



Community Gaming Grants

2021/2022 Annual Report



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Territory Acknowledgement

Community Gaming Grants acknowledges it carries out its work on the traditional territories of Indigenous nations throughout British Columbia. We recognize and respect the traditional custodians of these lands where we work and live.

We are grateful to the Lekwungen people and the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations, on whose traditional territories our main office is located.

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Nathan Cullen

Minister of Municipal Affairs

Minister's Message

I am happy to share the Community Gaming Grants Annual Report, which covers the 2021-22 fiscal year (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022). This report highlights how funding was distributed to specific regions and sectors throughout the province and how British Columbians as a whole benefitted as a result.

Community Gaming Grants distributed \$140 million across six sectors in every region of B.C., reflecting the diverse needs of communities. From Richmond to Hazelton and beyond, I have met with some of the grant recipients to see firsthand the wide range of programs and projects delivered by dedicated staff and volunteers. I thank them for their hard work. Their commitment has been vital to the resilience of B.C. communities, especially during the pandemic.

The not-for-profit sector provides critical programming and services throughout B.C. and continuing this work during the global health crisis is fundamental to our province's recovery. Nearly 7,000 programs in more than 250 communities were supported by Community Gaming Grants last fiscal year. Many organizations had to find different ways to serve their communities, which led to the creation of new, innovative programs highlighted in this report. I am deeply moved by the creative spirit of communities during this difficult time.

Community Gaming Grants have further supported not-for-profit organizations by relaxing some of the criteria and providing more flexibility in how grant funds are used, including for establishing new programming and covering more core operating costs. The program also strives to make continuous improvements. This is reflected in an 87 per cent success rate for applicants and a more than a \$1,000 increase to make the average grant approximately \$30,000. The program has also improved how it tracks and reports data on Indigenous organizations applying for and receiving grants, and is working to build Indigenous engagement.

B.C. communities are more vibrant because of not-for-profit organizations. These organizations help foster healthy, connected and safe communities for people. Community Gaming Grants support that important work and, by all working together, we help communities thrive.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Cullen".

Honourable Nathan Cullen
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Introduction

Supporting not-for-profits makes communities stronger, more vibrant and healthier.

The Community Gaming Grants (CGG) program distributes \$140 million in funding annually from commercial gambling revenues to not-for-profit organizations that deliver programs and services to communities throughout British Columbia.

CGG funding enhances people's lives in communities by supporting programs that:

- provide opportunities for enrichment through participation in sport and the arts;
- enhance and protect our local environment;
- improve quality of life for community members;
- enhance and support the safety of our communities; and,
- enhance the extracurricular opportunities for all K-12 students in B.C.

The CGG program adapts its policies and procedures annually to ensure continuous improvement and to respond to the changing needs of the not-for-profit sector. Recognizing the immense and unprecedented impacts the COVID-19 pandemic was continuing to have on B.C.'s not-for-profit sector, CGG responded by adapting our policies and program. Requirements around some grant criteria remained relaxed for the 2021/22 year to provide flexibility and ensure organizations could access CGG funding and continue providing vital programs and services across the province.

The CGG Branch also offers a Capital Projects Grant, providing approximately \$5 million in funding annually to enable not-for-profits to complete inclusive, accessible capital projects that meet community-identified needs and priorities. In 2021/22, the Capital Project Grants continued to support projects that responded to the impacts of COVID-19 and increased the amount of available grant funding from 50% to 80% of the total cost of eligible projects directly related to COVID-19.

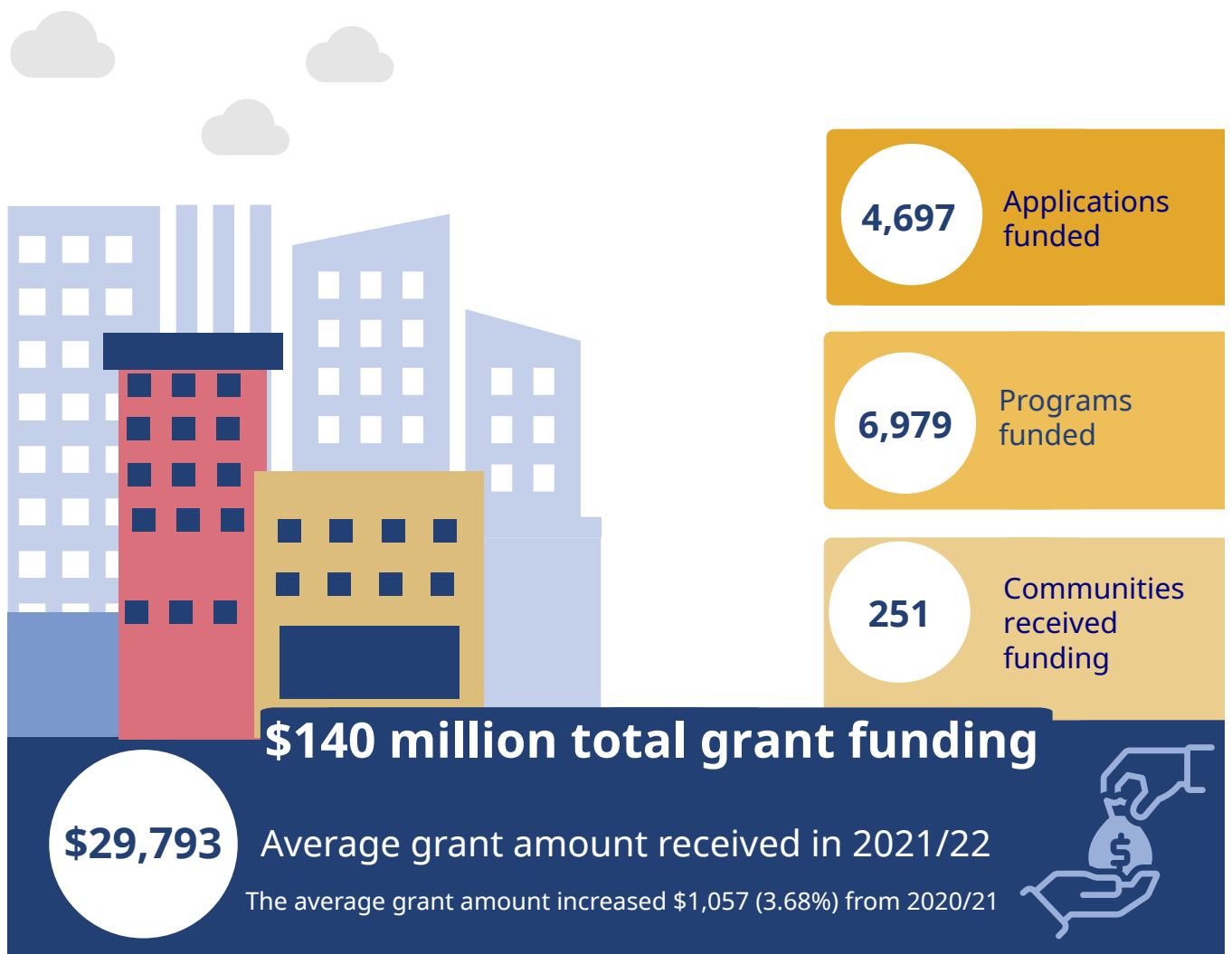
The CGG Branch also provides outreach to help clarify program eligibility criteria and address application issues to support organizations in submitting successful applications and developing a better understanding of the program.

In 2021/22, the CGG Branch undertook an Indigenous Engagement Project, with the support of an Indigenous youth intern. This work included examining how the program is accessed and understood by Indigenous organizations and collecting information and feedback about how CGG can better serve and engage Indigenous organizations within the program. To increase transparency, CGG has committed to improving our tracking and reporting of data relating to Indigenous organizations, including reporting on this information in the 2021/22 Annual Report.

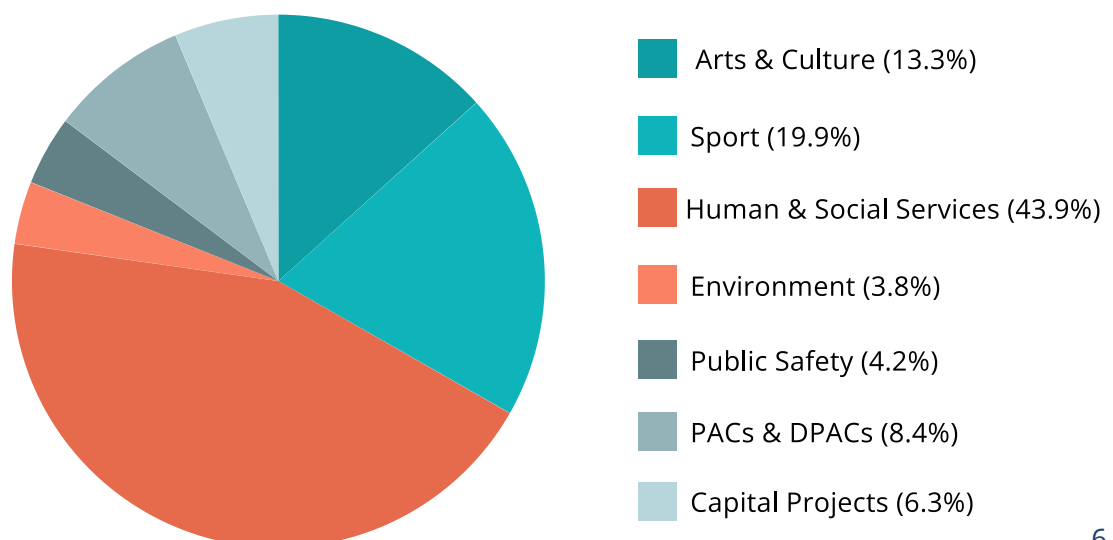
The Annual Report presents an overview of the 2021/22 grant year, providing detailed information on the program as a whole and sector-specific data.

Community Gaming Grants Sector Overview

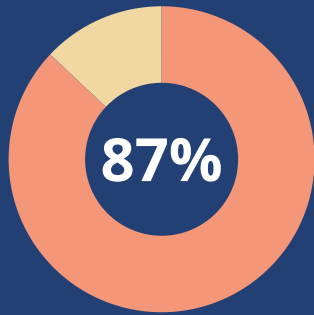
2021/22 Community Gaming Grants Highlights



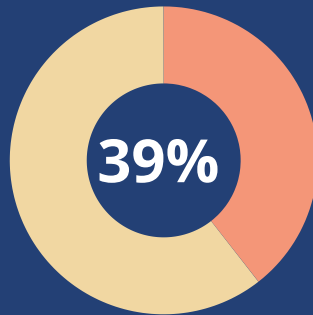
\$140 million was awarded in 2021/22 to not-for-profit organizations across British Columbia.



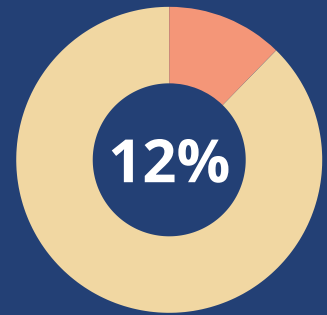
87% of applicants were successful with their application



39% of organizations targeted funding towards children and youth*



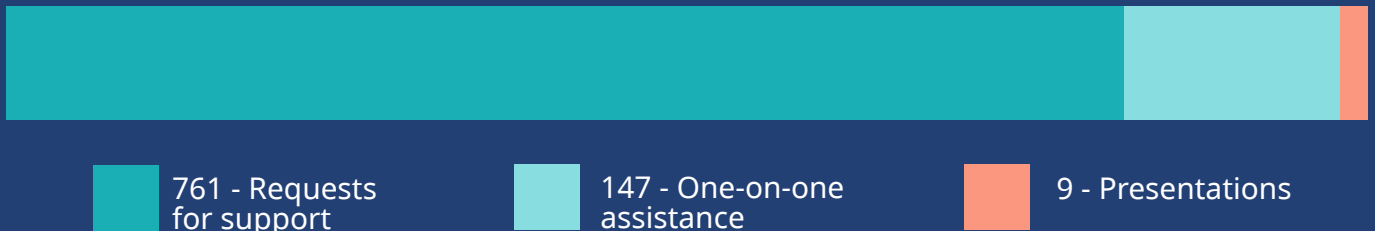
12% of organizations targeted funding towards persons with disabilities*



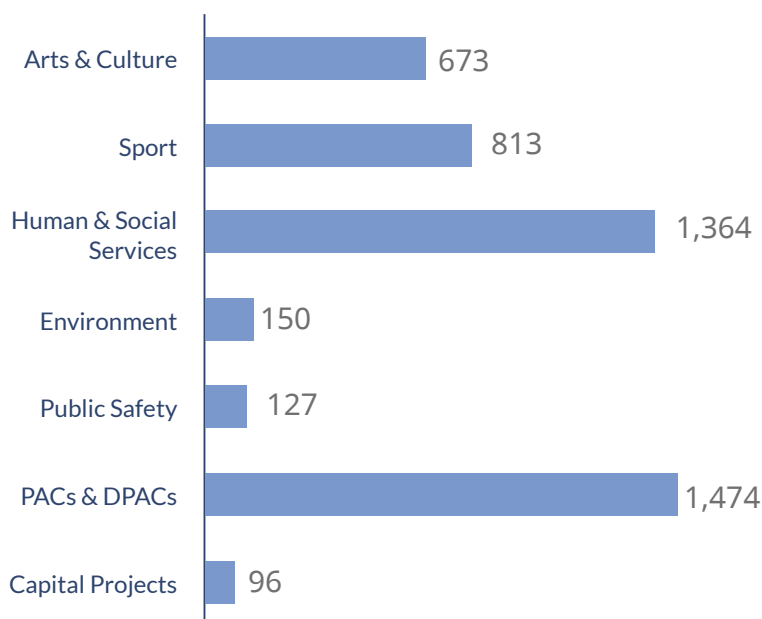
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Community Outreach

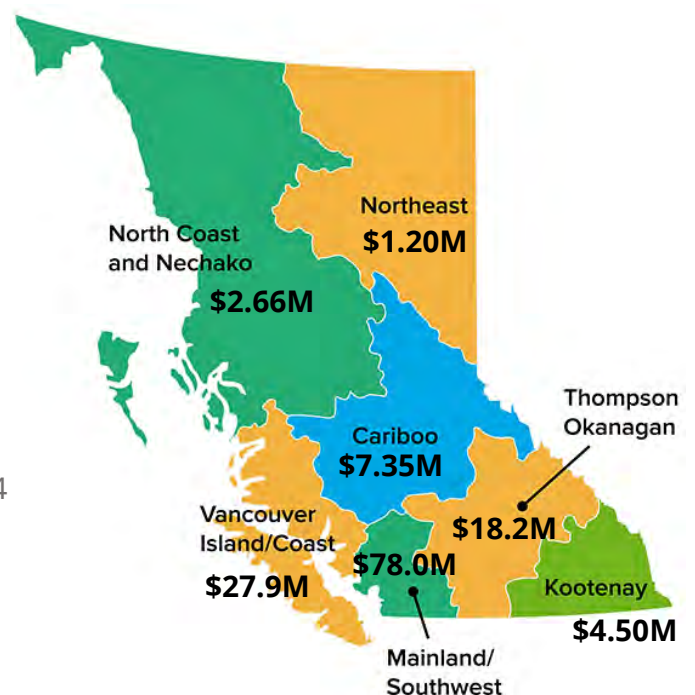
In 2021/22 the Outreach team responded to 761 requests for support, offered 147 one-on-one assistance meetings and delivered 9 presentations.



Number of Organizations Funded by Sector



Funding distribution throughout British Columbia





Capitol Theatre Restoration Society*

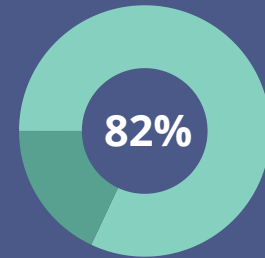
Arts & Culture Sector

2021/22

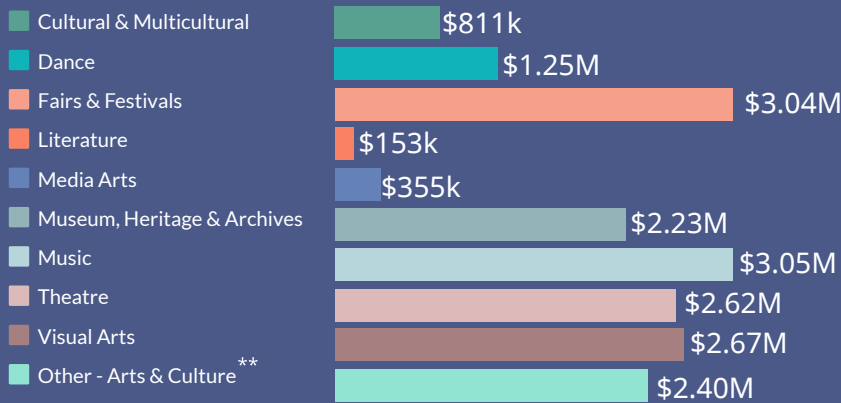
Total Sector Funding Approved

\$18.6 Million

82% of Applications Approved for Funding



Arts & Culture Sub-sector Funding



**Other* includes funding for those organizations that selected 'Other - Arts & Culture' or where multiple sub-sectors were chosen.



673

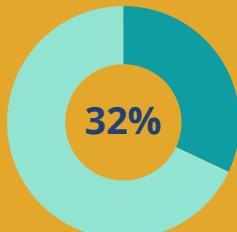
Organizations received a grant



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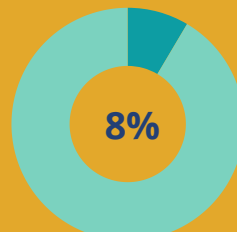
Communities across B.C. received funding

32% of funding was targeted to support children and youth ***

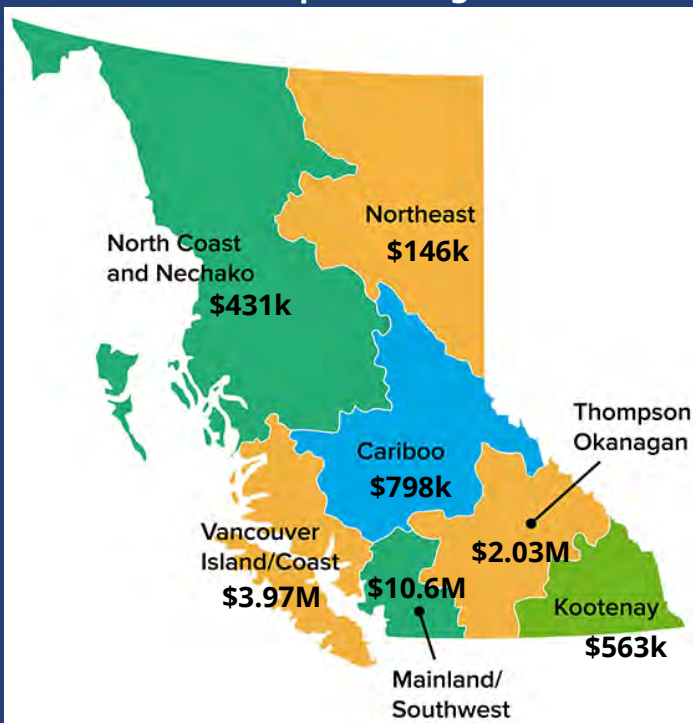


***Data is self-reported by applicants.

8% of funding was targeted to support persons with disabilities ***



Economic Development Regions



B.C. Black History Awareness Society

In 2021/22, B.C. Black History Awareness Society received \$15,000 to support Black History Month and Cultural and Heritage Engagement programming.

The Society leads, hosts, facilitates, manages and sponsors events including concerts, plays, films, art, exhibits, workshops, speakers, receptions and historical tours promoting Black history and culture to showcase and advance the area's diverse multicultural makeup.

*"Little Women" - the Broadway Musical. Book by Allan Knee. Music by Jason Howland. Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein. Based on a novel by Louisa May Alcott. Produced and presented by The Capitol Theatre, Nelson, BC. www.capitoltheatre.ca "Little Women" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

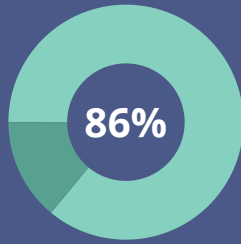
Sports Sector

2021/22



Prince George Track and Field Club

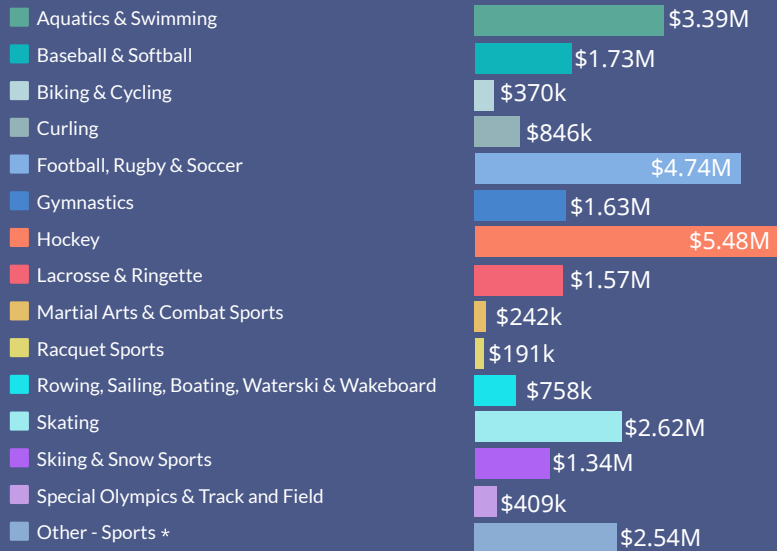
86% of Applications Approved for Funding



Total Sector Funding Approved

\$27.9 Million

Sports Sub-sector Funding



813

Organizations received a grant



123

Communities across B.C. received funding

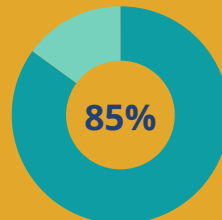
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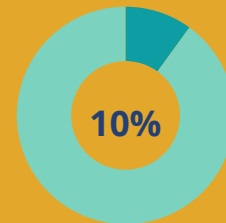
Whistler Off Road Cycling Association

In the 2021/22 grant year, \$15,000 was provided to support Whistler Off Road Cycling Association's Youth Camp programming. Their programming provides a low cost, safe, and fun introduction to mountain biking with an emphasis on skill development and trail stewardship.

85% of funding was targeted to support children and youth **

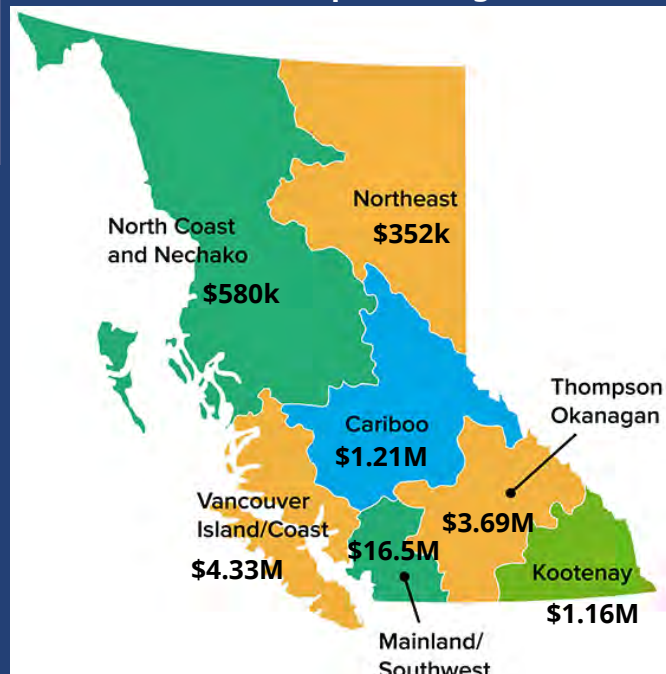


10% of funding was targeted to support persons with disabilities **



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Economic Development Regions



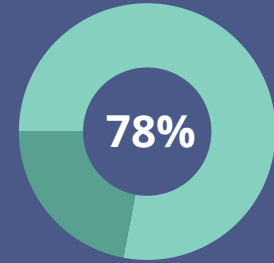


Shuswap Lifeboat Society

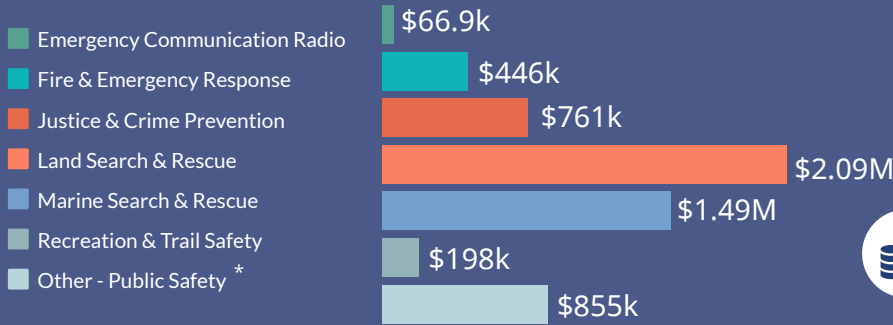
Public Safety Sector 2021/22

Total Sector Funding Approved
\$5.9 Million

78% of Applications
Approved for Funding



Public Safety Sub-sector Funding

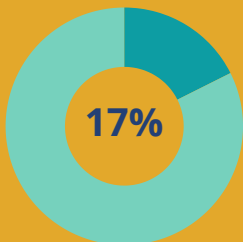


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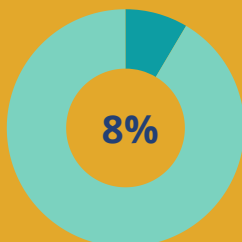
127
Organizations received a grant

76
Communities across B.C. received funding

17% of funding was targeted to support children and youth **

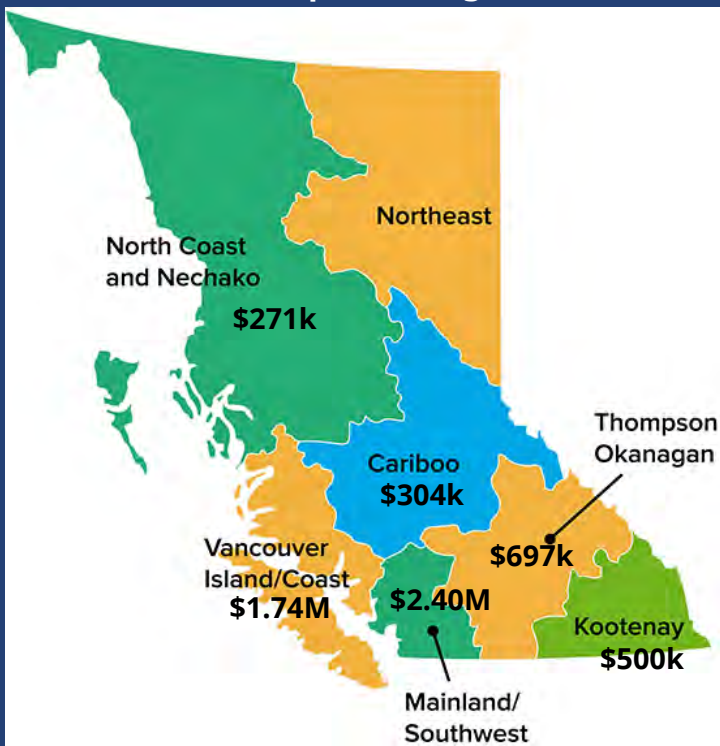


8% of funding was targeted to support persons with disabilities **



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Economic Development Regions



Canadian Avalanche Rescue Dog Society

In 2021/22, \$95,000 was awarded to the Canadian Avalanche Rescue Dog Society's Avalanche Search and Rescue Dog Program.

Funding helped to support their annual training program to ensure their certified handlers and dog teams were properly trained and equipped to support avalanche search and rescue operations.



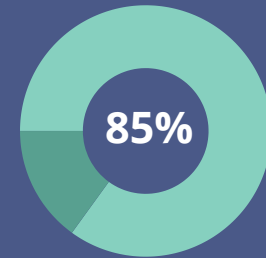
Environment Sector

2021/22

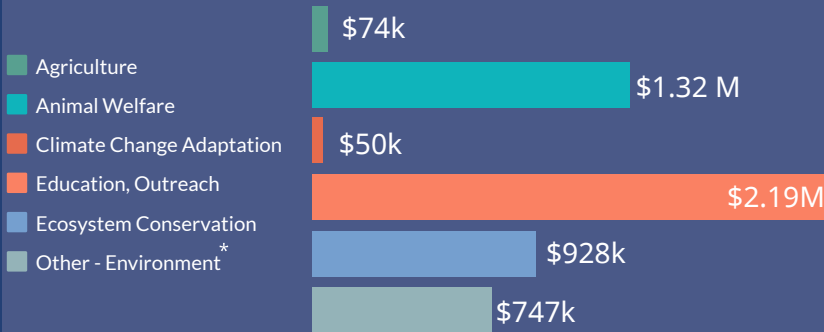
Total Sector Funding Approved

\$5.3 Million

85% of Applications Approved for Funding



Environment Sub-sector Funding



Other includes funding for those organizations that selected 'Other - Environment' or where multiple sub-sectors were chosen.

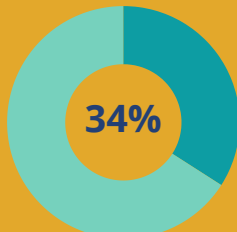


150
Organizations received a grant



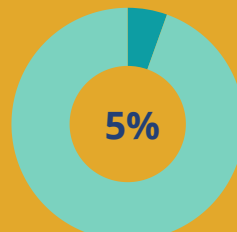
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Communities across B.C. received funding

34% of funding was targeted to support children and youth**



**Data is self-reported by applicants.

5% of funding was targeted to support persons with disabilities**

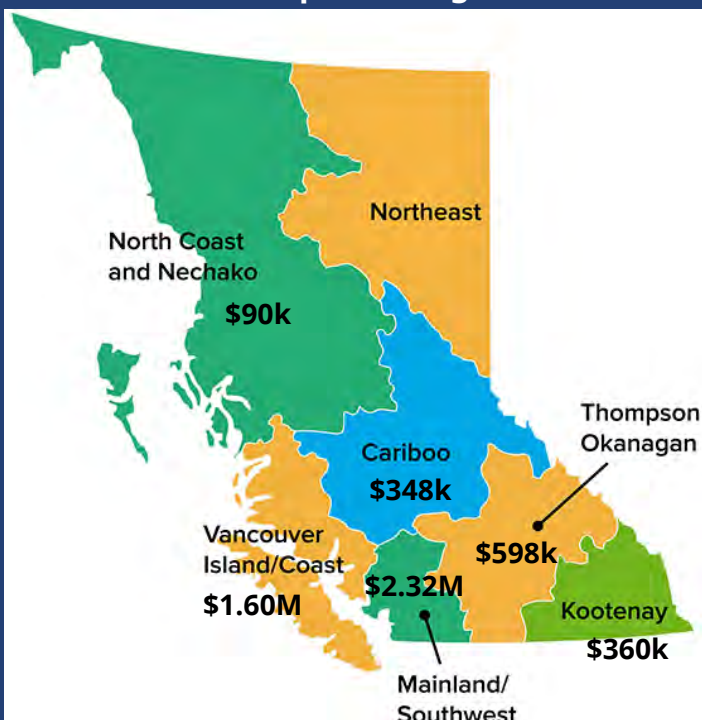


Osoyoos Desert Society

In 2021/22, the Osoyoos Desert Society received \$54,500 to help support their Environmental Education Program and Habitat Restoration Program.

This funding is used to support the operation of the nature interpretive facility that attracts on average 10,000 visitors each year. It includes stewardship and restoration of 67 acres of antelope brush habitat, educational tours led by their interpretive guides, educational workshops, lectures and events, school programs, community presentations and maintenance of a native plant demonstration garden.

Economic Development Regions

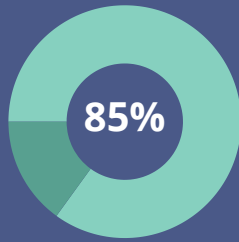


Human & Social Services Sector

2021/22



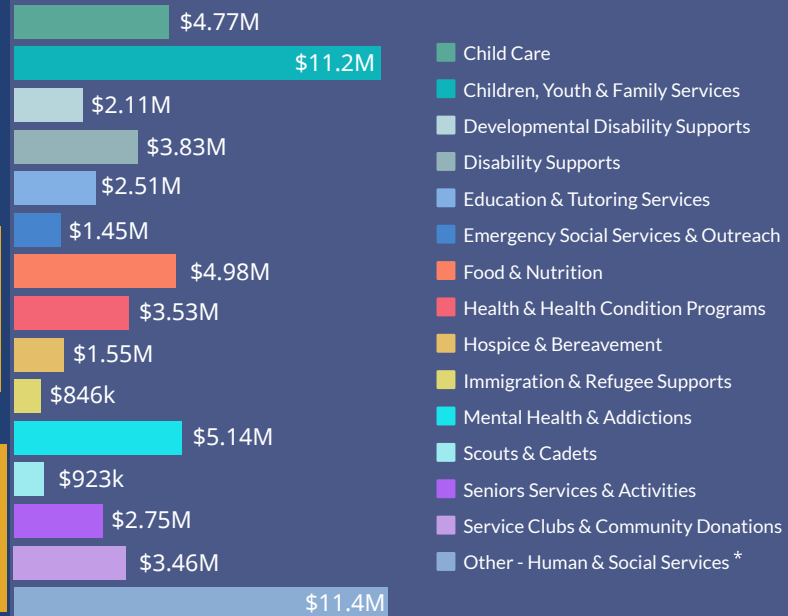
85% of Applications Approved for Funding



Total Sector Funding Approved

\$61.5 Million

Human & Social Services Sub-sector Funding



1,364

Organizations received a grant



152

Communities across B.C. received funding

*Other includes funding for those organizations that selected 'Other - HSS' or where multiple sub-sectors were chosen.

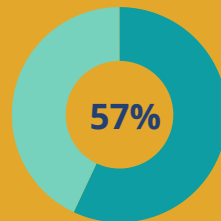


Nanaimo Foodshare Society

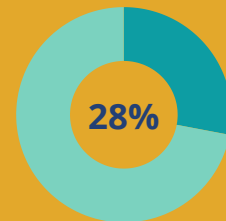
In 2021/22 \$111,000 was provided to Nanaimo Foodshare Society to support numerous programs aimed at providing nutritious meals to those in need, community education and resource services.

Through their programs, they support local sustainable food, help build food policy and develop coordinated community strategies to improve food security.

57% of funding was targeted to support children and youth**

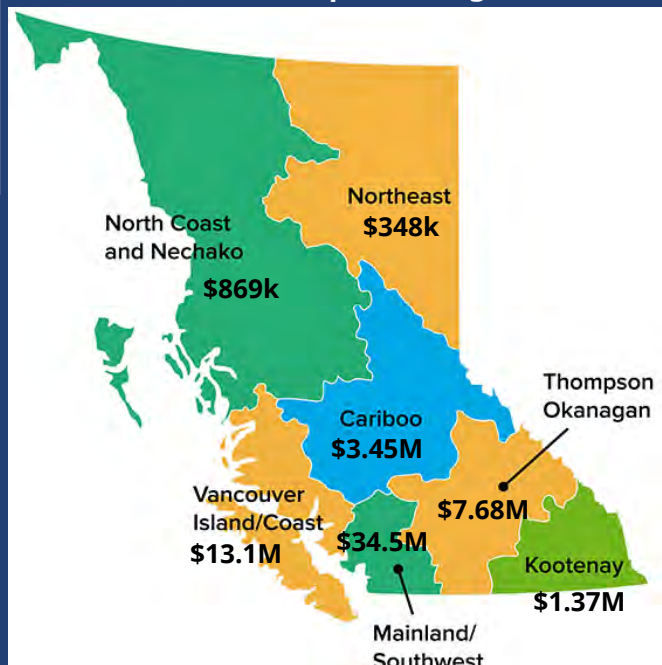


28% of funding was targeted to support persons with disabilities**



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Economic Development Regions



Indigenous Organizations*

2021/22

Indigenous organizations within B.C. support a broad spectrum of services throughout the province.

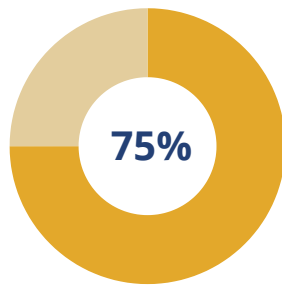
They also represent the over 270,000 First Nation, Inuit, and Métis individuals within B.C. who participate in specific programming centered around these communities.

The whole population of B.C. further benefits by improving the public understanding of Indigenous histories, rights, cultures, languages, and the negative impacts of Indigenous-specific racism.

Funded organizations at a glance

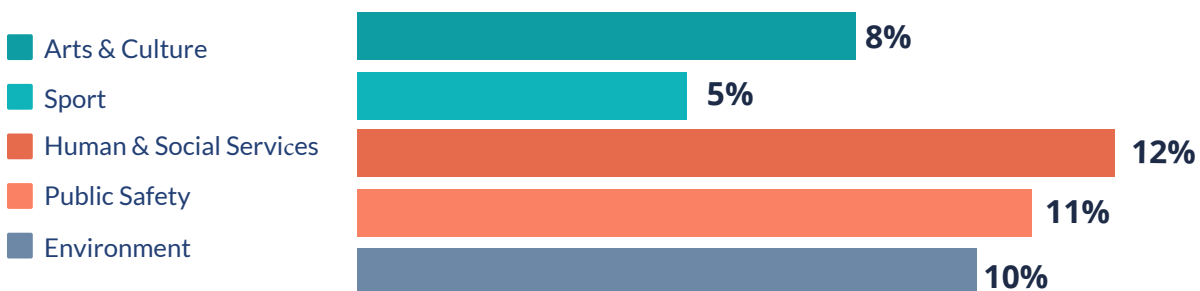


75% of Indigenous applicants were successful



Overall, 7% of organizations funded by Community Gaming Grants delivered programs to benefit Indigenous people

Percentage of organizations funded that had programs supporting Indigenous people:



2021/22 Grant Funding

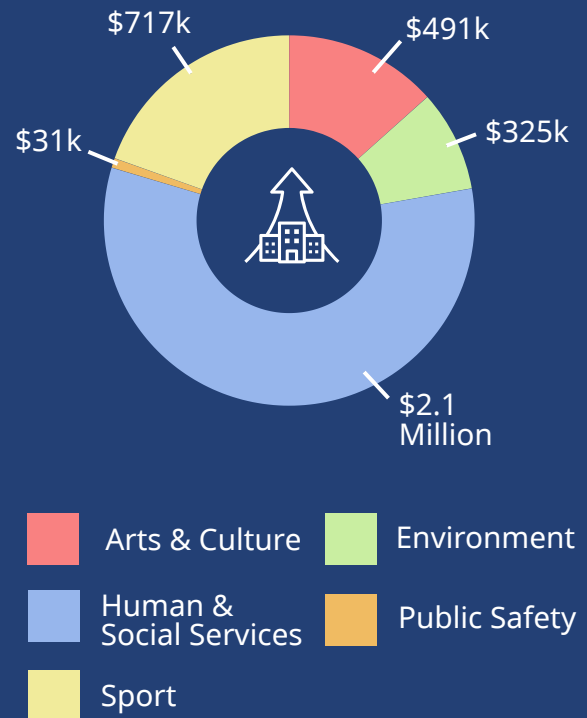
\$3.6 Million

Awarded to Indigenous organizations

\$36,000

Average grant amount awarded to Indigenous organizations

Indigenous Organizations: Funding by Sector



*Indigenous organization status is self-reported by applicants

Capital Projects

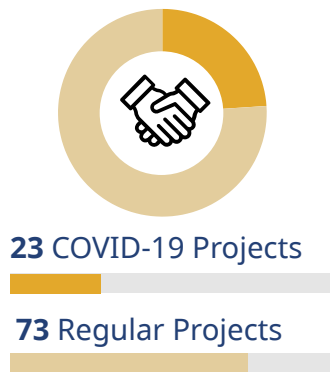
2021/22 Highlights

The Capital Project Grants Sector supports local projects such as major purchases, construction or renovation of facilities and development of public spaces to provide widespread benefits to a diverse range of community members. In 2021/22, funding was directed to **48 communities** across the province.

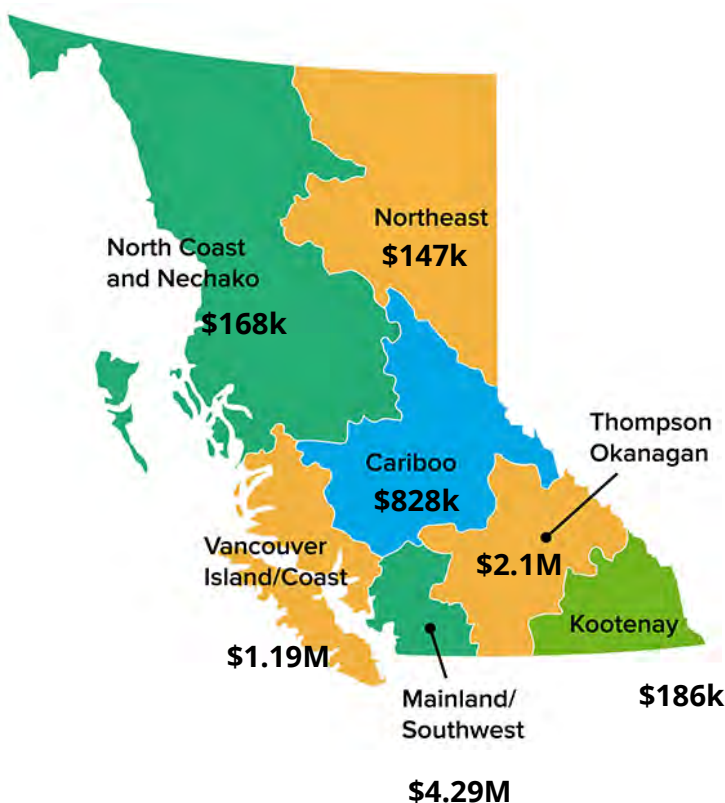
Funded projects at a glance



Regular vs COVID-19 Projects Funded



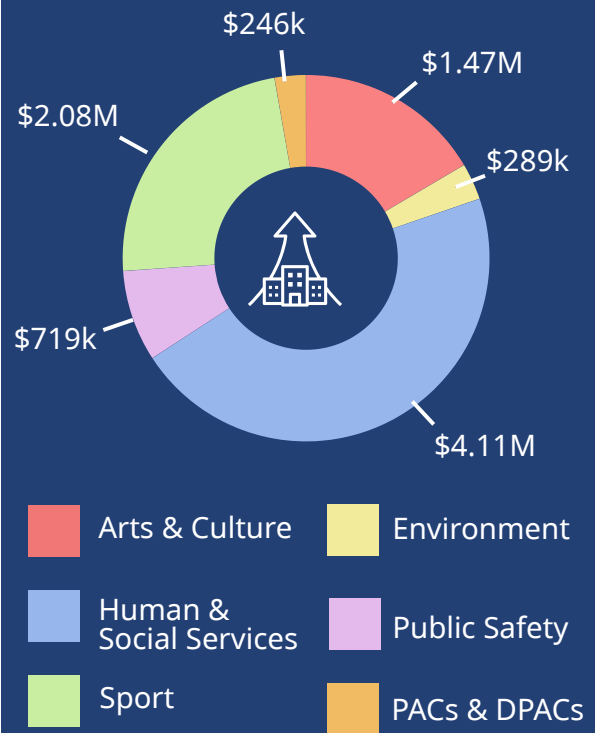
Funding by Economic Development Region



2021/22 Capital Projects

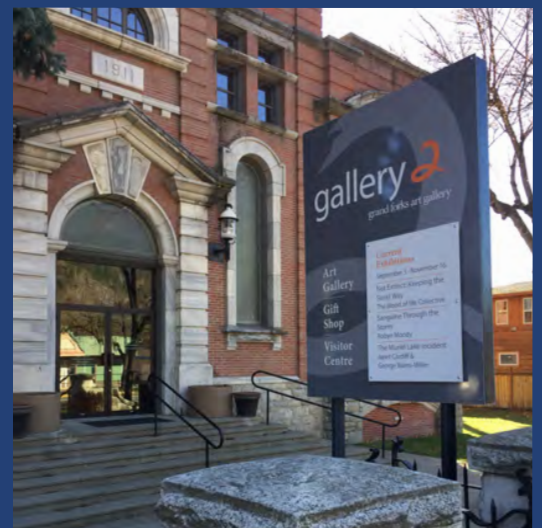


Capital Projects Funding by Sector



Grand Forks Art Gallery Society

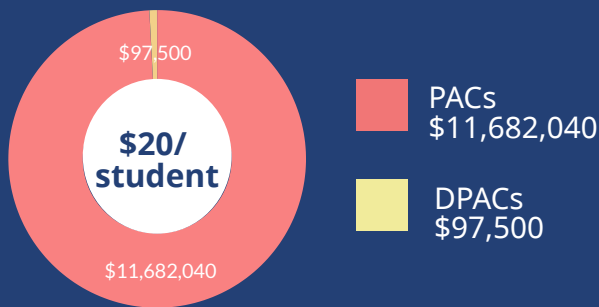
In 2021, Grand Forks Art Gallery Society completed a project making upgrades to their Heritage Courthouse that houses "Gallery 2", after being awarded \$18,100 in capital project funding in 2018.



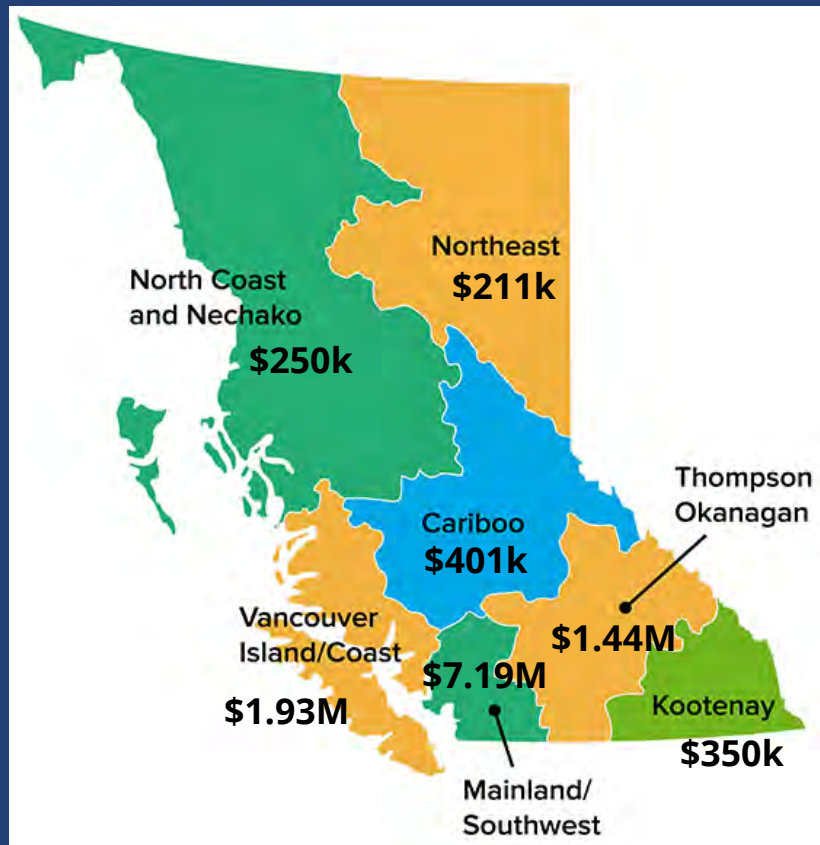
Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) & District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs)

2021/22 Highlights

Community Gaming Grant funding is available to PACs and DPACs, to support the enhancement of extracurricular opportunities for all K-12 students in British Columbia, regardless of background or identity characteristics.



PAC/DPAC Funding by Economic Development Region



1,435 PAC applications funded

39 DPAC applications funded

214 Communities funded



Cariboo Chilcotin Conservation Society

Conclusion

Each year, commercial gaming revenue benefits B.C. communities with \$140 million in funding through the approximately 5,000 organizations that the Community Gaming Grants program supports.

In 2021/22, the program provided grants to not-for-profit organizations in every region of the province. These funds supported nearly 7,000 programs this year, positively impacting the lives of countless British Columbians.

This funding has supported a wide range of activities including youth sports teams, performing arts, cultural festivities and fairs, volunteer search and rescue, ecosystem conservation, mental health services, childcare, and enhancements to K-12 student's extracurricular opportunities. In addition, the Capital Projects program has helped not-for-profits complete capital projects that directly support the needs of communities.

The Community Gaming Grants program is committed to continuous improvement efforts to support not-for-profit organizations through the recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring community groups can continue to deliver the important services that British Columbians rely on.

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