



Community Grants Spring 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 population

Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary: Addictions and Continuing Cultural Supports

The Addictions and Cultural Continuing Supports Program will use culturally appropriate resources to engage, support and inform our Aboriginal community about opioid addiction.

Grant Amount: \$200,000

Bow River Basin Council: Elbow River State of the Watershed project

The Elbow River State of the Watershed (SOW) project will engage partners, stakeholders and residents of the watershed in the development of a SOW report to provide the baseline for future work towards a Watershed Management Plan and its implementation.

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Calgary Cerebral Palsy Association: Community Engagement-Creating an Inclusive Volunteer Experience

This initiative will ensure that Cerebral Palsy Kids & Families develop an online volunteer portal, create opportunities to engage the Calgary Community within their Adapted Bike Program, and develop volunteer opportunities for their members to meet the demands of a growing CP Community

Grant Amount: \$28,374

ALUS Canada: Expanding ALUS into Rocky View, Wheatland and Foothills Counties

This project will establish three new ALUS programs in the Calgary region to support the production of ecological goods and services on private agricultural lands surrounding the City of Calgary, including improved water quality, flood and drought resilience, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity.

Grant Amount: \$90,000

Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills: Youth Programs - Eden Valley

Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills will go on a journey together with the children, youth and community of the Stoney Nakoda Bearspaw Nation. They will learn from each other and build trust and a lasting relationship of working together for the success of children and youth.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Calgary Immigrant Women's Association: Pursuit of Happiness for Immigrant Retirees Project

The initiative engages retired immigrants to co-create an educational & experiential model customized to their needs. Using an intersectional asset based approach, CIWA will identify inclusive programming that supports resiliency & creates a sustainable solution to social participation in retirement.

Grant Amount: \$149,137



Calgary Youth Justice Society: Best of In the Lead

Best of In the Lead is a new partnership between Best of Calgary and In the Lead, a strength based leadership development program designed to build resilience in vulnerable youth. Youth participants are paired with volunteer mentors from Best of Calgary cohorts to provide support and encouragement.

Grant Amount: \$45,000

Confederation Park 55+ Activity Centre: Men's Shed

Men's Sheds are modern, shared versions of the home workshops. Men's Sheds are inclusive, welcoming, supportive places for friendship and fun that provide opportunities for men to socialize, take part in activities, and learn something new.

Grant Amount: \$13,215

Elizabeth Fry Society of Calgary: Indigenous Legal Advocacy

Indigenous Legal Advocacy (Regional Courts) - Reducing the impact of the justice system on Indigenous peoples through advocacy and supports related to improved access to legal resources and information.

Grant Amount: \$99,919

Churchill Park Family Care Society: Expanding Community Access to Quality Child Care

Kid@ Churchill Park has been a leader in offering Early Child Care and Learning and will open a 7th location in the Kahanoff Centre to proudly serve and provide child care and early childhood education to the not-for-profit and charitable community and the larger community they serve.

Grant Amount: \$200,000

Connect Charter School Society: Social Problem Solving through Design and Computational Thinking

This joint Tsuut'ina Education and Connect Charter School initiative will allow their students and communities to address social issues they both face, such as mental health, anxiety and bullying. The partnership of this work enables their two communities to move together on the path of Reconciliation.

Grant Amount: \$105,583

Epilepsy Association of Calgary: Community Education Program

The Epilepsy Association of Calgary will implement a Community Education and Volunteer Program to promote and enhance epilepsy awareness in support of the estimated 20,000 Calgarians living with epilepsy, as well as those affected, such as family, friends, peers and others.

Grant Amount: \$29,400



EthioCare: Mental Health Matters

To increase quality of life of the community by providing education and engagement around the topic of mental health and well-being. The primary objective is to reduce stigma, increase awareness and encourage help seeking behaviors in the Ethiopian and Eritrean communities in Calgary.

Grant Amount: \$69,180

Impact Society for Children & Families in Turmoil: Heroes at Home Enhancement and Expansion Project

This interactive program guides parents and caregivers to build a foundation of confidence, character, and integrity in themselves and those in their care. Studies show that with positive foundational support, youth are better able to recognize, appreciate, and use their strengths in positive ways.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Oldman Watershed Council: A Journey Towards Reconciliation

The Oldman Watershed Council aims to be a welcoming, inclusive place for Indigenous people. They will begin our reconciliation journey by building relationships through on the ground environmental assessment projects, as they work towards integrating Indigenous knowledge and tradition into their organization.

Grant Amount: \$59,500

Friends of Kananaskis Country Cooperating

Association: Kananaskis Public Land Trail Planning and Maintenance

In partnership with Alberta Environment and Parks this initiative will improve recreation trail conditions in the Kananaskis Country Public Land Use Zone by providing the service of surveying trail conditions, creating maintenance work plans and engaging volunteers in maintaining trails.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Industrial Areas Foundation Canada: Community Organizing for Mental Health

This initiative will gather leaders from the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good's 23 member organizations and equip them to use a community organizing approach to unite and mobilize their largely untapped shared capacity to address mental health issues in our community.

Grant Amount: \$60,140

Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development:

Depolarizing the energy future conversation in Calgary's community

Building on their past successes and responding to demand for tools and guidelines that foster healthier conversations and collaboration around Alberta's energy future, they will enhance their New Energy Economy website with Calgary-specific content, and apply findings from their Alberta Narratives Project.

Grant Amount: \$75,000



Southern Alberta Institute of Technology: Exploratory Programs

Exploratory Programs help vulnerable high school students in grades 11 and 12 who are at-risk of not graduating, earn high school credit while developing foundational skills giving them a pathway to a future career.

Grant Amount: \$80,000

Turner Valley Oilfield Society (The): GIS-Based Story Map of the Turner Valley Oilfield and Associated Region

TVOS will produce a dynamic, interactive, geo-referenced map with inserted digital photos and descriptions of historic people, places, and events of the Oilfield region (think of pins on Google Earth) to be accessible on computers and smart phones enabling users to take virtual tours of the area.

Grant Amount: \$40,000

Wild Rose Community Connections: Wild Rose Food Connections

Wild Rose Food Connections aims to help alleviate the effects of poverty, enhance community resources and address gaps related to food security. The mission is to increase access to healthy food in a manner that maintains dignity, builds community and promotes equitable access to healthy food.

Grant Amount: \$90,630

Sunrise Healing Lodge Society: Land Acquisition Coordination for the Indigenous Gathering Place (IGP)

The goal of this grant is to contract Aaron Aubin Consulting to: 1) continue to consult on the collaboration and planning with the City of Calgary on land acquisition, zoning & approval processes for the IGP; 2) help with the initial stages of securing architecture & engineering expertise.

Grant Amount: \$60,000

University of Calgary: Engaging Parents to Prevent Teen Dating Violence and Promote Healthy Youth Relationships

Promoting healthy youth relationships is critical to preventing teen dating violence. Shift will work with community organizations to develop and test innovative ways that cultivate parents' knowledge and skills to help their kids have healthy relationships.

Grant Amount: \$75,000



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

Accessible Housing Society: HR Efficiency & Compliance Improvements

Improvements to Accessible Housing's digital human resources systems will result in greater efficiency and accuracy for Accessible Housing's team, resulting in a stronger and more sustainable organization overall.

Grant Amount: \$25,169

Banff Sport Medicine Foundation: Banff Sport Medicine Foundation Capital Campaign Planning

BSMF will hire a consulting firm with capital campaign experience to assist the board to develop a capital campaign plan. This will position the organization to successfully launch a future capital campaign to build a world-class orthopedic sport-medicine research, education and clinical facility.

Grant Amount: \$36,000

Brenda Strafford Society for the Prevention of Family Violence: Best Practice through Program Design: A Revision of Program Evaluative Tools

Brenda Strafford Centre staff will leverage the expertise of internal staff and external consultants to enhance existing programs at the Centre. This will result in better quality programming for the women and children who call the Centre their home.

Grant Amount: \$38,000

Aspen Family and Community Network Society: Developing an Advancing Practice Team

Aspen will develop a team that integrates data, evaluation, knowledge and clinical practice to effectively and consistently advance service delivery. In doing so, we will provide individuals and families the best possible opportunity to achieve their goals and enhance their lives.

Grant Amount: \$160,000

Bishop O'Byrne Housing Association: Organizational Rebranding

Bishop O'Byrne Housing Assoc. (BOBHA) has been providing affordable housing in Calgary for over 40 years. With changes in community needs & the natural evolution of an innovative organization, they have identified the need to re-brand, to clearly articulate our purpose & value to the community.

Grant Amount: \$62,000

Calgary Centre for Performing Arts o/a Arts Commons: IT Infrastructure Upgrades

Arts Commons will implement IT infrastructure upgrades to its server and document storage systems, to reduce risk of technology failure and increase organizational capacity.

Grant Amount: \$55,000



Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank Society: Improve client health outcomes through increased availability of recovered fresh food

Good, fresh food is going to waste. Safe food handling is mandatory to redirect and manage large volumes of rescued fresh food. Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank will build a processing area through significant warehouse renovations to dramatically increase the the volume of fresh food distribution toward overall client health.

Grant Amount: \$150,000

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Calgary Region Society: Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) on Demand

Because of a critical shortage of certified American Sign Language Interpreters and the increasing demand from service providers, Deaf & Hear Alberta will develop and launch a comprehensive Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) on demand service and a standards of practice protocol and manual.

Grant Amount: \$75,000

Kids Up Front Foundation (Calgary): Impact and Outcomes Report

Kids Up Front, as part of their current strategic plan, will invest in an outcomes and impact report as they look forward to celebrating 20 successful years in operation. Their grassroots organization has never had a professional research and evaluation project completed in their history.

Grant Amount: \$15,000

Canadian Cattlemen's Foundation: Canadian Cattlemen's Foundation Capacity Building Project

This project will grow the Canadian Cattlemen's Foundation's capacity to attract philanthropic support to strategic initiatives that enhance their sector's leadership role as an important economic driver and valued contributor to Calgary and area's rich western heritage legacy.

Grant Amount: \$32,500

Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta Society: Measuring Outcomes for Habitat partner families

Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta will undertake a project which will include a program design component and outcomes measurement plan to establish clear and attributable outcome measures enabling staff to better capture family impact in their homeownership program.

Grant Amount: \$34,130

Leftovers Foundation: Rescue Food Increasing Food Access

The Leftovers Foundation works with local restaurants, bakeries, and grocers to ensure good food is kept out of landfill and instead redirects it to service agencies who need it most. With over 800 dedicated volunteers, this equates to an average of 4000 lbs of perfectly edible food rescued each week.

Grant Amount: \$50,000



McMan Youth, Family and Community Services

Association: Technology Capacity Building

McMan's initiative is for capacity building around technology. Their agency is looking to enhance employee safety, e-learning, client engagement and public awareness about our work. These four components will all be achieved through advancement of our use of technology.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Sunrise Community Link Resource Centre Society:

From Collaboration, to Partnerships and Beyond: Achieving Deeper Impact through Merger

This initiative aims to scope, plan, and implement a full integration of the work carried out by Sunrise Community Resource Link and BowWest Community Resource Centre. This merger will deepen and sustain the impact of the support both organizations provide families and individuals living in poverty.

Grant Amount: \$114,450

Untitled Art Society: Revitalizing the Untitled Art Society Studios

UAS is requesting funds to renovate our studios to allow them to continue to provide functional, subsidized working space for artists. Renovated studio space would allow UAS to more effectively engage Calgarians with art through workshops, and providing meeting and working space to community groups.

Grant Amount: \$37,000

Women In Need Society of Calgary: MORE Partnership

The Women In Need Society (WINS) and Calgary Drop-In and Rehab Centre (DI) are coming together in a MORE partnership to better serve low income Calgarians in the war against poverty and homelessness.

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Parks Foundation Calgary: Quinterra Legacy Garden

The Quinterra Legacy group represents the five families who tragically lost their children at a house party in Brentwood on April 15, 2014. The intent for the space will be to provide a vibrant, happy, creative and inclusive place for families to gather, enjoy, reflect, and heal for years to come

Grant Amount: \$60,000

The Children's Link Society: The Children's Link Development Plan

A leadership development plan to assess their current fundraising opportunities and challenges and to develop a strong revenue development plan including a case for support. An additional and necessary portion of the initiative is to inform the development of the organization's strategy.

Grant Amount: \$40,000

Volunteer Centre of Calgary o/a Propellus: Building Simple Volunteer Engagement Software

Propellus is building on the success of the VolunteerConnector as a recruitment tool for volunteers by building volunteer engagement features that will improve their experience.

Grant Amount: \$50,000



Women's Centre of Calgary: Website Redevelopment and Communications Rebrand

The development of a refreshed, easy to navigate website for the Women's Centre that is mobile responsive, includes the co-creation of video components that capture the inclusive environment and overall impact of the Centre. Project includes overall brand development to enhance Centre recognition.

Grant Amount: \$60,615

Young Women's Christian Association of Banff: YWCA Banff: Strategic Planning for a Thriving Future

YWCA Banff is embarking on a major strategic planning and organizational growth initiative beginning in June 2019. This project will support their leadership team with developing their organizational capacity to ensure a sustainable expansion to their operation over the next five years.

Grant Amount: \$73,000