

## First West Foundation

First West Foundation is proud to announce a grant release of \$503,500 to 42 charities across all regions.



Organization	Grant Amount
<p>United Way of BC, Ukraine settlement programs<sup>1</sup></p> <p><i>United Way British Columbia was invited by the provincial government to support the integration into local communities of displaced Ukrainian people seeking refuge in BC. In coordination with others, UWBC will provide a compassionate response for arriving Ukrainians through the United for Ukraine initiative as they become new neighbours.</i></p>	\$50,000

## Envision Financial Community Endowment

Organization	Grant Amount
<p>Surrey Hospital Foundation</p> <p><i>Recognition gift for our First West tour of the youth mental health clinic at Surrey memorial.</i></p>	\$2,500
<p>Kwantlen Polytechnic University Foundation</p> <p><i>In memory, a donation to the newly established Peter Podovnikoff Legacy Fund.</i></p>	\$5,000
<p>BeMorr Society Mental Health &amp; Suicide Awareness</p> <p><i>The Counselling Assistance Program helps those struggling with mental health and/or those impacted by suicide, to access counselling services in a timely manner</i></p>	\$5,000
<p>Mackie's Place</p> <p><i>Provides youth with purpose and dignity by offering employment skills, work experience and job placement opportunities</i></p>	\$10,000
<p>Ann Davis Transition Society</p> <p><i>Foods security for women's outreach program. Ann Davie's Transition Society is experiencing an all time low, lack of food resources to support their women and children.</i></p>	\$10,000
<p>BeaYOUtiful Foundation</p> <p><i>Ongoing six-week programs and pop-up workshops for girls ages of 8 to 14, aimed at promoting mental wellness, confidence building and media literacy.</i></p>	\$18,000
<p>M2W2 Association</p> <p><i>Providing support and accountability via a 12-month support program to 30 moderates to high-risk parolees in the community. Currently, 46% of our clientele identify as Indigenous.</i></p>	\$20,000
<p>Volunteer Cancer Drivers</p> <p><i>Provides complimentary, safe, reliable, transportation and peace of mind for Greater Vancouver and the Fraser Valley cancer patients who have no viable means of getting to and from their essential treatment.</i></p>	\$20,000

<sup>1</sup> All regional endowments contributed financial support to this grant

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Mission Hospice Society <i>Provides grief &amp; bereavement Counselling programs for adults, children &amp; youth.</i>	\$20,000
MOSIAC <i>Provides comprehensive services for refugees, immigrants, migrant workers, refugee claimants, international students, and Canadian citizens at multiple locations throughout British Columbia.</i>	\$20,000
SOS Children's Village BC <i>Providing family-based alternative care to children and youth with foster care experience. This includes support to youth, kids, and caregivers through residential services, program and support services, and wraparound care.</i>	\$20,000
Langley Meal's on Wheels <i>Has been helping people retain their independence in the comfort of their own home by delivering wholesome meals daily. Langley Meals on Wheels provides meal programs that include, Healthy Living Bags, Home from the Hospital and Langley Food and Friends.</i>	\$20,000
Fraser River Indigenous Society <i>Serving Urban Indigenous peoples of Maple Ridge providing support services to create a sense of belonging and space to connect and celebrate.</i>	\$20,000
SARA for Women <i>Operates 3 transition houses for women/children who are in crisis, escaping violence or at great risk of being homeless.</i>	\$20,000
Abbotsford Hospice Society <i>A partnership with the University of Fraser Valley, a dedicated team will research, design, and create an accredited hospice care curriculum. This course will educate, enhance, and support students and professionals in healthcare to grow and develop in their expertise in hospice care.</i>	\$25,000

Enderby Financial Community Endowment

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Enderby and District Community Resource Centre <i>Provides much needed supports and services to the community including outreach supports, food resources, community supports and parenting programs.</i>	\$15,000
Enderby and District Senior Citizens Complex <i>Provides seniors services and programs including Meals to Wheels, recreation and health and wellbeing services.</i>	\$10,000
A.L. Fortune Secondary School <i>Indigenous youth after school programming; participation is open to all students.</i>	\$5,000

## Island Savings Community Endowment

Organization	Grant Amount
<p>Fairfield Community Association</p> <p><i>We provide twice weekly food rescue distribution programs at no cost, twice monthly community dinners, weekly grocery store gift cards, a food pantry for people to take and donate non-perishable food and hygiene products, and a community freezer stocked with frozen, rescued food and protein, and act a distribution point for the Good Food Box.</i></p>	\$2,500
<p>BeaYOUtiful Foundation</p> <p><i>Ongoing six-week programs and pop-up workshops for girls ages of 8 to 14, aimed at promoting mental wellness, confidence building and media literacy.</i></p>	\$8,000
<p>Nanaimo Science &amp; Sustainability</p> <p><i>Invites families and people of all ages to visit parks, beaches greenspaces and learn about the environment, plants and animals and other natural surroundings in each location.</i></p>	\$10,000
<p>Silver Threads Service</p> <p><i>Senior Support program includes, Income Tax Preparations, LIFE Programs, Senior Mentoring, Food Share and Telephone Reassurance Program</i></p>	\$10,000
<p>The artsREACH Society</p> <p><i>First Nation After School Homework Club provides 60–90-minute workshops in public elementary schools identified as having a high percentage of vulnerable families in Sooke, Saanich and Victoria school districts.</i></p>	\$10,000
<p>Wisteria Community Association</p> <p><i>Prepares and delivers bagged lunches to 150+ homeless and low-income individuals in the downtown Nanaimo and beyond.</i></p>	\$10,000
<p>Seniors Serving Seniors Association</p> <p><i>Providing social support, encouragement and connections to community seniors living in the Victoria area.</i></p>	\$10,000
<p>BC Black History Awareness Society</p> <p><i>Is a learning centre to advance education and awareness through the promotion of Black History, culture, and identity</i></p>	\$10,000
<p>Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria</p> <p><i>From housing and education to employment services, ICA's Settlement Services help newcomers navigate and connect with important resources and support</i></p>	\$10,000

## Leaders Fund

Organization	Grant Amount
<p>Eldercare Foundation (Victoria)</p> <p><i>Education bursaries for healthcare staff seeking education to meet the emerging needs of care residents, most with increasingly complex needs.</i></p>	\$5,000
<p>Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning (Hope)</p> <p><i>Volunteer training as volunteer support is a major component of all the programs they deliver.</i></p>	\$10,000
<p>Okanagan Fruit Tree Project (Kelowna)</p> <p><i>Consultation to create financial policies and implement financial governance model</i></p>	\$10,000

## Valley First Community Endowment

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Vermilion Elementary School <i>Funding will be used to purchase school supplies and healthy snacks for the students that may not have access</i>	\$2,500
John Alison Elementary School <i>Funding will be used to purchase school supplies and healthy snacks for the students that may not have access</i>	\$2,500
Princeton Secondary School <i>Funding will be used to purchase school supplies and healthy snacks for the students that may not have access</i>	\$2,500
Westside Senior Citizens Service Association <i>Offers a variety of programs and services for seniors in West Kelowna</i>	\$5,000
Literacy Society of the North Okanagan <i>Supported by over 200 volunteers the Reading Together program helps children become more confident readers</i>	\$5,000
TFL Technology for Living <i>Youth Assistive Tech. encourages youth living with a physical disability to use voice activated devices and environmental controls so that they can live more independently at home</i>	\$5,000
Soupateria <i>Would like to purchase a new energy efficient, 2 door upright freezer to store food donations to be used later.</i>	\$10,000
Kamloops Immigrant Services <i>Serves immigrants, refugees, migrant workers, visible minorities, first generation Canadians and their families in becoming full and equal members of the Canadian Society</i>	\$10,000
Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society <i>Provides mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual support through the development of community-based services</i>	\$10,000
Vernon & District Immigrant & Community Services Society <i>Fostering and supporting newcomers to Canada in becoming thriving, contributing members of the community</i>	\$10,000
Young Naturalist Club of BC <i>Helping children get outdoors to explore play and learn about and take action for nature</i>	\$10,000
The Bridge Family Services <i>A weekly, community-based group program for young people aged 11-18 who identify as Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual (25LGBTQIA+) and their allies.</i>	\$10,000