



## Community Grants Spring 2016

**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 initiatives that focus on the meaningful participation of marginalized populations

**Alberta Cancer Foundation:** Oncology and Sexuality, Intimacy & Survivorship – Multidisciplinary clinic

The OASIS project will address the current gap in service for many cancer patients and their partners facing sexual difficulties and concerns as a result of cancer treatment. A multi-disciplinary and multi-component service approach using best practices will be established to address these sensitive and important issues.

Grant Amount: \$100,000

**All One Sky Foundation:** Climate Resilience Knowledge Sharing in Treaty 7

In partnership with The Rockies Institute, this project will provide a mechanism for knowledge sharing within Treaty 7 Nations about climate change and pathways to climate resilient futures based on Phase I of the Building Climate Resilience in the Kainai First Nations pilot project.

Grant Amount: \$43,000

**Bridges Social Development:** Mentorship Initiative for Indigenous Youth

To develop, execute and refine a model of mentorship to facilitate a smooth transition for Indigenous youth who are transitioning to Calgary from First Nation communities in Treaty 7 Territory for post-secondary school, skills trainings, or employment.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

**Alberta Riparian Habitat Mgmt Soc o/a Cows & Fish:** From Street to Stream –Improved Riparian Management and Low Impact Development

We will involve residential homeowners and communities in low impact development and riparian buffer technique demonstrations and tours, sharing strategies that reduce flood impacts and improve riparian function and water quality. Workshops will build key skills in riparian policy, planning, and management.

Grant Amount: \$44,150

**Banff Centre:** Truth and Reconciliation Summit at The Banff Centre

This unique Summit will unite Indigenous and non-Indigenous citizens from the Bow Valley and surrounding areas including Calgary, to engage in meaningful discussion about reconciliation, and empower them to take action to achieve it in their lives, communities, and organizations.

Grant Amount: \$70,000

**Broad Minds Productions:** The inVISIBLE Project – an Artist and Community Collaboration

inVISIBLE is an arts-based gender-violence prevention initiative that joins female MRU students with professional theatre makers to develop a multidisciplinary performance that explores what it means to be human in the 21st century from a young female perspective.

Grant Amount: \$30,000



**Calgary Association for Peer Support Services for Abused Women:** No One Deserves to be Abused

Women from higher resourced demographic have a different experience of domestic violence and are underserved. Based on a literature review, environmental mapping and inclusion of women with lived experience, specialized services and entry points for these women will be developed.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

**Calgary Meals on Wheels:** Full Client Support Program

There are many who cannot afford our subsidized meal fees, as low as \$4.25 per day for two meals delivered. This program will accommodate individuals, on a short-term basis, and address the critical need to provide access to nutritious meals.

Grant Amount: \$95,000

**Calgary Sexual Health Centre Society:** Girl Talk: Inspiring Safe, Confident, Healthy Young Women

This program will provide girls with the information and skills they need to have healthy sexual relationships, positive self-image and personal autonomy to make decisions that impact their overall mental health and wellbeing.

Grant Amount: \$75,000

**Canadian Mental Health Association - Calgary Region:** Certified Peer Support Worker: An Education and Training Pilot for Alberta

Through piloting a comprehensive, value-based 110-hour education, training and mentorship/supervision program, our goal is to legitimize peer-knowledge (lived-experience), increase capacity and skills, create meaningful employment/volunteer opportunities, and improve addiction and mental health services by embedding individuals with lived experience.

**Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre Society:** Calgary Drop In School Program

To create a digital learning platform, in class curriculum and volunteer experience that will impact and educate young people at the crux of their development, influencing them to become engaged in their communities and social issues.

Grant Amount: \$54,500

**Calgary Reads (An Early Literacy Initiative) Society:** Calgary Reads' Book Access Initiative

Calgary Reads will expand its reach to get books into the hands of children who need them most. We will formalize partnerships with community agencies and the health sector to develop book distribution channels which best serve low income families.

Grant Amount: \$85,500

**Canadian Medical Foundation:** Ayaakksimokiwa Ksaahkomm: The Learning Grounds

The initiative embeds traditional Indigenous teachings into educational practice through a health-promoting lens within the City of Calgary and neighbouring First Nations school communities, ultimately creating pathways for future education systems-change guided by Indigenous teachings.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

**Catholic Family Service of Calgary:** Never Too Late Expansion

Never Too Late is a community-based high school equivalency (GED) program that has been successful in the Bowness area. In response to community need, this initiative will expand the program into the Eastside of Calgary.

Grant Amount: \$125,000



Grant Amount: \$50,000

**Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta:** Pilot Project: Mini Music and Movement

This pilot project will be offered for children with CP and other disabilities 12 and under. It is modeled after our highly successful Adult Music Therapy program, but expands on this initiative to provide networking and support for parents.

Grant Amount: \$26,080

**HomeFront Society for Prevention of Domestic Violence:** Management System (Frontline) Re-Development

Re-develop HomeFront's data system called Frontline to better manage complex client cases to maximize their safety as well as capture reliable data to increase system efficiencies and grow stakeholder support.

Grant Amount: \$60,000

**Miistakis Institute:** Call of the Wetland: citizens monitoring amphibians in an urban setting

Call of the Wetland is an amphibian monitoring program developed to enable Calgarians to participate in improving our knowledge about wetland health and biodiversity within the City. The program aims to build a community of citizens engaged in wetland protection and restoration

Grant Amount: \$29,400

**Prospect Human Services Society:** MESH

MESH is a collaboration of 5 Mental health, Employment, Substance abuse, and Housing agencies. Coordinated case management, specially-designed software, and peer support are utilized to provide extraordinary service to Calgarians with complex needs. MESH minimizes administration and maximizes benefit.

**Highbanks Independent Living for Parenting Youth Society:** Highbanks' Empowering Mothers – Developing Children

Highbanks is developing a program framework to steward young mothers to independence. Using the Life Wheel model we will integrate learning and development in 8 key areas: Education, Self Improvement, Wealth, Social Activity, Child Development, Intimate Relations, Health and Home.

Grant Amount: \$15,000

**Jack Long Foundation for Community Development:** East Village Ageing-In-Place Plan

Motivate and engage seniors and stakeholders in East Village to develop urgently needed affordable supported living options for local seniors who face financial & social challenges. This program is an expansion for JLF programs.

Grant Amount: \$28,340

**Potential Place Society:** Employment – Transitional, Supported and Independent

Transitional Employment provides members with part-time, entry-level employment opportunities and the ongoing support they may need to stay employed. We provide assistance for Supported or Independent Employment opportunities, as this also provides members the self-confidence to eventually obtain permanent employment.

Grant Amount: \$44,715

**Recovery Acres (Calgary) Society:** Women's Intensive Outpatient Co-occurring Disorders Treatment Program

Recovery Acres is piloting a women's addiction and co-occurring disorders out-patient treatment program that combines clinical psychological assessment, psychotherapy, and 12 step recovery principles. 33% of program capacity is dedicated to pro-bono treatment for economically



Grant Amount: \$95,697

**Scientists in School:** Igniting the Spark that will Last a Lifetime

Bring our hands-on, curriculum-enriching science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), and environmental classroom and community workshops to more Calgary students, particularly those in low-income neighborhoods.

Grant Amount: \$24,572

**University of Calgary - Garden Lofts:** Garden Lofts: Prefabricated Backyard Secondary Suites for Calgary Seniors

The Faculty of Environmental Design (EVDS) is working on affordable aging-in-place options for Calgary seniors through the design and testing of prefabricated garden lofts that can be leased and temporarily located in the backyard of a family member or friend.

Grant Amount: \$100,000

**Wildlife Conservation Society Canada:** Bison Restoration and Indigenous Voices

Increase Indigenous participation (youth, elders, and women) at a unique conference to be held in Banff that will advance cultural and ecological dimensions of bison and their importance to people and prairies and celebrate the second anniversary of the Buffalo Treaty.

Grant Amount: \$39,000

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Grant Amount: \$100,000

**Southwest Alberta Sustainable Community Initiative Centre:** Recovery Strategies for Disturbances to Native Grasslands in Calgary Area Watersheds

The Foothills Restoration Forum, a project of SASCI, is seeking meaningful critique and buy-in of the draft guidance document, "Recovery Strategies for Industrial Development on Native Grassland" in two workshop settings, one by Calgary region stakeholders, including the ranching community.

Grant Amount: \$14,320

**Variety - The Children's Charity of Alberta Assoc.:** Variety Park Accessibility Enhancement

Variety Park is a barrier free park, however new, exciting play equipment is now available to increase the inclusion and enjoyment of children with disabilities. This project will add wheelchair swings, wheelchair accessible picnic tables and an accessible sandbox.

Grant Amount: \$45,000

**Wood's Homes Society:** Whole Family Treatment Program Pilot Project Phase II

With a successful 8 month pilot project complete, we would like to build and grow this innovative program that delivers short-term and intensive treatment for families struggling with complex issues including mental illness, crisis management, parenting strategies and child development.

Grant Amount: \$90,000



**Wordfest:** Indigenous Voices Relationship Deepening

Wordfest seeks to offer all Calgarians deep, fresh and accessible opportunities to connect with Indigenous authors so that we can create a uniquely empathetic and sustainable path to belonging here, together, on the traditional lands of Treaty 7.

Grant Amount: \$50,000



**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
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**Aboriginal Friendship Centre obo Making Treaty 7:**  
Making Treaty 7 Annual Fall Production

Building on the success of its first two annual fall productions, MT7 wishes to revise and tighten the production, and in the fall of 2016, perform it for general audiences and schools and tour it to Southern Alberta.

Grant Amount: \$35,000

**Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion:** Interpreter Scheduling System/Database

The Canadian Center for Diversity and Inclusion, in partnership with Calgary Police Service and Alberta Health Services are developing a software system to manage a list of local interpreters that can be contracted to perform face-to-face interpretation and translation services.

Grant Amount: \$65,000

**Honens International Piano Competition Foundation:**  
Honens Leadership Transition

Honens is searching for a new President. New leadership will be supported through the onboarding process by executive coaching. After a period of integration, this will be followed by a facilitated strategic planning session to set an updated vision for the organization.

Grant Amount: \$35,500

**Association Canadienne Francaise de l'Aberta:**  
Community Infrastructure Development Project

The project seeks to enhance the availability of services offered to Calgary's Francophonie by identifying needs and available resources with the community and promoting its interests in order to maximize the use of available resources within community mobilization framework.

Grant Amount: \$50,000

**Green Fools Theatre Society:** Strategic Fund Development, Marketing, and Communications Plan

To hire Propellus consultant Pat Christie, to create a 3 year Strategic Fund Development Plan, GM Strategy to create a Marketing Plan, and Alchemy Communications to create a Communications Plan to assist in development of our social circus programs.

Grant Amount: \$31,515

**International Avenue Arts and Culture Centre:**  
Animating the Community Hub in Greater Forest Lawn:  
Phase I

IAACC will collaborate with ethnocultural and other community voices in Greater Forest Lawn (GFL) to animate a pop-up community hub with an arts-centred focus (festivals, etc). This is a step toward the future vision of a permanent community hub.

Grant Amount: \$67,500



**L'Arche Association of Calgary:** Social Return on Investment Study

A Social Return on Investment (SROI) study will be conducted using an outcomes based evaluation framework with the aim to increase our capacity to communicate the value we create.

Grant Amount: \$10,000

**Make-a-Wish Foundation of Southern Alberta:** Medical Outreach Campaign

Our Medical Outreach campaign will broaden our reach in the community, increase partnerships between ourselves and medical professionals as well as like-minded organizations and ultimately increase the number of children who will be granted wishes thus positively impacting our community

Grant Amount: \$38,000

**Punjabi Community Health Services:** Capacity Building for PCHS Calgary

PCHS will extend its culturally appropriate family support program to Calgary and bridge the gap for families not accessing mainstream services. The program encompasses three core concepts: It is family-centered, culturally sensitive and respects client's choice of time and setting.

Grant Amount: \$60,000

**Siksika Nation on behalf of Siksika Health Services:** Siksika Parenting Resource Manual

This project will create a culturally-based parenting manual rooted in the traditional teachings of the Siksika First Nation to: Preserve traditional parenting teachings and practices; Enhance capacity of staff team at Siksika Family Services; Provide a supportive resource to Siksika families

Grant Amount: \$100,000

**Luxton Museum Society:** Are You Curious? The Magic of Storytelling

With partners in art and digital technology, we will brand the Museum as the center for walking talking living historical objects. Immersive experiential art created by indigenous and non-indigenous peoples intends to evoke patrons' emotions and understanding of cultural stories.

Grant Amount: \$65,000

**Pathways Community Services Association:** Building Capacity for Truth and Reconciliation

Last December, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its Final Report, a pivotal moment in Canadian history. We will develop and share tools and knowledge to promote T&R understanding and enhance organizations' capacity to respond to the Calls to Action.

Grant Amount: \$80,000

**Quest Theatre Society:** Artist's in School Residency "Kid's Creation Club House" Design and Build

The Kid's Creation Club House will innovate our Artist's in School Residency program by upgrading the scenery, costumes, lighting and props to reflect the current need for schools to self direct the content and curriculum ties in a residency.

Grant Amount: \$30,000

**Turner Valley Oilfield Society:** Development of Organizational Readiness to position TVOS to Engage New Initiatives

The TVOS is building organizational capacity and updating its website to attract visitors to the TVGP historic site in order to provide energy literacy programming at the location of Western Canada's First Commercial Oil Discovery.

Grant Amount: \$30,000



**Universal Rehabilitation Service Agency:** Camp URSA  
Recharge

Camp URSA is a fully accessible camp for people with physical and mental disabilities. To sustain the camp, URSA must grow this facility as a social enterprise. All endeavors, while 1-time expenses increase our ability for financial sustainability and further reducing our need for financial assistance.

Grant Amount: \$17,912