

**British Columbia Francophone Affairs Program  
2019-2020 List of Projects by Sector of Activity**

Title	Description	Partners
<b>Internal support to administrative structures</b>		
French Courses	The French one-on-one course offers Government of British Columbia employees the opportunity to increase confidence in French conversations with clients and stakeholders. The course is adapted to the learner's needs.	B.C. Public Service Agency, Learning Centre
French Legal Terminology Training for Crown Counsel	The French legal terminology training offers prosecutors and legal support staff, the skills to conduct bilingual criminal trials in the provincial court and Supreme Court. The training includes French legal terminology seminars with specialized French legal terminology materials, and French legal continuing education programs.	Ministry of Attorney General and Justice - Criminal Justice Branch/Crown Counsel
<b>Community Services</b>		
Expanding access to French reading materials through public libraries	<p>With the increasing popularity of French Education programs in BC, there is also an increasing demand for more and better French content in B.C. Public Libraries.</p> <p>Conducting an environmental scan, allows for a well-informed business plan to decide which approach provides the widest access to French e-content in BC's Public Libraries The scan gathers feedback from stakeholders, cost, availability, ease of use, and market penetration. The results of the analysis allow the BC Government to better understand the Francophone libraries members reading needs. for future purchases content purchases.</p>	Ministry of Education, Libraries Branch and BC Libraries Cooperative Cariboo Regional District

Cariboo Regional District Library	The project offers French speakers of all ages access to a variety of new French language materials, thereby developing interest in and supporting French learning and cultural identity.	Cariboo Regional District, 100 Mile House, Quesnel, and Williams Lake Library Branches
Early Childhood French Educational Programs	French recreation programs offer support to young children in getting familiar with French language and culture through socialization, activities, music, movement, free play and stories.	District of Saanich City of Richmond Districts of Tofino Cariboo Regional District
<b>Health and Social Services</b>		
Social Support and Counselling Services in French	The project improves the delivery of social services to the Francophone community. The project offers coordinated social services to assist French-speaking homeless individuals in securing housing and necessary support to enhance their self-sufficiency.	Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; La Boussole
Provincial Coordination for French-Language Health Services	The Provincial Health Coordinator is the point of access to French-language resources on health and well-being for the Francophone community and health care providers.	Provincial Health Services Authority
Newborn Health Care Information and Parents Drop-in Activities	Parents of babies under one years old receive French materials to ensure optimal development and well-being for their child. In addition, parents learn about language development, parenting, nutrition, etc., through French workshops and drop-in activities for families with children who are five years old and younger.	Ministry of Children and Family Development; Fédération des parents francophones de la Colombie-Britannique.
BC Seniors' Guide update	The BC Seniors' Guide is a compilation of information and resources for seniors on provincial and federal programs. The Guide has been produced since 1991 and updated approximately every two years. Free print copies of the Guide can be requested by calling the Office of the Seniors Advocate.	Ministry of Health and the Office of the Seniors Advocate
Initiative « Prendre soin »	The project helps young girls to recognize signs of mental and physical health problems. Through training and roundtable discussions, they increase their critical thinking and communication skills to better take care for themselves.	Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, BC Gaming Branch along with the following community groups; Réseau-Femmes Colombie-Britannique, Résosanté, La Boussole and Éducentre.

Baby's Best Chance	Revision of the document in French to ensure all Francophone families with babies have the information necessary for the growth of their children. Baby's Best Chance is distributed with the help of community groups such as the Fédération des parents francophones de la Colombie-Britannique.	Ministry of Health
Supporting and Improving the Mental Health of Francophones in British Colum	Two programs designed for people dealing with mild to moderate mental health issues are now available to Francophones: 1) Living Life to the Full 2) Bounce Back. Both programs teach skills to help identify and change patterns of thinking and behaviour causing or maintaining symptoms or distress. Through the programs, individuals have access to a provincial telephone coaching program an 8-week course delivered in a group format.	Provincial Health Services Authority, Canadian Mental Health Association of BC, RésoSanté
<b>Economic Development</b>		
Economic Impacts of an Economusée® Project in Nelson, BC	The Nelson and West Kootenay Economusée® Hub initiative is a project that showcases local artisans, their methods, and wares to provide French cultural tourism experiences to visitors.  The project establishes a baseline of data on the current economic levels of success of artists and artisans in the Nelson, BC, region and their impact on the regional economy. Then, further analysis measures the economic impacts of adopting the Economusée model.	Tourism Branch, Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture, City of Nelson; Société de développement économique de la Colombie-Britannique and Vancouver Island University
Bilingual signage at Emily Carr House	This project creates French signs that are part of an interpretive house tour at Emily Carr House. The project includes the development and manufacture of six new interior framed interpretive boards, one new interior Welcome sign and two new self-guided tour sheets.	Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development – Heritage Branch
French Resources Map	A Web-friendly map connects French-speaking citizens to education, child care, health care, business and tourism services available in French in the province. The map is updated on an annual basis; it can be accessed with a smartphone, tablet or computer.	Government of British Columbia: 1. Ministry of Citizens' Services 2. Ministry of Education 3. Advanced Education, Skills and Training, Work B.C.

		<p>Community organizations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fédération des Francophones de la Colombie-Britannique;</li> <li>2. Société de développement économique de la Colombie-Britannique;</li> <li>3. RésoSanté.Fédération des Francophones de la Colombie-Britannique;</li> <li>4. Société de développement économique de la Colombie-Britannique;</li> <li>5. RésoSanté.</li> </ol>
2020 Canadian Francophone Games – Volunteer Program Planning	The 2020 Canadian Francophone Games, scheduled for July 14 – 18, 2020, will increase the visibility of Canada Francophone communities. The event requires support from approximately 1,000 volunteers and a strong recruitment program was launched to give Francophones and Francophiles the opportunity to speak French while being involved in a national French cultural event.	City of Victoria, District of Oak Bay; Société du Comité d'Organisation des Jeux de la francophonie canadienne de 2020 à Victoria, Société francophone de Victoria

<b>Justice</b>		
Public Legal Information Documents	Through this initiative, the public has access to French justice-related material.	Legal Services Society
Legislative Assembly French Tours and Materials	French guided tours are available throughout the year. In addition, translation of tour materials and self-guided booklets allows French-speaking British Columbians and visitors to learn about parliamentary business in a democratic government.	British Columbia Legislative Assembly

<b>Arts and Culture</b>		
Victoria Film Festival	An annual cultural event, Victoria Film Festival and Free-B Film Festival, offers access to a variety of films in French and opportunities for interactions and discussions in French.	Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture; B.C. Arts Council; City of Victoria; Victoria Independent Film and Video Festival.
Francophonie Day	Every year, the B.C. Government celebrates Francophonie Day. This year's theme was " Canadian Francophone Games: Celebrating our francophone youth and their excellence in sports, leadership and the arts". On this occasion, the government paid tribute to the Canadian Francophonie Games Organizing Committee.	Partnership with Government Communications and Public Engagement
B.C. Francophonie Games	This sports and cultural event brings together 150 Francophone youth aged 14 to 18 from across the province. In addition to fostering their pride in Francophone culture, the Games enables the youth to develop a healthy lifestyle and leadership skills.	Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; B.C. Gaming; Conseil jeunesse francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CJFCB)
British Columbia Francophone Youth Parliament	The British Columbia Francophone Youth Parliament is a parliamentary simulation in which youth delegates debate social issues in French while learning about the provincial legislative process.	Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; Conseil Jeunesse Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique.
Canada Day Celebration	Victoria's Canada Day celebration is Vancouver Island's largest event. The event proudly showcases French-speaking Canadians including French artists on the main stage during evening performances. Victoria's Canada Day is a free and family friendly event.	City of Victoria; La Société Francophone de Victoria

Maple Sugar Festival	Inspired by traditional sugar shacks in Eastern Canada, a three-day festival that includes musical and dance performances as well as a market with traditional French-Canadian fare.	Partnership with B.C. Gaming and the Association des francophones de Nanaimo.
At the Heart of Communities	Academic initiative on the influence and impact of French literature through a variety of activities in French: film screenings, presentations, workshops with Francophone guest speakers, writers and artists.	Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, and Simon Fraser University.
<b>Communications</b>		
French Consultation on the Provincial Budget and Budget Highlights Materials	French translated materials allow French-speaking citizens to participate in B.C.'s public consultation and meetings across British Columbia.	Partnership with the Ministry of Finance and Government Communications and Public Engagement
My Health My Community Survey: Better Understand the Health of Francophones	<p>A web-based survey was launched to ensure that Francophone adults are adequately represented in a new population health survey. The survey instrument broadly covers six domains: socio-demographic, health status, lifestyle, healthcare access, built environment, community resiliency, quality of life and mental wellness, climate change resiliency, substance use, and affordability.</p> <p>Collected information will be used by governments and healthcare decision-makers to develop health programs and policies.</p>	Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH) and Fraser Health and RésoSanté  opinion