

Valley First Community Endowment
2023 Impact & Capacity Grants



Organization Name	Community	Grant
Third Space**	Kelowna	\$15,000
Hands-on Counselling - offering its unique, high-level, intensive practicum training program for the next generation of clinical counsellors by way of hiring the experienced clinical supervisors to mentor and train local students.		
Project Literacy Central Okanagan	Kelowna	\$5,000
Art's Music Therapy Program - Supports individuals with diverse abilities in a welcoming space to connect, share and express in creative modalities. Music therapy allows an individual to express themselves in a safe, normalized, structured, and controlled environment.		
Hope Outreach	West Kelowna	\$5,000
Nightly Outreach – Kelowna /Vernon - Tent City – Provides food items for distribution during nightly outreach shifts in Kelowna and Vernon. This is especially critical in Kelowna’s “Tent City” (OS4) as the group who formerly provided an evening meal there is no longer supporting this population.		
Borderline Personality Disorder Society of BC	Valley First Region	\$5,000
Daily Operational Costs - Provides life-promoting accessible mental health intervention programs and peer support groups to people living with borderline personality disorder (BPD) and their families.		
Penticton and District Community Art Council	Penticton	\$10,000
Operational and Staffing Support – Assist in maintaining current programs offered at Leir House Cultural Centre. They partner with community organizations such as SOS Brain Injury Society, OneSky, Aging Well Penticton and others to ensure arts programming is available to all ages.		
Okanagan Fruit Tree Society**	Kelowna	\$15,000
2022 Fruit Gleaning Program - Rescues produce that would otherwise go to waste from backyard farms and orchards. Supporting local social service agencies and the clients they serve with produce donations, thus increasing access to local fruits and vegetables.		

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Kelowna Community Resources (KCR)**	Kelowna	\$15,000
The Family Hub – A safe welcoming space for vulnerable families that offers a holistic approach to strengthening those at risk. This program fosters independence and pride, teaching basic skills to children aged 7 -12 at the same time as parents/caregivers can participate in a self-care program.		
Launch Financial Education Society**	Valley First Region	\$15,000
Matched Savings Program – Matched Savings is a year-long program that combines monthly financial education classes with financial grant incentives. Each program has 8-10 approved participants (determined by completing the application process, interview, reference checks and providing income verification to ensure they are below the income requirements for the program) each of which save \$25-\$50 a month.		
YMCA of Okanagan - Multi Year Funding** (Year three of three)	Kelowna	\$31,500
YMCA Young Parents Program – KSS Childcare provides support, food, and incidentals for up to 25 At-Risk Young Parents (and up to 30 of their infants) who are returning to Kelowna Secondary School with children as young as 6 weeks old. These parents (15-18 years) face housing, mental health, life management and educational concerns and have often experienced drug and alcohol issues, sexual exploitation, and/or abuse. The goal of the program is to provide comprehensive childcare while supporting the young parents in their education and future goals.		
Total		\$116,500

**Organization has received funding in previous years

Capacity grants provide organizations with financial resources to pursue education, professional development, training, and infrastructure enhancements. Capacity grants are released as restricted funds.

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Pathways Addiction Resource Centre**	Penticton	\$10,000
3 Year Strategic Plan – To develop a robust strategic plan to would cover mission, vision, and values statements to align with daily protocols and overall structure of the organization.		
Kelowna Trinity Baptist Church Legacy Foundation	Kelowna	\$10,000
Strategic 5-year plan for Helen’s Acres - Engage with a professional consultant who can help us with our new strategic plan, and to provide coaching and training for the Executive Director and leadership staff at Helen’s Acres that will equip them to implement the new plan with excellence.		
Breakfast Club of Canada	Valley First Region	\$10,000
Stakeholder Workshop – in partnership with schools within the Valley First Region to address topics like program demand increases due to inflation, offsetting costs, innovation and idea sharing to maintain program quality and continually growing needs.		
Total		\$30,000

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