# **Winter Granting | December 2023**

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# Envision Financial Community Endowment

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| **Organization** | **Organization Focus** | **Grant Amount** |
| Group ABA Childrens’ Society | Provide an advancement of education for children and youth with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other complex developmental disabilities. | $7,500 |
| Qmunity | QMUNITY works to improve queer, trans, and Two-Spirit lives. They provide a safer space for 2SLGBTQIA+ people and their allies to fully self-express while feeling welcome and included. | $7,500 |
| Coqualeetza Cultural Education Centre Association | Provides language and cultural support to 18 Sto:Lo First Nations, provides archival, family histories and language curriculum development. Provides part-time outreach support for preschool and kindergarten. Facilitates Elders cultural activities. | $7,500 |
| Rainbow Refugee Society | The Society promotes safe, equitable migration, and communities of belonging for people fleeing persecution on their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or HIV status. They provide support, information and system navigation to refugees and refugee claimants seeking refugee status in Canada. | $10,000 |
| TFL Technology for Living Society | Provides assistive technology support to BC adults with severe physical disabilities to improve their independence and employment inclusion in their own communities through technological equipment and ongoing support. | $15,000 |
| Odihi | A Black-led non-for-profit dedicated to educating, equipping, and empowering BIPOC girls and women through mentorship programs, educational events, workshops, and coaching. Our mission is to equip BIPOC females (ages 10-25) with the tools to become confident, self-motivated, innovators, and change-makers. | $15,000 |
| Shelter Movers | A volunteer-powered charity helping survivors fleeing abuse gather and store their belongings, and then move their belongings to their new home. Without Shelter Movers, most survivors would have to choose between staying with their abusers or risk their safety fleeing and losing almost everything. In collaboration with local businesses and community agencies, we help families transition to a life free of violence. We are the only service of this kind in BC. | $5,000 |

# Enderby Financial Community Endowment

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| **Organization** | **Organization Focus** | **Grant Amount** |
| AL Fortune Secondary School | Community Support Program provides direct support to students in the community by offering structured activities before and after school. | $5,000 |
| Enderby & District Community Resource Centre | Outreach Worker/Community Support Program provides direct support to families in the community, offering intense parenting support, referrals, crisis intervention, short-term counseling, and life skills. Funds seek to expand the current work arrangement with additional hours for program facilitator. | $14,000 |
| Feed Enderby & District Food Bank | Serving approximately 100 households monthly in Enderby and surrounding communities. | $2,000 |

# Island Savings Community Endowment

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| **Organization** | **Organization Focus** | **Grant Amount** |
| Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA) | Through the arts, newcomers and BIPOC individuals who have suffered trauma because of war, racism, and other oppressions benefit from the use of art to tell their stories, to be seen and heard. | $7,000 |
| Saanich Community Legacy Foundation | The Support Network for Indigenous Women & Women of Colour (SNIWWOC) is committed to the empowerment of women with food, art, and education. They address barriers that limit access to healthcare and full reproductive choice. SNIWWOC operates from a holistic and integrative service model that addresses the social, cultural, and political realities of women who identify as Black, Indigenous, and people of colour (BIPOC). | $10,000 |
| Ita Wegman Association of BC for Curative Education and Social Therapy (“Glenora Farm”) | We are a life-sharing community, where adults with developmental disabilities live, work and learn together with Coworkers. We have a three-acre vegetable garden, which produces thousands of pounds of fresh vegetables each year, a small herd of Dexter cows and a herd of about 30 East Fresian sheep. | $10,000 |
| Salt Spring Island Foundation | Local community investment in programs and supports including Indigenous, youth empowerment, and neighbourhood grants. | $1,950 |

# Valley First Community Endowment

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| **Organization** | **Organization Focus** | **Grant Amount** |
| The Bridge Youth & Family Services | A weekly, facilitated program where youth ages 11-18 who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ and their allies can meet supportive peers in a safe environment. Etcetera offers social activities, empowering discussions, and special events. | $5,000 |
| Okanagan Similkameen Neurological Society | ​We provide education and early intervention treatment to children facing developmental challenges. We assist in guiding and supporting the families of these children. | $6,000 |
| Impact ToolBox | Empowers emerging leaders to transform their ideas and passion for social change and environmental protection into successful social enterprises and community development projects through comprehensive training, support, and tools. | $7,500 |
| This Space Belongs to You | A dedicated program for 2S/LGBTQIA+, and/or IBPOC people (age 12-24) committed to providing safe, inclusive spaces and resources across the Okanagan. | $10,000 |
| Niteo Africa Society | Focused on enriching life-wide literacy communities through books, capacity-building, and reciprocal partnerships. In 2022 the Family reading program launched in Kelowna to strengthen literacy among newcomers and refugee families. | $12,000 |
| South Okanagan Immigrant and Community Services | Providing services to immigrants in the South Okanagan, the Society supports social programs, seniors to youth matching programs, English as a second language and more.  With programs focused on anti-racism, the Society provides support and resources to individuals experiencing racism in our communities by documenting incidents of racism and hate using the online reporting portal, providing educational sessions and resources to community partners and individuals, and engaging the community in meaningful dialogues. | $12,000 |
| Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre | Provides free, client centered support services to survivors of sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, domestic violence, and harassment. KSACCs service offerings include Adult Counselling, Child & Youth Counselling, Community Based Victim Services, Education & Outreach, and an Anti-Violence Crisis Response Program.  *\*\*63% of Indigenous women have faced physical or sexual assault. (Statistics Canada)* | $14,000 |

## Keeping a Good Thing Growing

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| Modern Man Family Project | Established in 2022 and located in Kamloops, the Project provides resources and supports to engage fathers, building their skills to enrich the lives of their children and families. The grant will provide participants with cooking skills classes, meal planning, and take-home crock pots. | $6,248 |