

Community Gaming Grants



2022/23 Annual Report



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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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Anne Kang Minister of Municipal Affairs

Minister's Message

I am pleased to share the Community Gaming Grants Annual Report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year (April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023). This report shows how funding was distributed to specific regions and sectors throughout the province, and how people in British Columbia benefitted from the grants.

During this fiscal year, my ministry invested \$140 million through Community Gaming Grants. The funds supported the work of 4,495 organizations in 250 diverse communities across British Columbia. I had the opportunity to meet with some of the grant recipients and saw firsthand how these grants are helping people to build a good life in B.C. and overcome the challenges we are facing together. I want to thank all the staff and volunteers who are working tirelessly to build strong and healthy communities.

The last few years have taught us that we are stronger when we work together. Many organizations found new and creative ways to serve their communities. That is why I am so inspired by not-for-profit organizations in B.C. In every region of the province, there are teams of devoted people who have continued to deliver and even expand community programming. These teams are living proof that, when we put people at the heart of every choice we make, we can make life better for everyone.

This past year, in consultation with our partners, we made policy changes to ensure more not-for-profit organizations and programs are supported for years to come. Organizations can now use up to 15% of their grant funding for operating costs, and new programs are eligible for funding even if they have been running for less than 12 months. We will continue to strive for constant improvement to ensure that not-for-profit organizations are well supported to help people build a good life in British Columbia.

My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone in B.C. who is building vibrant, inclusive, connected, healthy and safe communities in British Columbia.

Honourable Anne Kang
Minister of Municipal Affairs

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Introduction

The Community Gaming Grants program distributes \$140 million annually from gaming revenues to not-for-profit organizations throughout British Columbia. The purpose of the program is to support community programming that improves quality of life, promotes local needs and builds vibrant communities.

Community Gaming Grants supports programs and services that are identified by communities as being important and needed where they live.

During the 2022/23 fiscal year, COVID-19 continued to cause uncertainty and disruption to service delivery. While health restrictions were gradually lifted, employment and affordability issues continued to impact the not-for-profit sector as organizations transitioned from COVID-19-related issues to a new normal.

Community Gaming Grants has eligibility criteria to ensure those organizations with the greatest financial need receive funding that is in-line with the demonstrated size and scope of programming.

During the 2022/23 fiscal, key policy changes intended to support organizations' resilience and flexibility were developed in response to stakeholder feedback.

This included allowing organizations to use up to 15% of their grant funding toward core operating costs. Previously, Community Gaming Grant funding could only be used for costs related to the direct delivery of programs, and operating costs not directly related to program delivery were prohibited. This change provided organizations the flexibility to direct funds where they were needed most.

Community Gaming Grants also introduced the ability for new programs delivered less than 12 months to be considered. Allowing funding for new programs provided the flexibility required by organizations to adapt to emergent and changing demands in their communities.

Community Gaming Grants continued to distribute funding to Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Councils, so that students from K – 12 could experience extracurricular opportunities. Capital Project Grant funding was also awarded to organizations that put fourth projects for either COVID-19 related or regular acquisition, infrastructure, and facilities projects.

Despite another difficult year, not-for-profits remained resilient through their dedicated efforts and passion for what they do. Community Gaming Grants is proud to be able to continue providing financial support to not-for-profits from all sectors across the province.

Community Gaming Grants Overview



General Overview

\$140 Million
Total grant funding

4,645
Applications funded

\$29,537
Average grant received

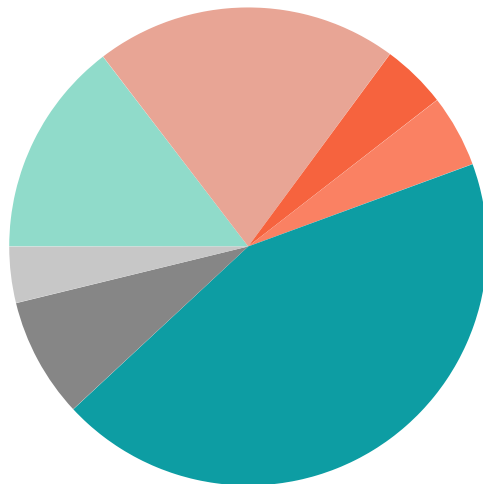
250
Communities funded

87.7%
Applications approved for funding

Funding distribution of \$140 million* across sectors

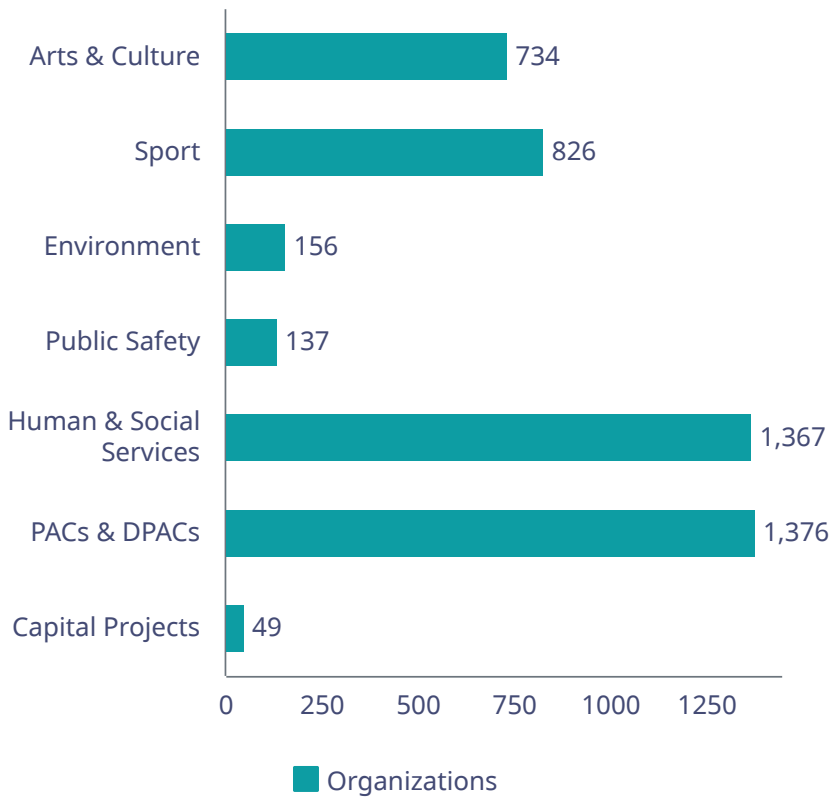
- Arts & Culture - \$20,421,410
- Sport - \$28,661,673
- Environment - \$6,140,250
- Public Safety - \$6,866,215
- Human & Social Services - \$61,031,068
- PACs & DACs - \$11,349,330
- Capital Projects - \$5,314,345

- Arts & Culture (14.61%)
- Sport (20.5%)
- Environment (4.39%)
- Public Safety (4.91%)
- Human & Social Services (43.66%)
- PACs & DPACs (8.12%)
- Capital Project Grants (3.8%)

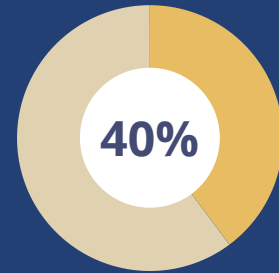


*\$139,784,291

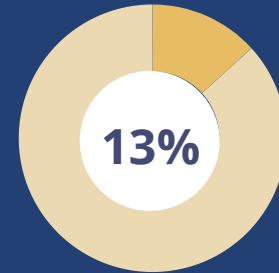
Number of organizations funded by sector



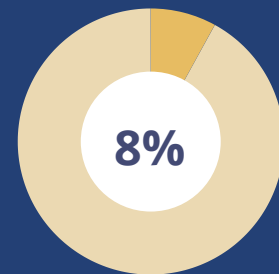
40% of organizations used funding for programs that support children and youth



13% of organizations used funding for programs that support persons with disabilities



8% of organizations used funding for programs that support Indigenous persons



Community Outreach

Community Gaming Grants works with not-for-profits to offer presentations, guidance and support with applicants.

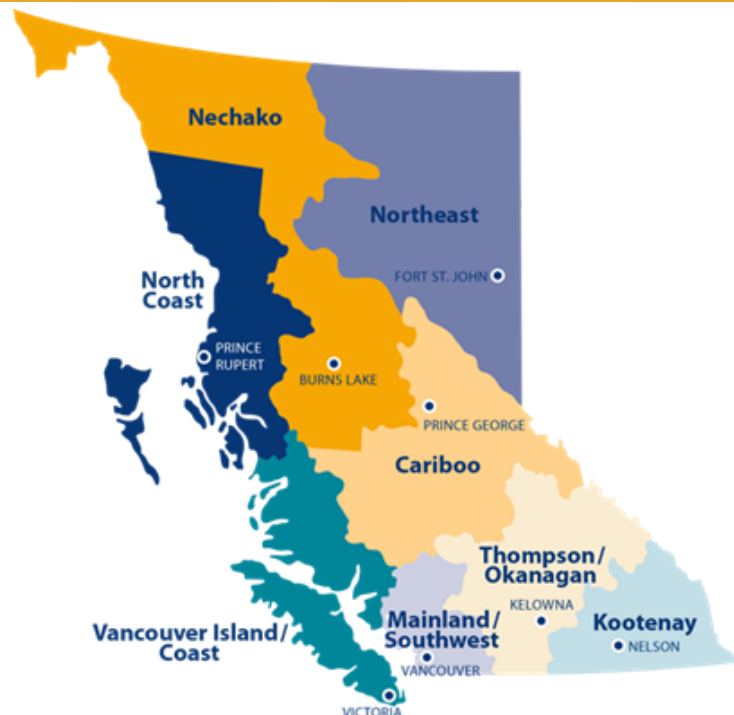
962 - Responses to request for support

159 - Meeting for one-on-one assistance

15 - Presentations

Economic Development Region Funding Distribution

- Cariboo - \$6,329,925
- Kootenay - \$5,232,331
- Lower Mainland-Southwest - \$77,852,239
- Nechako - \$1,263,095
- North Coast - \$1,410,100
- Northeast - \$1,165,160
- Thompson-Okanagan - \$17,104,209
- Vancouver Island-Coast - \$29,427,232



COVID-19: Three-year Comparison

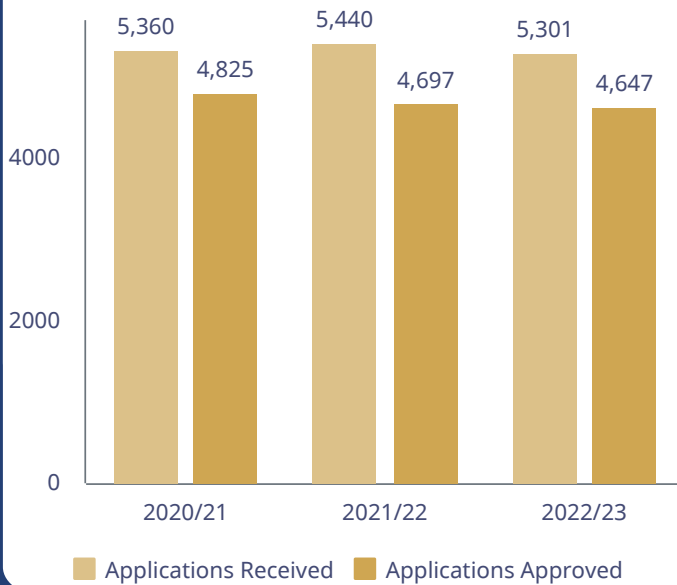


Take A Hike Foundation

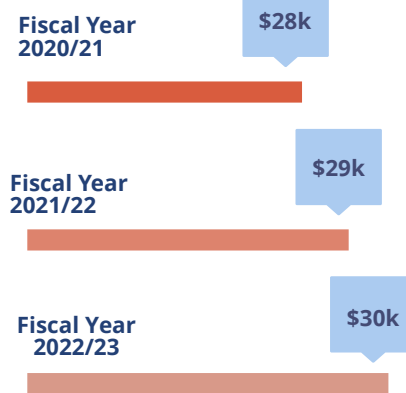
Overview

A three-year comparison of applications approved between 2020/21 and 2022/23.

Applications received vs. approved



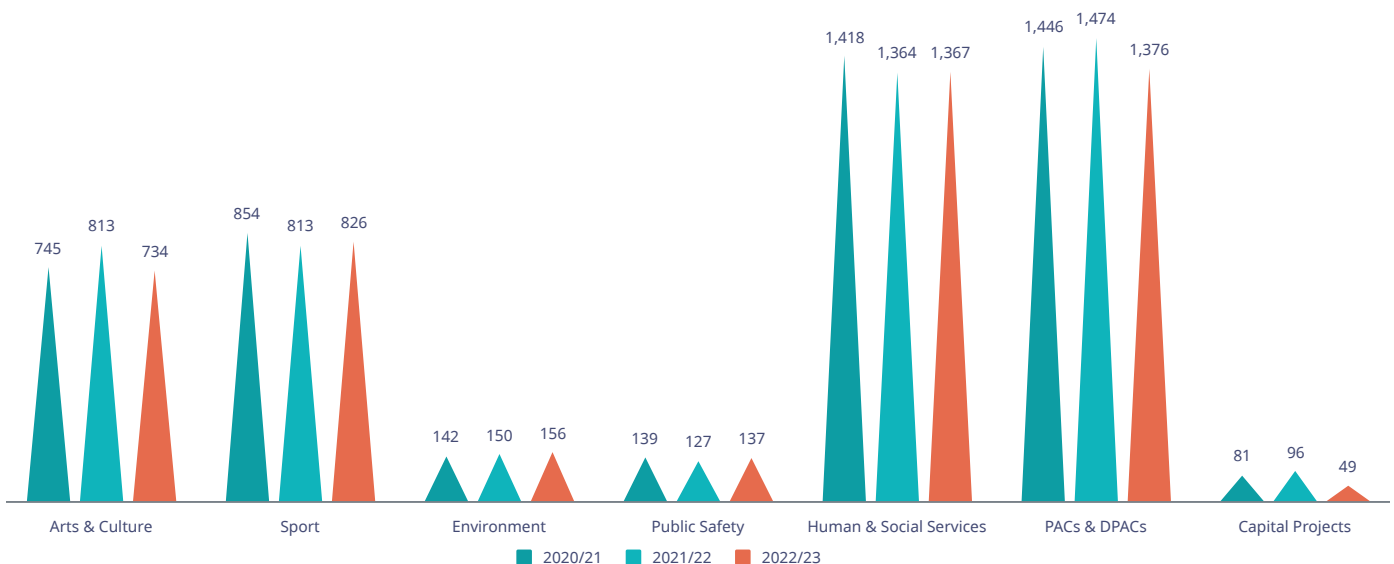
Average grant amount received



New applicants approved for funding



Applications approved by fiscal year



Arts & Culture Sector



Fight of the Hummingbird - Pacific Opera Victoria Association

\$20.4 Million

Total sector funding

\$27,822

Average grant amount received

734

Organizations funded

117

Communities funded

Sector Information

88%



of applications were approved for funding

9.5%



of organizations used funding to support programs for persons with disabilities

32%



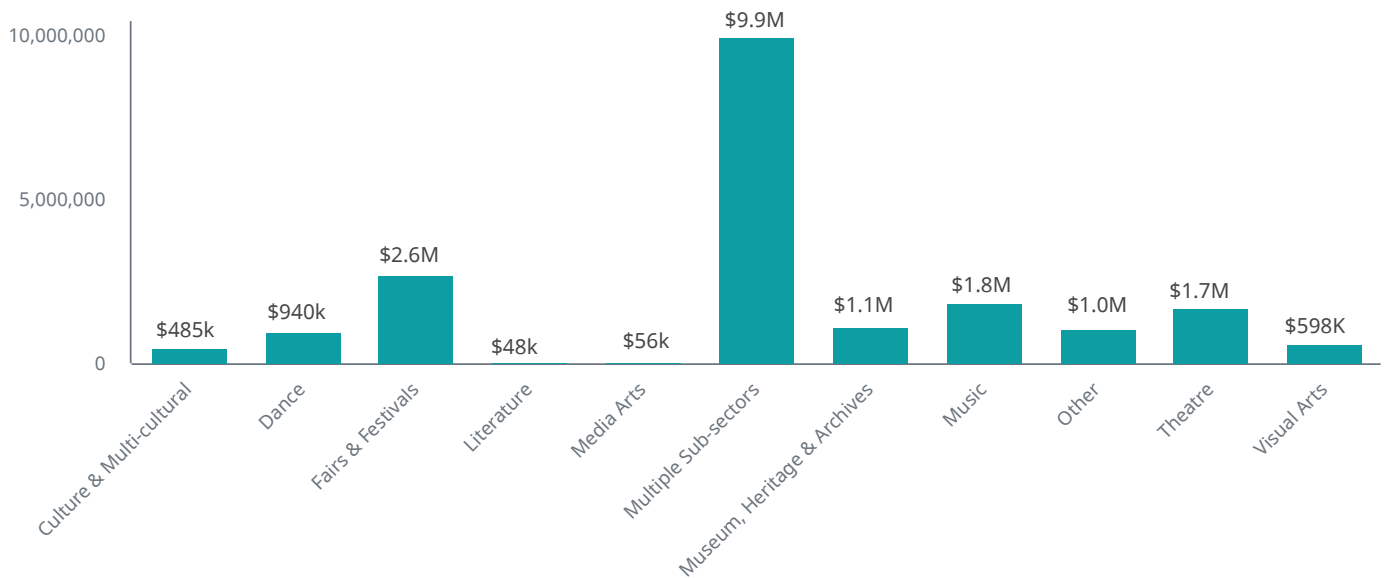
of organizations used funding to support programs for children & youth

9.2%



of organizations used funding to support programs for Indigenous persons

Funding Distributed to Program Sub-sectors



Economic Development Region Funding Distribution

- Cariboo - \$906,650
- Kootenay - \$674,650
- Lower Mainland-Southwest - \$11,563,825
- Nechako - \$206,450
- North Coast - \$184,400
- Northeast - \$111,020
- Thompson-Okanagan - \$2,349,450
- Vancouver Island-Coast - \$4,424,965



Sport Sector



Vancouver Theatrical and Modern Fencing Society

\$28.6 Million

Total sector funding

\$34,699

Average grant amount received

826

Organizations funded

119

Communities funded

Sector Information

83%



of applications were approved for funding

12%



of organizations used funding to support programs for persons with disabilities

83%



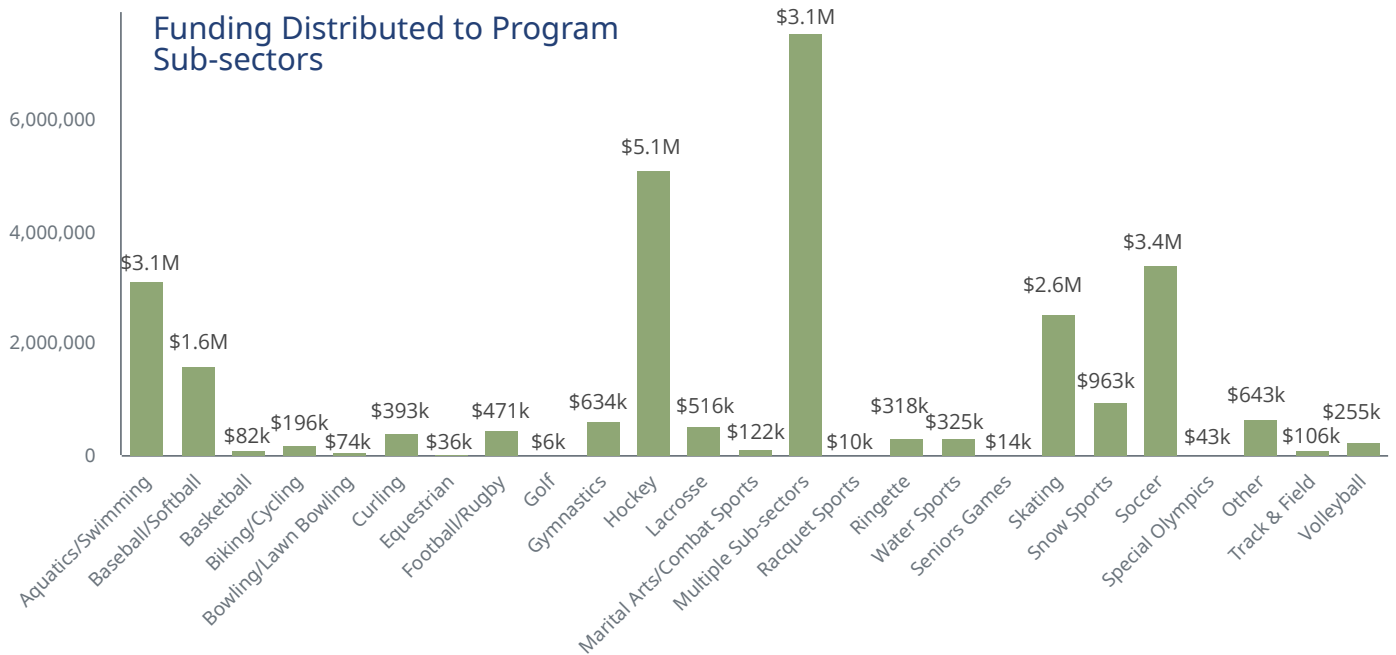
of organizations used funding to support programs for children & youth

7.4%



of organizations used funding to support programs for Indigenous persons

Funding Distributed to Program Sub-sectors



Economic Development Region Funding Distribution

- Cariboo - \$1,177,405
- Kootenay - \$1,155,955
- Lower Mainland-Southwest - \$17,071,318
- Nechako - \$269,180
- North Coast - \$287,550
- Northeast - \$370,600
- Thompson-Okanagan - \$3,876,645
- Vancouver Island-Coast - \$4,453,020



Arts & Culture Sector

Organizations within this sector deliver programs that provide public access to and preservation of the arts, heritage or culture.

Asian-Canadian Special Events Association

The Association creates sustainable programs in the areas of arts and culture, including curating and producing large events. Funding was used to support TAIWANfest Vancouver and LunarFest Vancouver.

Victoria Baroque Music Society

The Society presents dynamic, personal, and engaging performances of music from the Baroque and Classical periods. Funding was used to assist in costs for main concerts, educational concerts, and workshops.



Sport Sector

Organizations within this sector deliver youth and amateur sports programs that provide opportunities for all people to participate in organized, competitive physical activities.

Nanaimo Canoe and Kayak Club

The organization is a non-profit amateur sport organization that provides entry-level to high-performance canoe and kayak training to people of all ages and skill levels. Funding was used to contribute to their outreach and sport involvement and development programs.

Environment Sector



Laseek Bay Conservation Society

Sector Information

\$6.14 Million

Total sector funding

\$39,360

Average grant amount received

156

Organizations funded

69

Communities funded

89%



of applications were approved for funding

11%



of organizations used funding to support programs for persons with disabilities

43%



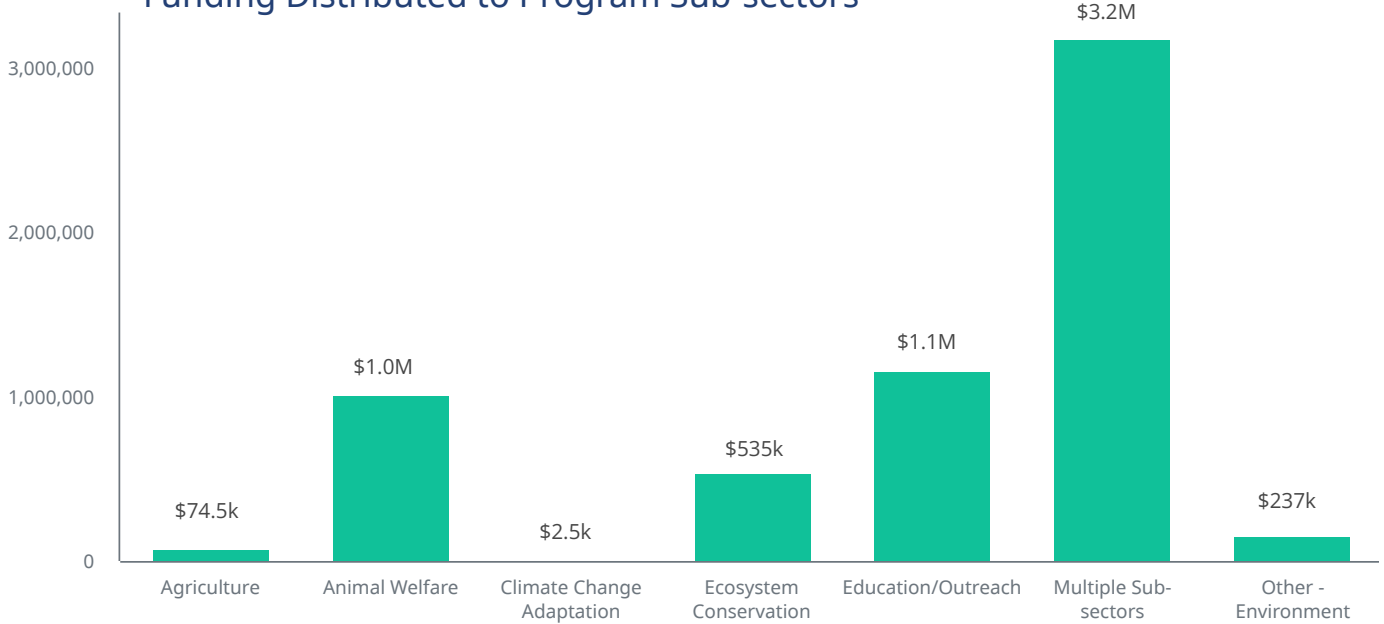
of organizations used funding to support programs for children & youth

16%



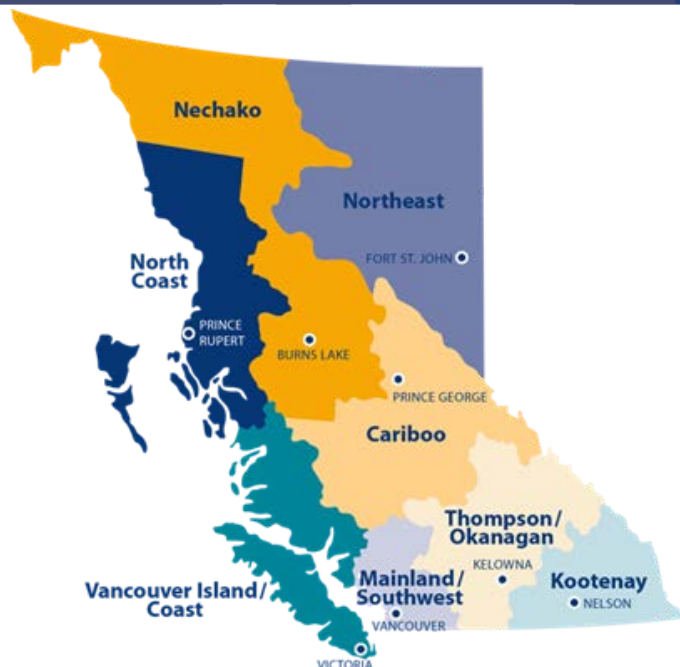
of organizations used funding to support programs for Indigenous persons

Funding Distributed to Program Sub-sectors



Economic Development Region Funding Distribution

- Cariboo - \$368,000
- Kootenay - \$467,800
- Lower Mainland-Southwest - \$2,909,800
- Nechako - \$50,000
- North Coast - \$40,000
- Thompson-Okanagan - \$659,300
- Vancouver Island-Coast - \$1,645,350



Public Safety Sector



Sunshine Coast Marine Search and Rescue Society

Sector Information

\$6.86 Million
Total sector funding

\$50,118
Average grant amount received

137
Organizations funded

72
Communities funded

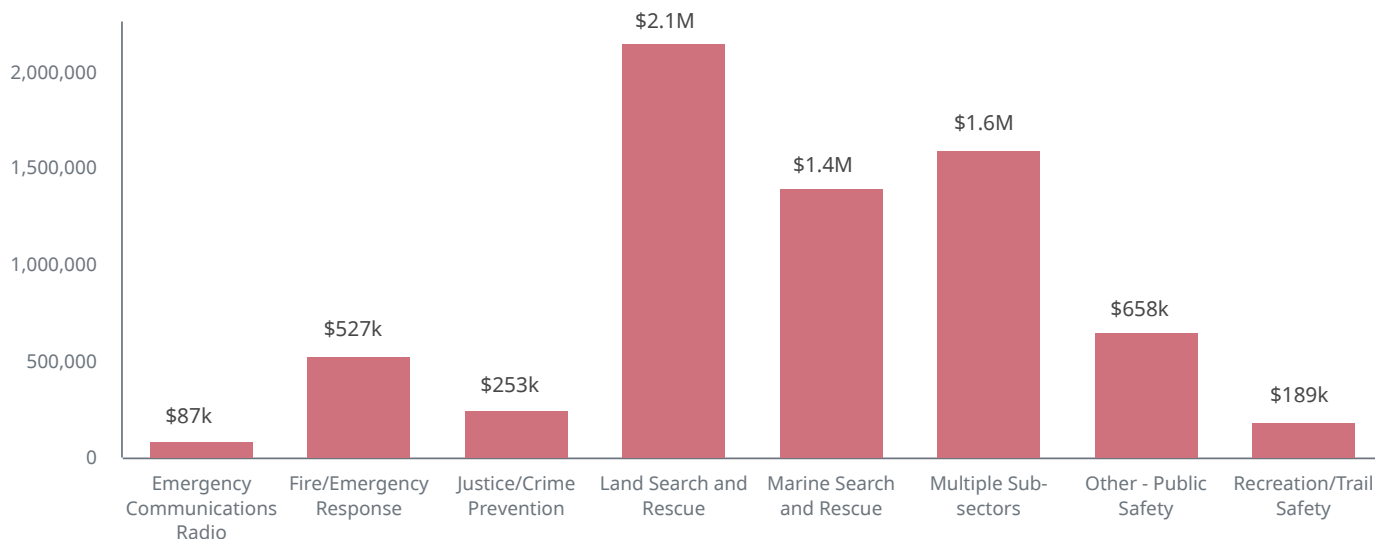
82%
of applications were approved for funding

5.8%
of organizations used funding to support programs for persons with disabilities

16%
of organizations used funding to support programs for children & youth

9.5%
of organizations used funding to support programs for Indigenous persons

Funding Distributed to Program Sub-sectors



Economic Development Region Funding Distribution

- Cariboo - \$287,930
- Kootenay - \$551,650
- Lower Mainland-Southwest - \$2,436,650
- Nechako - \$284,350
- North Coast - \$50,000
- Thompson-Okanagan - \$901,900
- Vancouver Island-Coast - \$2,353,735



Environment Sector

Organizations within this sector deliver programs that revitalize, protect or provide education about British Columbia's ecosystems and environment, or that address animal welfare.



Oona River Resources Association

The Association focuses on environmental stewardship and used funding to help deliver a program that promotes protection and enhances awareness of wild salmon and their habitat in North Coast communities.

Native Bee Society of BC

The Society brings together bee experts and enthusiasts across BC to protect and promote native bees and other pollinators for their critical role in maintaining a healthy environment. Funding was used toward their community education program.

Public Safety Sector

Organizations within this sector deliver programs that enhance and support safety in communities.

Squamish Search and Rescue Society

The Society is a volunteer, community-based organization that provides 24/7 search and rescue services in and around Squamish. Funding supports their search and rescue program.



Human & Social Services Sector



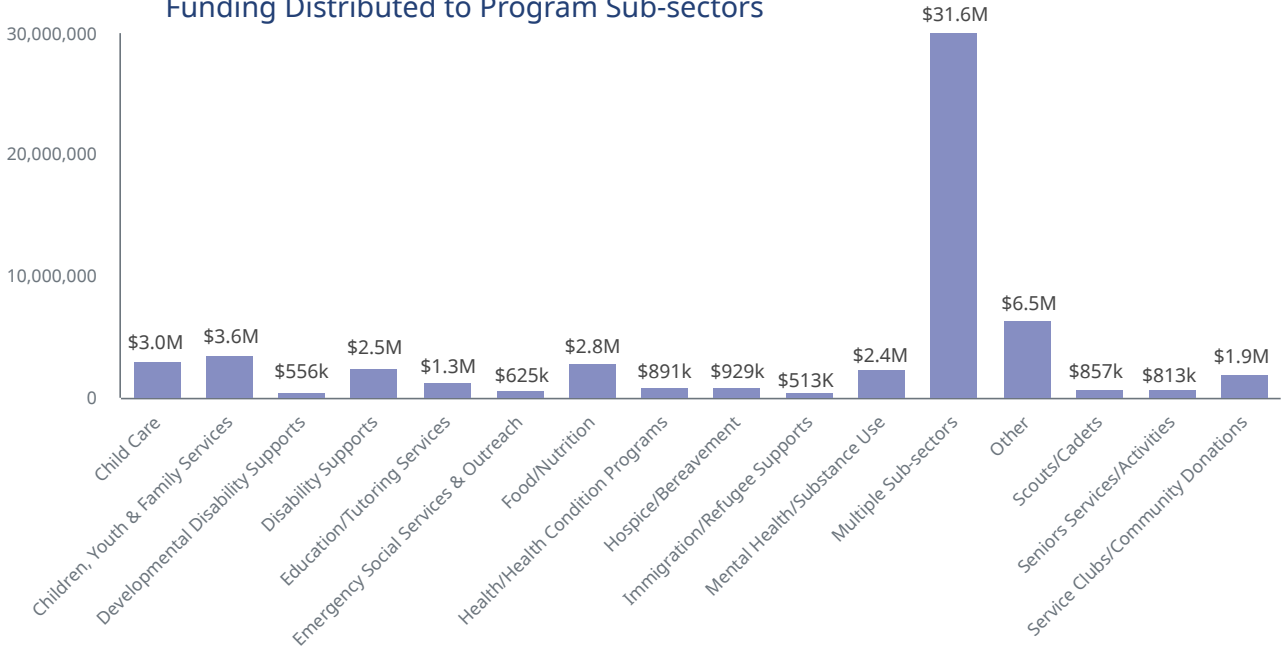
The Sharing Farm Society

Sector Information

- \$61.0 Million**
Total sector funding
- \$44,645**
Average grant amount received
- 1,367**
Organizations funded
- 149**
Communities funded

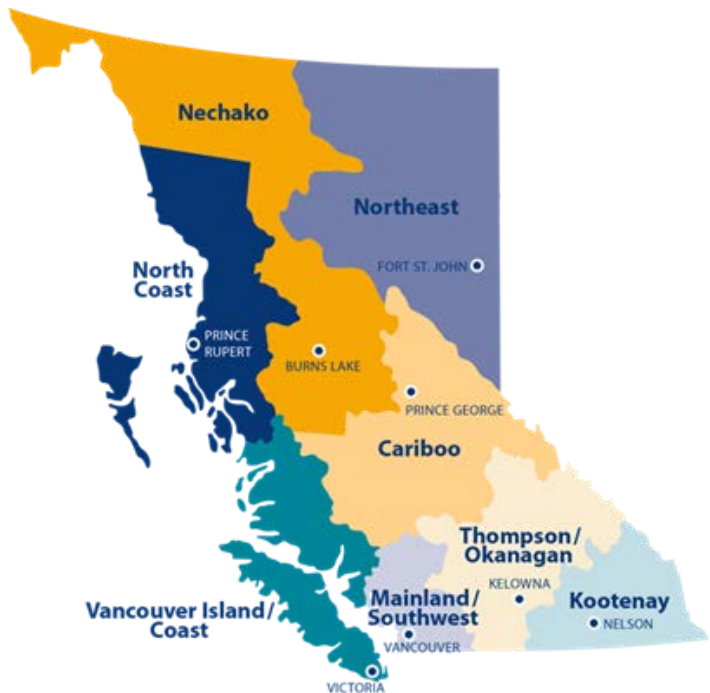
- 85%** of applications were approved for funding
- 31%** of organizations used funding to support programs for persons with disabilities
- 61%** of organizations used funding to support programs for children & youth
- 14.5%** of organizations used funding to support programs for Indigenous persons

Funding Distributed to Program Sub-sectors



Economic Development Region Funding Distribution

- Cariboo - \$3,147,520
- Kootenay - \$1,559,200
- Lower Mainland-Southwest - \$34,059,324
- Nechako - \$299,350
- North Coast - \$505,850
- Northeast - \$494,100
- Thompson-Okanagan - \$7,614,574
- Vancouver Island-Coast - \$13,351,150



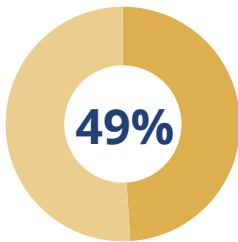
Indigenous Organizations *



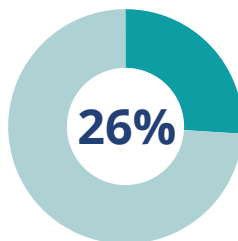
*Data is self-reported by applicants

Photo courtesy of Deer Crossing - The Art Farm Society

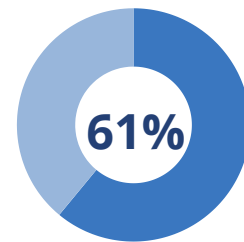
Overview



49% of Indigenous organizations used funding for programs that directly supported Indigenous persons

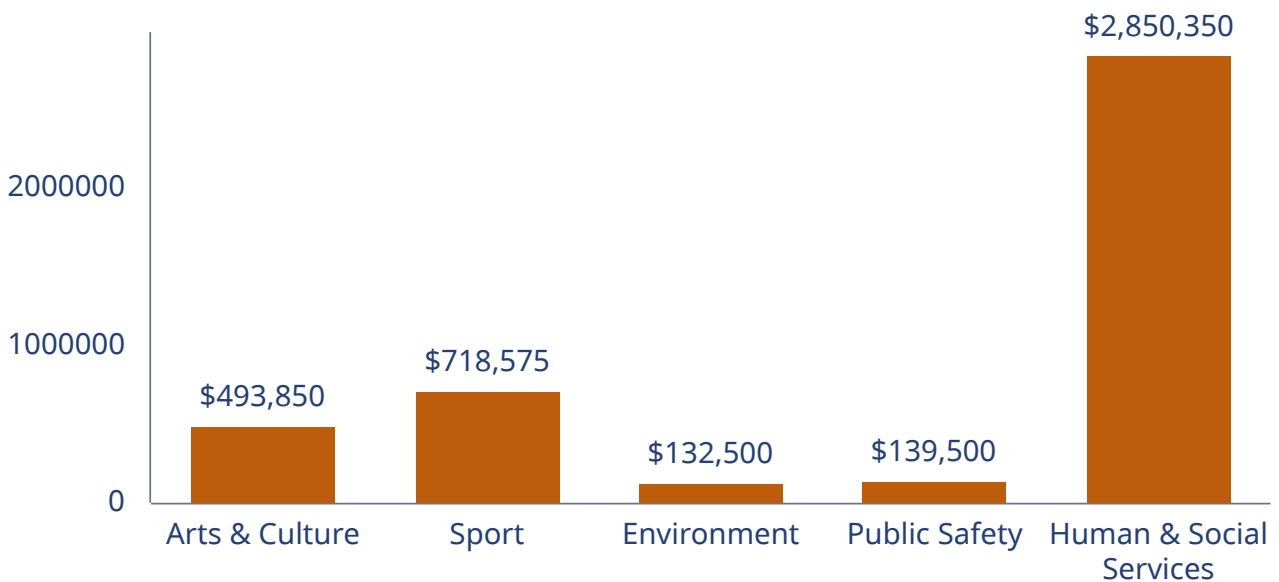


26% of Indigenous organizations used funding for programs that directly supported persons with disabilities



61% of Indigenous organizations used funding for programs that directly supported children and youth

Sector Funding for Indigenous Organizations

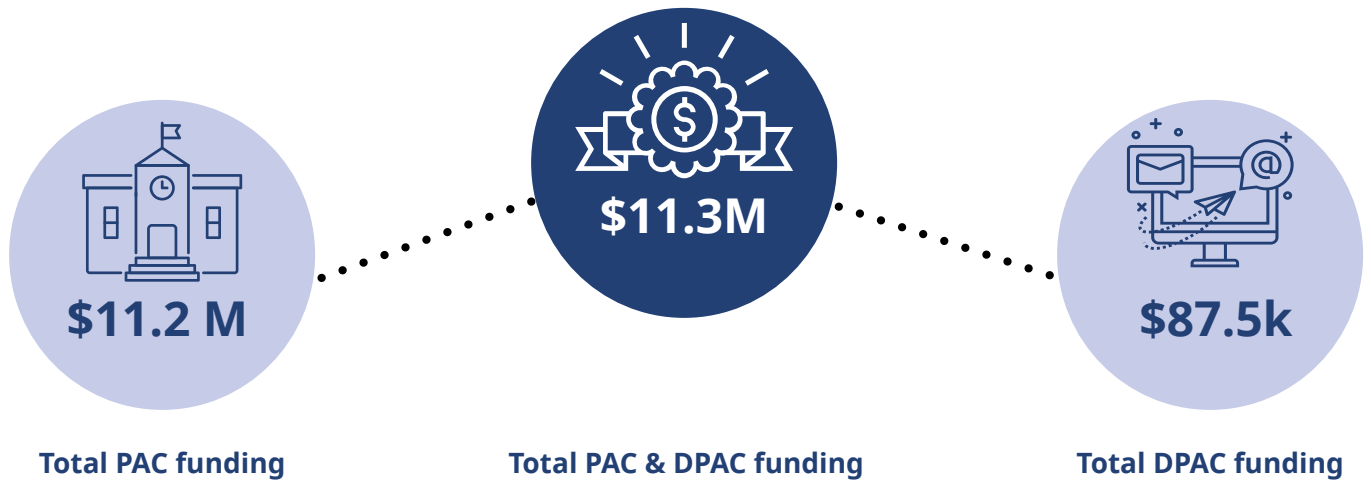


Parent Advisory Councils (PAC) & District Parent Advisory Councils (DPAC) Sector



Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society

Sector Information



PAC Overview

*\$20/ student or minimum \$2,000 grant

\$8,423
Average grant amount received

1,337
PACs funded

201
Communities received funded

DPAC Overview

\$2,500
Provided to each DPAC

39
DPACs funded

36
Communities received funded

Economic Development Region Funding Distribution

- Cariboo - \$400,420
- Kootenay - \$376,100
- Lower Mainland-Southwest - \$6,850,470
- Nechako - \$109,140
- North Coast - \$92,300
- Northeast - \$189,440
- Thompson-Okanagan - \$1,380,340
- Vancouver Island-Coast - \$1,951,120

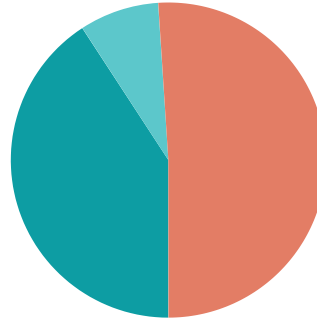


Capital Projects Grant



Erris Volunteer Fire Association

Projects funded by category



■ Acquisitions (40.82%) ■ Community infrastructure (8.16%)
 ■ Facilities (51.02%)

\$5.3 Million
Total projects funded

\$108,456
Average grant amount received

49
Capital projects funded

29
Communities funded

Capital project sector funding



Economic Development Region Funding Distribution

- Cariboo - \$42,000
- Kootenay - \$446,976
- Lower Mainland-Southwest - \$2,960,852
- Nechako - \$44,625
- North Coast - \$250,000
- Thompson-Okanagan - \$322,000
- Vancouver Island-Coast - \$1,247,892



Human & Social Services Sector

Organizations within this sector deliver programs that improve the quality of life in a community by supporting the wellbeing of children, youth, families and seniors; by addressing equality issues; by addressing the unmet needs of under-served groups; or, by providing public outreach and education regarding important social issues.

Take A Hike Foundation

The Society empowers youth with intentional, continuous clinical counselling, outdoor experiential learning, and community. Funding was used to support mental health and emotional well-being programming for youth.



North Delta Rotary Club

The Rotary is dedicated to actively contributing to their community through participating and leading projects and events in the community. Funding was used to support food programs for youth in need and giving back to community groups.

Capital Projects Grant

Capital Project Grants support the completion of inclusive, accessible capital projects that meet community-identified needs and priorities.

Dragon Boat BC

The Society produces a series of races, cultural programming, and community initiatives centered around the traditional Chinese sport of dragon boat. Dragon Boat BC purchased a boat and equipment using a Capital Project Grant.



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Conclusion

During the 2022/23 fiscal year, Community Gaming Grants distributed a total of \$140 million to not-for-profit organizations.

The COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted not-for-profits across all sectors. Some organizations were unable to deliver programs, while others experienced an increase in demand for services.

Despite this, nearly 4,500 organizations received funding to support their programs and projects across 250 communities in British Columbia during the 2022/23 fiscal year. While the amount of applicants declined slightly when compared to the previous fiscal year, Community Gaming Grants saw a rise in new applicants to the program and an increase to the average grant amount awarded to not-for-profit organizations.

Funding was also used to support those who are underrepresented and vulnerable in communities, with 40% of all organizations using funding to support children and youth, 13% of organizations using funding to directly assist persons with disabilities, and 8% of organizations directing their funding towards programs and services for Indigenous persons.

While 2022/23 continued to be a challenging year for not-for-profits, many organizations and their dedicated volunteers continued to persevere and make a positive contribution to their local communities.

Community Gaming Grants is grateful to continue supporting not-for-profit organizations around the province with all the valuable work that they do.

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