwack Local Immigration Partnership annual public forum is a free event that hosts multiple speakers from diverse backgrounds. It is an opportunity for newcomers, Indigenous members of the community, services providers and the general public to gather, listen and share how we can each play a part in making Chilliwack a more welcoming and inclusive space for all.</p>

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<p>Historic Joy Kogawa House Society</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>Confronting Anti-Asian Racism: Facilitated Discussions and Writing Circles for Asian Canadians</p>	<p>Co-facilitated gatherings for two communities of writers: (1) those who identify as queer and Asian and (2) those of Asian heritage who want to learn more about the history of anti-Asian racism in British Columbia. The first program continues previously funded work. The second invites a wider community of writers to increase personal knowledge and capacity to address racism and discrimination by writing from personal experience. Writers would gather in a supportive space to discuss educational content provided. They would then respond to writing prompts to create new work to be shared in a public showcase and published on our website to deepen understanding and reduce the effects of racism.</p>
<p>EYA Environmental Youth Alliance Society</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>Nature Stewards: Building youth capacity and cultural understanding through land stewardship</p>	<p>Nature Stewards is an accessible, trauma-informed, environmental education program in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside supporting local BIPOC youth to build capacity and intercultural understanding through land stewardship.</p>

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<p>L.I.N.C. (Long-term Inmates Now in the Community)</p>	<p>Mission</p>	<p>African Canadian History With Dr. Afua Cooper</p>	<p>Dr. Afua Cooper will be speaking on African Canadian history & performing her dub poetry to Correctional staff prisoners & community members at Mission Medium Institution in Mission BC. Throughout May to August 2024, a book club made up of staff and prisoners will be reading Dr. Cooper's book <i>The Hanging of Angelique</i>, meeting with her to discuss the book.</p>
<p>Korean Evergreen Seniors Society of Canada</p>	<p>Burnaby</p>	<p>Anti-Racism Workshop & Cultural Engagement</p>	<p>Reducing cultural and systemic barriers, and hate crimes for Asian Seniors and Youth by providing workshops in anti-racism, social policy, Canadian history, public safety and holistic health counseling, and promoting/sharing intercultural engagement, mentorship, and volunteerism through participation in community education and activities to protect Asian from anti-racism.</p>

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<p>FRASER RIVER INDIGENOUS SOCIETY</p>	<p>Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows</p>	<p>Four Directions Winter Wellness gathering</p>	<p>Fraser River Indigenous Society seeks funding from B.C. Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Grant program. Proposed extensions include hosting cultural gatherings and learning activities to foster meaningful interactions between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, aiming to bridge understanding, celebrate diversity, and address systemic barriers in their urban setting. Requested funds will play a crucial role in realizing these impactful initiatives.</p>
<p>Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC, dba Alex House</p>	<p>Surrey</p>	<p>Brave Spaces for Youth Minds</p>	<p>Brave Youth Spaces: Uplifting Black, Indigenous, racially diverse, 2SLGBTQIA+, low-income and newcomer youth voices in the best possible way! Under the umbrella organization of ANHBC: Alex House, Sasamat, and Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, we will use an integrated place-based approach to build community resilience by utilizing the outdoors to engage young people in critical cross-cultural dialogue that advances reconciliation, racial equity, and social justice. Invited hosts and guest speakers will lead break-out workshop sessions for 60 youth ages 13-20yrs over a 2 day period at Sasamat Outdoor Centre.</p>

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FOLK STAR ARTS ACADEMY SOCIETY	Surrey	The Colors Of Art	Colors of Art- The event is a multicultural event focused on bringing the Punjabi and Indigenous communities together through dance and art performances.
Capilano Students' Union Association	North Vancouver	Indigenous Student Union	This project is to build up the Indigenous Student Union and Indigenous student programming by the Capilano Students' Union including more opportunities for students to learn from Elders and Knowledge Keepers, better connecting new Indigenous students with our programs and services, and enhancing the commemoration of and action to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

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NaloxHome Society	Port Moody	NaloxHome Education Project	<p>NaloxHome Society's central operational project is their Education Program, which delivers a fact-based, health-authority-consulted curriculum about BC's overdose crisis, and naloxone training in BC secondary schools to all students, in public, private, Indigenous, and alternative-based schools. This program is led by a diverse team of youth volunteers who provide youth-to-youth learning, which eliminates stigma and increases engagement with the sensitive topic of substance use and mental health, to create informed and empowered young decision-makers.</p>
Indian Summer Arts Society	Vancouver	Tiffin Talks	<p>The Tiffin Talks ideas series brings South Asian, Indigenous, and Black thought leaders into conversation to discuss a range of nuanced and complex sites of artistic exploration, shared practice, intercultural solidarity, connection, and futures.</p>
Literacy Haida Gwaii	Daajing Giids	Lifelong Literacy Award with Multicultural Dance, 2024 event	<p>Our Learners Achievement Award event is held annually to recognize our adult learners' literacy success and goals. The evening includes a meal, the award ceremony and music entertainment</p>

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<p>Yoruba Social and Cultural Association of British Columbia</p>	<p>Surrey</p>	<p>Holistic Systemic Empowerment on Antiracism & BIPOC Capacity Utilization</p>	<p>The Yoruba Social and Cultural Association of BC is commencing a Holistic approach to address systemic racism, hate incident and intercultural integration setbacks through a coordinated set of community workshops, cultural intergenerational mentorship, cultural & diversity education and community speak-out series. Our unique approach here, is the community speak-out series, which would provide a self-healing process to support racism victims to recover and provide tips to avoid future incident.</p>
<p>Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS)</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>Intercultural Anti-Racism Awareness Project</p>	<p>Intercultural Anti-Racism Awareness project aims at conducting a Forum for 50 multicultural participants from diverse backgrounds to discuss topics related to racism and discrimination: online awareness of racism, the impact of racism, recognizing and combating racism, and empowering individuals to overcome racism and discrimination; both on-line and in the community. PICS provides opportunities for community engagement and involvement and delivers the Intercultural Anti-Racism Awareness Project. This targets all cultural, religious, gender-based backgrounds in Surrey and Delta, confronting racism and discrimination on-line and in the community.</p>

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Centre for Family Equity Society	Vancouver	Capacity-Building for Parents Anti-Racism Leaders	Capacity-building for Parents as Anti-Racism Leaders seeks to provide training and resources to grassroots low-income parents and caregivers who are unable to access other costly forms of anti-racism training due to their socioeconomic status and other barriers. The initiative creates and offers no-cost, accessible anti-racism training sessions for community-based active parent-organizers throughout BC who are impacting their schools through Parent Advisory Committees, and community/social justice groups to work towards systemic change in BC. The initiative responds to feedback about financial barriers to accessing training and will be open to parents in our 300+ membership and the public.
HaiPai Painting And Calligraphy Society	Richmond	Anti-Racial Discrimination, Harmony Building, and Multicultural Art Event	This event is dedicated to fostering unity, understanding, and appreciation for various cultures through the medium of art. We believe in the power of creativity to bridge gaps, break down stereotypes, and promote a harmonious society.

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<p>Similkameen Country Development Association</p>	<p>Keremeos</p>	<p>Valley Visions</p>	<p>With 'Valley Visions,' our non-profit is set to host a series of indoor and outdoor movie nights celebrating cultural diversity. With a significant East Indian population and a diverse community of foreign workers, particularly from Mexico, and being located on the unceded territory of the Syilx People, we're spotlighting films from these vibrant cultures, embracing the voices of First Nations, East Indian creators, and Mexican talents. Through this project, we aim to foster unity and understanding, forging connections and embracing the vibrant heritage that defines the Similkameen Valley.</p>
<p>I.T. Productions Ltd.</p>	<p>Burnaby</p>	<p># Hands Against Racism</p>	<p>Spice Radio, Vancouver's South Asian station, annually hosts "Raise Your Hands Against Racism," a two-month campaign aligned with the Holi festival's unity message. Committed to diversity and respect, the station actively engages in community events, reflecting its mission to promote tolerance and celebrate diversity.</p>

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<p>GREATER VANCOUVER ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF</p>	<p>Surrey</p>	<p>Deaf Indigenous Project</p>	<p>Our project is dedicated to educating the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard-of-Hearing communities in British Columbia about the richness and diversity of Indigenous cultures. Through a series of interactive workshops and educational resources, we aim to promote cultural sensitivity, understanding, and respect. By highlighting the history, traditions, and contemporary issues Indigenous peoples face, we seek to build bridges and foster an inclusive environment. This initiative is crucial to combating racism and creating a more equitable society. We believe that through education and awareness, we can significantly impact nurturing mutual respect and appreciation among diverse communities.</p>
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