



Community Grants Fall 2016

Engage Citizens supports Program Names 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

Alberta College of Art & Design: Educating the next generation for an art enabled life.

To produce a learning package for youth (implemented through the Calgary Board of Education school curriculum) that uses video interviews with Calgary artists that promotes the creative life and its capacity to enhance overall quality of life.

Grant Amount: \$52,000

Association of the Inside Out Integrated Theatre Project: Building a model of Inclusive Design

Inside Out is producing its first fully professional play created by and starring artists with disabilities. Through this production Inside Out will develop models, best practices, and systems that make theatre exceptionally healthy and accessible for both artists and audiences.

Grant Amount: \$20,000

Biosphere Institute of the Bow Valley: Next Steps Cafés

A series of interactive, drop-in Cafés that expand on our highly successful Small Steps campaign. Cafés will feature industry experts and personal testimonies from community members themed around taking sustainable actions e.g. solar panels, waste reduction, energy and water conservation.

Grant Amount: \$21,500

Alberta Recreation and Parks Association: Learning Together: Recreation and Parks Conferences in Treaty 7

This initiative aims to increase Indigenous participation at the ground-breaking Canadian Parks Conference in Banff as well as at the ARPA Recreation and Parks Conference and Energize Workshop in Lake Louise. The goal is collaboration with Treaty 7 and Calgary's urban Indigenous communities.

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Back to School Project Foundation: First Nations In-School Mentorship Initiative Powered by Classroom Champions

This initiative will provide aspirational Indigenous athlete mentors to Calgary area First Nations schools for the 2017-18 school year. Tailored to student needs and community culture, inspirational role models and teacher capacity-building will improve attendance, academic outcomes, community relationships, and social-emotional skills.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Bow Valley College: Centre for Early Childhood Development

Healthy social-emotional development of children is critical to lifelong mental health and overall well-being, so this initiative enhances and strategically expands training for early childhood educators around their very significant related role, particularly with Indigenous and marginalized families.

Grant Amount: \$225,000



Boys' & Girls' Clubs of Calgary: Social Emotional Learning (SEL)-Second Step curriculum

We are investing in the Second Step curriculum and the DESSA-SSE outcome measurement tool so that we can incorporate Social and Emotional Learning competencies into all of our club programs and measure the impact on the more than 300 children and youth we serve annually.

Grant Amount: \$15,000

Calgary Centre for Global Community: The Illusory Box

An art exhibit featuring live performance art alongside an original abstract film and photography display, creating a viewing experience that demonstrates how the labels we ascribe to ourselves and others, can impact our ability to connect with and understand each other and to fully be ourselves, and allow others to fully be themselves.

Grant Amount: \$19,320

Calgary John Howard Society: Working Better, Together with Indigenous Persons

Through this initiative, staff members of The Calgary John Howard Society will learn how to provide programs and services based on Indigenous culture, history and traditions; thus becoming more skilled to help our Indigenous clients to live productive, crime-free lives.

Grant Amount: \$44,750

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society: Diversity, Gender, and Family Enhancement Program

CCIS is partnering with Calgary Sexual Health Centre (CSHC) to establish a program with the ultimate goal of leveraging existing resources and identifying gaps towards the natural supports required for immigrant families to develop and accept culturally appropriate sexual and gender identities in safe and inclusive spaces.

Grant Amount: \$42,000

Calgary Health Trust: Music Therapy Program Expansion at Carewest Continuing Care Centres

Calgary Health Trust received a donation for Carewest care centers directed to the expansion of the Music Therapy program for +65 residents suffering from cognitive impairments. CHT is looking for to extend the Music Therapy program to its younger residents.

Grant Amount: \$40,000

Calgary Legal Guidance Society: Sahwoo Mohkaak Tsi Ma Taas: Before Being Judged Indigenous Access to Justice

Indigenous people experiencing poverty access justice, experience healing, well-being, and increasingly positive interactions within the legal system, as CLG partners with others including Elders and traditional knowledge keepers, to provide culturally respectful and informed services, training for lawyers, public legal education, outreach, advocacy and legal advice/representation

Grant Amount: \$120,000



Calgary Outlink: Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity: MAIA LGBT New Canadians Resiliency Project

This project aims to strengthen LGBTQ New Canadians' resiliency and avoid challenges associated with being LGBTQ and new to Canada. It facilitates belonging with Calgary's LGBTQ community; engagement with immigrant serving organizations; and creates successful integration into the Calgary Community.

Grant Amount: \$106,000

Ducks Unlimited Canada: Interactive Educational Experience in a Calgary Marsh

To create a publically accessible, interactive educational outdoor experience to entice Calgarians to explore and discovery all that nature has to offer.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Seeds Connections: Inspiring Change Through Indigenous Youth Engagement and Education

Engaging a greater percentage of Calgary and area Indigenous high school youth with non-Indigenous youth in a meaningful, experiential learning environment, the CONNECTIONS™ Program, will increase Aboriginal understanding and create positive inter-personal relationships and change for all participants.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

University of Calgary - Development Office: Sustainable Management of the Cross Conservation Area

University of Calgary students and faculty will provide baseline knowledge of the Cross Conservation Area's historic and current ecological status to facilitate and guide the Cross' restoration and management.

Grant Amount: \$120,000

Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter Association: Masculinity and Fatherhood in Family Violence

We will create new and re-design our existing preventative programming for perpetrators of family violence and abuse by incorporating the most up-to-date theories on masculinity and fatherhood and the impact they have on modern relationships with the aim to reduce family violence and abuse.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

Providence Child Development Society: Professional Development for Child Care Program Caregivers – Pilot Project

Providence will develop four seminars for child care programs and staff, and test one by delivering it four times. Seminars will provide functional, easily implemented supports, strategies and resources to assist in the inclusion of children with extra needs into child care programs

Grant Amount: \$20,000

SHARP Foundation (Society Housing AIDS Restricted Persons): Transitional Support Worker

The purpose of the Transitional Support Coordinator is to utilize a wide range of activity and community based interventions and techniques to improve the physical, cognitive, emotional, social, and leisure needs of clients.

Grant Amount: \$44,000



Strengthen Charities supports Program Names 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
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Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary: Business Plan Development for an Indigenous Gathering Place (IGP)

To hire a Consultant to develop a business plan, including a campaign plan for the construction of an Indigenous Gathering Place (IGP) in Calgary.

Grant Amount: \$40,000

Alberta WaterPortal Society: What is in your Water? Keeping it clean?

Leveraging the online platform of the Alberta WaterPortal, this project is an educational and outreach initiative to build the public's understanding of what is in our water and what individuals and businesses can do to protect our water quality.

Grant Amount: \$45,000

Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations: Elevating Non-profit Leadership in Calgary

The future of the non-profit sector rests on the development of strong, emerging leaders who are prepared to take on leadership challenges. This unique, applied leadership development program will prepare these emerging leaders with the confidence and competence to lead the sector and provide high quality services.

Grant Amount: \$45,000

Adoption Options Alberta Ltd.: Engaging Community through Advanced Online Technology

We will develop a social-network website to engage members of the adoption community, providing birthparents (anyone considering adoption for their child) a secure and private portal to view digital profiles of pre-approved prospective adoptive parents in Alberta.

Grant Amount: \$18,000

Aspen Family and Community Network Society: Value-added Program Supports

Aspen has multiple data management practices that let us down and are time consuming. We aim to consolidate/automate processes, eliminate duplication and improve staff's ability to capture and share information to benefit people we serve, our staff and our stakeholders.

Grant Amount: \$110,000

Calgary Horticultural Society: Cultivating Calgary

Our goals are to review, refresh and formalize our programming, in a way that meets the needs of existing and new markets Create a three-year program and evaluation plan. Roll out and evaluate the program.

Grant Amount: \$56,300



Calgary Keys To Recovery Society: Unlock The Potential

We would like to design and implement an awareness campaign helping us to raise brand awareness, community profile and memory for our organization. Keys to Recovery is a grassroots agency with large scale impact – in order to create long term sustainability we need space to tell our story.

Grant Amount: \$30,000

Calgary Outlink: Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity: Calgary Pride Grassroots Transition Project

As a key service provider of the LGBTQ+ community Calgary Outlink will, in partnership with Calgary Pride, build service capacity within the larger LGBTQ+ community, professionalize annual Pride programming and actively explore the Pride Festival's tourism potential.

Grant Amount: \$30,000

Canadian Red Cross Society: Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) Volunteer Capacity Building Initiative

HELP Volunteer Capacity Building Initiative will develop, implement and facilitate the recruitment of 20 volunteers to train as client service supports and equipment technicians assisting people recuperating from injury or illness, supporting the needs of clients and stakeholders for long-term program sustainability.

Grant Amount: \$10,500

Glenbow-Alberta Institute: Strategic Planning at Glenbow

Work with professional consultants to develop an organizational business plan that includes a strategic plan update, business case, government relations strategy and marketing impact strategy.

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Calgary Opera Association: New Opera Centre at Stampede Youth Campus

The Calgary Opera Association will complete Phase 1 and 2 of the Development Plan for their new centre located at the Stampede Youth Campus.

Grant Amount: \$300,000

Calgary Reads (An Early Literacy Initiative) Society: First 2000 Days Network: Early Childhood Development Alignment Series

This investment will support intentional alignment of quality practices with Early Childhood Development organizations Calgary & Area through group learning sessions, peer-mentoring and one-on-one coaching thereby contributing increased collaboration in the sector and improved outcomes for children and families.

Grant Amount: \$190,000

Canlearn Society For Persons With Learning Difficulties: LD and ADHD Network of Calgary and Area Evaluation Framework

Our Collective Impact (CI) group has developed a strategy map with 9 priorities and formed action teams for the top 4 priorities. These teams have developed action plans. Now we require an evaluation framework to measure our collective impact in these areas.

Grant Amount: \$14,550

Greater Bragg Creek Trails Association: Ski Grooming Capital Equipment Enhancements

To augment our current cross country ski grooming equipment in order to reduce the workload on volunteers and provide greater resilience in the ski grooming operation, in order to help us meet the expectations of visitors to the West Bragg Creek Nordic ski area.

Grant Amount: \$13,300



Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta: Asset Management and Sustainability Project

Having acquired our greatest asset - Camp Kindle, we require a management system to inform us on facility condition and lifecycle replacement requirements which will aid in short term and long term strategic planning and keep camp in excellent condition.

Grant Amount: \$30,000

PolicyWise for Children & Families: Calgary Thrives/SAGE Collaborative Data Partnership

Discover meaningful indicators of poverty and predictors of social service need (beyond income) through innovative approaches to sharing and analyzing data in the non-profit sector. Formulate an action plan to test the collection and use of new indicator data.

Grant Amount: \$100,000

Making Changes Employment Association of Alberta: Employment and Life Skills (ELS) Program Evaluation and Redesign

The initiative is to complete a critical analysis of the existing curriculum in order to enhance and expand our the ELS program to better fit the needs of the community and participants.

Grant Amount: \$20,540

Sunrise Community Link Resource Centre Society: Collaboration Feasibility Project

Six Community Resource Centre's will together explore the opportunities to share resources and form a stronger alliance as a means to continue to enhance services and better meet the needs of the communities served by these resource centres.

Grant Amount: \$114,500