



Community Grants Fall 2019

Engage Citizens supports initiatives that:

- Enhance the ways that volunteers participate in a charity's work
- Create new opportunities for community problem solving
- Develop, test or enhance Program Names that focus on the meaningful participation of marginalized populations

Action Dignity Society: The B.L.A.C.K Project (Becoming Leaders Acquiring Critical Knowledge)

The B.L.A.C.K Project is a 3-year collaborative project for Black youth in Calgary to focus on personal growth and development beyond the classroom. Youth will gain confidence, leverage community connections and learn how to build their own initiatives, while combating anti-black racism.

Grant Amount: \$135,000

Alberta Council for Environmental Education (ACEE): Calgary Schools for Climate Action

With the City of Calgary and other stakeholders, including students, we are building a program to leverage the City's Climate Resilience Strategy and help schools reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions while providing new learning for students around climate, energy and the environment.

Grant Amount: \$200,000

Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) of Alberta: ARF Volunteer Experience Improvements

The Animal Rescue Foundation is working to improve the experience for our valued volunteers when working with our organization. This initiative provides a multi-purpose volunteer room for training and volunteer activities, improved and consistent volunteer training, and an online volunteer portal.

Grant Amount: \$49,000

Agriculture for Life Inc.: Nourishing Minds

Helping youth understand the fundamentals of food production, health and sustainability is the focus of Ag for Life. Every student deserves to know where their food comes from. Through inquiry-based learning, we encourage citizens to be curious, critical thinkers. We bring agriculture to life.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Alexandra Community Health Centre: Community Wellness Initiative: Wellness Prescribing Demonstration Project

Our new Community Wellness Initiative includes a transformed triage model and eight types of evidence-based wellness programming that includes an Indigenous lens, is offered on site, and is prescribed by doctors and social workers to improve the health and social outcomes of vulnerable people.

Grant Amount: \$200,000

Antyx Community Arts Society: Youth Building a Hip-Hop Community-Forest Lawn

Antyx will engage youth in Forest Lawn in groups to develop their Hip Hop dance skills and share their skills with other youth. Participants will gain leadership skills by developing Hip Hop events for their community and working with other youth in East Calgary to promote positive Hip Hop culture.

Grant Amount: \$28,570



Association for the Alberta Network of Immigrant Women: Good Men's Circle

The Good Men's Circle Project will expand a peer-based network, develop training tools & integrate indigenous teachings for men from diverse communities to access peer-supports for their wellbeing, healthy relationships & challenge negative gender beliefs that promote inequity & violence.

Grant Amount: \$128,749

Calgary Health Trust: AHS Sweatlodge Ceremonies for Patients and Staff in the Calgary Zone

AHS will provide sweatlodge ceremonies for patients/clients and staff in the spirit of reconciliation based on the TRC health recommendations as guided by AHS's CEO directive. Experiential cultural activities support AHS commitment to becoming a culturally humble and safe organization.

Grant Amount: \$49,400

Canadian Mental Health Association - Calgary Region: RESILIEN: A Confidential wellness wayfinder for mental health and peer support

RESILIEN.ca is a confidential wellness wayfinding website/app for finding and connecting with relevant mental health services and peer support.

Grant Amount: \$150,000

Chrysalis An Alberta Society For Citizens With Disabilities: Becoming our Best, Human Centered Design at Chrysalis

Chrysalis will implement a new Human Centered Design (HCD) care model from 2020-2022 in Calgary. It's focused on how we work with clients to discover their talents, assess abilities, improve their quality of life help them become their best selves and create opportunities for them in the community.

Grant Amount: \$90,000

Biosphere Institute of the Bow Valley: Expanding a Culture of Responsible Recreation in the Bow Valley

This initiative will enhance human-wildlife coexistence in the Bow Valley by expanding the WildSmart Community Program to a regional recreation audience, and by engaging local trail user groups directly in coexistence solutions.

Grant Amount: \$48,183

Calgary Seniors' Resource Society: Engaging Seniors in Civil Society

The primary purpose of this project is to engage hundreds of seniors in becoming meaningfully involved in volunteering with the non-profit sector in Calgary, utilizing their time, talent and resources. The workshops are designed to inform, connect and encourage seniors in, or near, retirement.

Grant Amount: \$52,500

Chinook Country Historical Society: CCHS Historical Mobile Application

We will create a mobile app which will map an initial ten historic sites in Calgary. We will also produce content consisting of filmed, oral history interviews with individuals connected to the sites, as well as relevant archival material.

Grant Amount: \$35,000

Design Talks Institute: Under Eighteen and over Seventy: Community Connection Workshop

The workshop series connects the edges of Calgary's population in terms of age: teenagers and seniors, under the lens of movement and social cohesion. It supports youth and seniors with the knowledge of how to become more civically-engaged and to feel more connected to their city.

Grant Amount: \$22,000



Greater Forest Lawn +55 Society (The): GFLS Men's Shed

GFLS55+ would like to implement a Men's Shed. Men's Sheds are welcoming, supportive places to find companionship with the primary purpose of supporting and enhancing the well-being of men. We want to build a sense of community & connection for the men in Greater Forest Lawn and surrounding areas.

Grant Amount: \$13,017

Handsome Alice Theatre Foundation: Uprooted - New Canadians Storytelling Workshop

The Uprooted - New Canadians Storytelling Workshop is a community program bringing newcomers together to developing new networks, access mentorship and explore performance and public speaking skills, approached through theatre and storytelling practices.

Grant Amount: \$14,000

Immigrant Education Society: Language Brokering Initiative

This initiative will use workshops and training to equip immigrant parents & youth with skills to mitigate the negative effects of Language Brokering (LB) & maximize the educational benefits. LB is when non-English speaking parents utilize their children as interpreters in complex life situations.

Grant Amount: \$96,363

Handi-Boat Society of Alberta: Dock and Gangway Project

We are building a new dock and gangway at the Ghost Lake Reservoir to allow safer access for disabled and wheel chair clients and to allow us to operate for the full season. We are unable to meet demand as flood mitigation at the Reservoir since 2014 has significantly shortened our season.

Grant Amount: \$60,000

Hospice Calgary Society: Expand Children's Grief Centre with technology-enhanced youth grief support & professional education

Expand using new technologies for chat & text services to increase therapeutic support for families unable to travel to our offices located in south east Calgary. With webinar & videolink capabilities we will increase our educational reach & build capacity across professional communities.

Grant Amount: \$107,600

JUMP Math: The Multiplying Potential Project

The Multiplying Potential Project will enhance effective use of JUMP Math resources in conjunction with Math Minds' free, online PD course (University of Calgary), in order to reach more Calgary area educators and support their confidence and skills in teaching math.

Grant Amount: \$60,000



Momentum Community Economic Development

Society: Indigenous Engagement

Momentum intends to expand on its current Indigenous Engagement Strategy through consultations with urban Indigenous partner agencies, Treaty 7 Nations and Elders. This engagement will help foster new Indigenous community relationships and the activation of financial empowerment programs.

Grant Amount: \$75,000

Parks Foundation Calgary: Bike Skills Park

The Bike Skills Park will be a first of its kind, outdoor asphalt paved bike park that will provide a dedicated space to build and improve bike skills. The project will be located in South Glenmore Park and is designed with tracks and flow trails for a biking experience for a variety of abilities.

Grant Amount: \$35,000

Rockies Institute (The): Building Climate Change Resilience in Piikani Nation & Scaling-up Knowledge on Adaptation in Treaty 7 Communities

This initiative will build resilience in Southern Alberta Indigenous communities by addressing knowledge gaps in adaptation strategies and strengthening partnerships across the region. Activities will bring multiple partners together to develop community-relevant approaches to adaptation.

Grant Amount: \$93,500

Society for Treatment of Autism (Calgary Region): Mental Health Across the Autism Spectrum

The Mental Health Across the Autism Spectrum (ASD) initiative provides accessible and individualized mental health counselling services to individuals with ASD. Services address the combined impact of ASD symptomology and mental health on individuals' functioning and community participation.

Parks Foundation Calgary: Flyover Park

The Bridgeland Riverside Community Association is partnering with Parks Foundation Calgary to build an award-winning, innovative park that will create a dynamic space for Calgarians. The new park will transform a forgotten space under and beside the 4th Avenue Flyover Bridge.

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Prospect Human Services Society: Career Links: Employment Service for Youth with Barriers

We know how difficult it is for youth to secure employment, it's even harder for youth with disabilities. Our service will connect youth to their first job ensuring equal employment opportunities and career trajectory as their peers without disabilities.

Grant Amount: \$160,000

Rocky Mountain Adaptive Sports Centre: Barrier Free Bow Valley

Outreach and develop new relationships with disability organizations, new immigrant and indigenous communities, service agencies, education and health care professionals, volunteers, citizens, community partners, and supporters to remove barriers to mountain sports and recreational activities.

Grant Amount: \$70,995

Soup Sisters and Broth Brothers Society: Chicken Noodle Day

Soup Sisters grassroots program Chicken Noodle Lunch Day is a unique approach to impacting food insecurity for school-- aged children in low--income areas who receive a warm and nutritious meal when they otherwise may not have access to one.



Grant Amount: \$97,697

Start2Finish Canada: Junior Coach Leadership Development Program - Pilot

Start2Finish will further our mission to reduce child poverty in Calgary by piloting our official Junior Coach Leadership Development Program, equipping 20-30 youth in their "transition years" (grades 5-10) to become leaders in their community, and impacting another 240 children they will mentor.

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Town of Cochrane: Age Friendly Cochrane

We will work to develop a strong collaborative table whose mandate will be to identify the factors that contribute to healthy and active aging and enhance opportunities to fully participate in community life. Our vision is a community where people of all ages and abilities feel included and valued.

Grant Amount: \$30,000

Altalma Foundation (formerly Wentworth Africa Foundation): Indigenous Water Project - Chiniki Nation

The Chiniki First Nations Water Pilot Project aims to increase the Chiniki People's access to clean water, with supporting infrastructure, and education around water. We see ourselves as a catalyst and connector to support and complement the work of our Chiniki representatives.

Grant Amount: \$65,000

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Stoney Nakoda Nations: Restart of the Indian Ecumenical Conference

The Stoney Nakoda Nation, proposes to hold the Indian Ecumenical Conference, at Stoney Indian Park, for a period of four years, beginning on July 20 - 23, 2020. The conference will provide cultural space for Indigenous participants to learn about Indigenous spirituality and healing.

Grant Amount: \$250,000

Tsuut'ina Nation: Tsuut'ina Language and Culture Committee Pilot Project

The Tsuut'ina Nation would like to run a pilot project preserve the three dialects of the Tsuut'ina Language. There are 27 known fluent speakers remaining with the youngest being approximately 70 years old and if nothing is done the true form of the language is could be lost.

Grant Amount: \$250,000

Wordfest: Wordfest Indigenous Voices Youth Programming

Wordfest will bring Canada's leading Indigenous authors to Calgary for conversations and insights about reconciliation for students in Gr 5 -12, at no cost to the students or schools. These theatrically produced experiences complement the national push to include Indigenous authors in the curriculum

Grant Amount: \$50,000



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Strengthen Charities supports initiatives that:

- Conduct strategic activities that expand an Organization's reach, share experiences or sustain impact
- Evaluate the effectiveness of an organization, programs, or services
- Invest in tools, technology and specialized equipment that are essential for effective work or for meaningful community

Calgary Board of Education: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Into Classrooms

This initiative is designed to impact teacher practice by utilizing Indigenous knowledge and teaching methods in the classroom. Indigenous and non-Indigenous students will have the opportunity to learning from and with Elders, knowledge keepers, families members and community.

Grant Amount: \$75,000

Calgary Homeless Foundation: Collaborative for Health and Home: Ethics Framework for Information Sharing

Develop an ethics framework for information sharing through defining shared values and goals, which will be co-developed with sector stakeholders (agencies, clients, etc).

Grant Amount: \$57,500

Calgary Science Centre Society: TELUS Spark-Indigenous Reconciliation Capacity Building

Calgary's science centre is embarking on a major renovation and refresh over the next three years. In order to build Indigenous Ways of Knowing into the new built environment and program offerings, TELUS Spark is creating a three-year position for an Indigenous education leader.

Grant Amount: \$134,050

Calgary DM St. Gabriel EOTC Church: Ethio/Eritrea Future Generation Community Hall Initiative

St. Gabriel Ethiopian is renovating and expanding a large community hall to support the psychological and social well-being of the community. The hall will offer the community a place to congregate for support, exchange information, build natural supports and interact with neighbors.

Grant Amount: \$120,000

Calgary Pro Musica Society: Community Engagement & Operations Coordinator

Calgary Pro Musica will undertake a two-year capacity building project, piloting a new full-time position of Community Engagement and Operations Coordinator to reinvigorate the Society's focus on community outreach, engagement, audience development and operational excellence.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Canadian National Institute for the Blind: Community Education Through Ambassadorship

Sustained by trained CNIB Ambassadors, this cost-effective, community engagement and education program will deliver information sessions to Calgarians of all ages and backgrounds, on eye health and eye conditions in addition to introducing services and programs offered by CNIB Foundation.

Grant Amount: \$40,521



Catholic Family Service of Calgary: Fathers Moving Forward

Fathers Moving Forward is a program for young fathers aimed at preventing child abuse/neglect and intimate partner violence by improving parenting and co-parenting skills, and improving fathers' human capital (i.e. education/employment).

Grant Amount: \$60,000

Classroom Champions: Siksika Nation Health and Education Guiding the Classroom Champions Circle Program

Classroom Champions and Siksika Nation will partner to develop a health and education intervention based on Blackfoot values in phase 1 of a 3 phase project. Our goal is to develop an effective intervention which can later help schools across Alberta and Canada.

Grant Amount: \$74,000

Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Canada – Alberta and Northwest Territories Division (The): The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - Growing Community Engagement Through Partnerships

We want to increase our capacity to engage youth in the Award through an effective community engagement model. We will create and test a framework to offer the Award experience in partnership with corporations, not-for-profits and government agencies interested in youth development.

Grant Amount: \$33,000

Centre for Newcomers Society of Calgary: Moving Forward on Collaboration – Examining the Feasibility for Shared Spaces

Building on extensive community engagement on models of collaboration, the project will examine the feasibility of shared spaces among AHF's communities, including the option for a common facility. The project will also develop strategies on collaborative programming in these shared spaces.

Grant Amount: \$70,000

CommunityWise Resource Centre: Technology upgrades for nonprofit capacity building

CommunityWise will undertake IT infrastructure upgrades to our network, procure updated hardware for our community spaces, and pilot a service desk subscription in order to: 1) support and enable the work of the 85 nonprofits we serve and 2) establish a solid foundation for future IT improvements.

Grant Amount: \$63,175

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church: Kitchen Upgrade Project

We need to upgrade our kitchen to meet the most recent City of Calgary requirements for the full range of cooking options. Sharing food and meals together is important to our community building process and is also used by several diverse, outside organizations to serve their communities.

Grant Amount: \$60,000



Father Lacombe Care Foundation: Residents Bus

A customized accessible bus to ensure all our residents have the opportunity to remain connected and engaged in their community through outings within the city, and out into the countryside and mountains.

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Kerby Assembly: Digital Information Access For Today's Seniors And Their Families

When changes happen in the life of a senior, they can be quite sudden. Kerby Centre has seen significant growth in the digital needs of Calgary's seniors and their families. Improvements to our digital presence would enable access to vital information, even from a world away.

Grant Amount: \$24,000

Lunchbox Theatre: Staff and Board Fundraising Consulting and Development

To assess, strengthen, and expand Lunchbox Theatre's skills as a fundraising charity at the staff and board level.

Grant Amount: \$48,000

Museum of the Highwood: Website Overhaul

The Museum of the Highwood website is not user friendly and many aspects cannot be changed. The tourist, donor, member, program participant, and staff are not being served well. It needs to be redesigned and implemented on a new platform so it can be more easily utilized and a valuable resource.

Grant Amount: \$5,500

Green Fools Theatre Society: Implementation of Technology Helps Digital Roadmap for Green Fools

To implement the recommendations from the roadmap Technology Helps provided after their review of our technology usage and challenges associated with the current operations, outlining the means to better meet the current and projected demands.

Grant Amount: \$36,704

Lougheed House Conservation Society: Beaulieu Gardens at Lougheed House- Revitalization Project for the Community.

Lougheed House serves 80,000 Calgarians annually. Our 3 acre formal gardens are maintained by 35 volunteer gardeners. Our project will expand our volunteer program, redesign aspects of the Gardens and public signage, and enhance programs to ensure this park is a safe and accessible community space.

Grant Amount: \$81,890

McDougall Stoney Mission Society: Restoration of the McDougall Memorial United Church

The McDougall Memorial United Church is a provincial historic site that was burned down in 2017. The province approved the restoration of this iconic site earlier this year, and this project will complete the restoration of this iconic building.

Grant Amount: \$134,086

Rocky Mountain Symphony Society: Orchestral Percussion Equipment for Touring & Education/Outreach Program

Now in our 4th year, the Orchestra is in need of high quality percussion equipment that can handle the rigours of touring and the high use needs of our education programming.

Grant Amount: \$60,000



Siksika Nation: Siksika N7 Youth Meeting Room

To create a more functional meeting space for Siksika N7 Youth group.

Grant Amount: \$30,000

The Road Ahead Society: Future Planning Resources for Our Family Members with a Disability: Rebranding our PLAN

The Road Ahead Society has been supporting families in Calgary for 19 years. With a new strategic direction focusing on enhanced support for families and their loved one with a disability, our organization needs to rebrand to better articulate our vision and focus to community and families.

Grant Amount: \$19,125

Syn.ap.tic: Spinal Cord Injury and Neuro Rehabilitation Centre: Implementing fall prevention and neurological assessment technologies for at-risk patients

Synaptic seeks to acquire the Hunova robotic system for delivering cutting edge, evidence-based physiotherapy. A wide patient population can benefit from this device for neurological rehabilitation, fall risk and prevention, concussion, and other mild-to-moderate traumatic brain injuries.

Grant Amount: \$75,000

Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative: Increasing skills and effectiveness of Y2Y staff to engage with and support Indigenous Peoples

Building on substantial and ongoing work at the organizational level, Y2Y will increase its specific skills and effectiveness in engaging with Treaty 7 and Métis communities, and explore how we can support priorities within a shared vision for the land and wildlife.

Grant Amount: \$80,000