

Building Relationships in Collaboration (BRIC) Grants *Indigenous-led connections with police*

2024/25 INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Grant Eligibility

Indigenous, First Nations, Métis and Inuit organizations or communities based in British Columbia are eligible to apply. There are two funding cycles for this grant, one in 2023/24 and one in 2024/25. 2023/24 funding has already been distributed. Those that applied for 2023/24 funding can apply for 2024/25 funding. New applicants for 2024/25 funding are also welcome.

In the spirit of leaving no one behind, those that would like assistance to complete this process can contact decrim@gov.bc.ca for support with their application.

The deadline for applications for the 2024/25 funding cycle is **February 7, 2025, at 11:59pm PST**. Please submit applications to decrim@gov.bc.ca.

Overview and Purpose

British Columbia has implemented the decriminalization of select controlled drugs (opioids, powder and crack cocaine, and methamphetamine) for personal use in specific locations in response to the overdose crisis. The overdose crisis and the criminalization of substance use disproportionately impact Indigenous people in BC. This grant aims to address the need for Indigenous-led initiatives that support working with frontline police officers to implement decriminalization in a compassionate, safe, and culturally appropriate way.

This grant acknowledges that every Indigenous community and population is unique in how they may choose to work with law enforcement as decriminalization is implemented.

The application criteria for this grant are broad and meant to encompass the diversity of needs, desires, and relationships between communities/organizations and law enforcement that exist and allows each applicant to self-determine what approach is best for their community or organization.

Application Criteria

Applicants can communicate how their proposed project or activity:

- Demonstrates a meaningful impact on an Indigenous population, and
- involves learning, building, or strengthening relationships with law enforcement.

APPLICANT Q&As

What is the purpose of these grants?

These grants intend to fund initiatives between Indigenous populations and law enforcement to support the implementation of decriminalization in a way that is culturally safe, appropriate and in response to the unique needs and objectives of an Indigenous community or group.

Who are these grants for?

Indigenous, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit organizations or communities based in BC can apply.

How much funding can an applicant request?

There is no limit to the amount that an applicant may request. There was a total of \$500,000 available to be granted for the 2023/24 funding cycle, which was distributed in March 2024, and another \$500,000 is available for the 2024/25 funding cycle. Applicants can make their request reasonable to their proposed project.

What is the application process?

Applicants can fill out a one-page form with basic information (name, organization, contact info, etc.). The rest of the application is open to flexible formats, applicants can submit written, video, or other descriptions of their proposed project. Assistance for all steps of the application is available.

What are the reporting requirements?

Reporting will be Indigenous-led and be open to flexible formats, similar to the application. In order to improve our process, we ask that recipients submit reporting. The format and content of reporting can be determined by the recipient in the way that they feel best describes the impact of their project.

When is the application deadline?

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How will recipients be decided?

A committee with Indigenous representation will review the applications and decide on the recipients. Equitable distribution of funding across regions of the province will be prioritized.

When will recipients be informed?

Recipients for the 2024/25 funding cycle will be informed no later than April 1, 2025.

When will funding be distributed?

Recipients will receive funding for the 2024/25 cycle on or before March 31, 2025.

Where can interested applicants get more information?

Interested applicants can attend one of our virtual information sessions that will be hosted during the application window. Additionally, potential applicants can contact decrim@gov.bc.ca or call 778-572-6309 with additional questions or for support with their application.

NEW for 2024/25

My organization applied and received funding for 2023/24, do we need to reapply for 2024/25?

Yes. Funding is not continual. Please provide a brief update on your project to date in your application!

I applied for 2023/24, but did not receive a grant, can I request feedback on my application?

Yes, please contact decrim@gov.bc.ca to book a call to review your application.

My organization received funding for 2023/24, can we reapply for the same amount that we received?

Yes, please provide a brief update on your project to date and indicate any changes to your work for 2024/25.

I received funding for 2023/24, can I reapply for a different amount?

Yes, please provide a brief update on your project to date and how you will use the different funding amount for 2024/25.