

**CATHERINE DONNELLY FOUNDATION:
INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED FUNDING**



INTRODUCTION

The Catherine Donnelly Foundation (CDF) has been awarding grants since 2005. An analysis of the Foundation's funding over the last twelve years reveals that although there was not a stated priority given to Indigenous-focused initiatives until 2016, the Foundation has been consistently supporting projects in this area since its inception. This document reflects the range of engagement to date across the Foundation's three funding streams (Adult Education, Environment, and Housing). We hope this will provide some context to help guide the Foundation as we seek to further integrate an Indigenous focus to our work into the future.



OVERVIEW

ONE-YEAR PROJECT GRANTS

From Spring 2005 to Fall 2017 the CDF has awarded 315 project grants. 18% of these had an Indigenous focus in their activities or were Indigenous-led initiatives.

LONGER-TERM PARTNERSHIPS

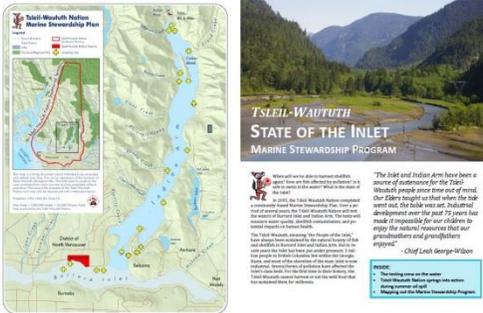
The CDF also collaborates with organizations through longer-term partnerships. Since 2011, the Foundation has awarded 9 multi-year grants, 4 of which had an Indigenous focus.



ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

OUT OF 91 FUNDED PROJECTS, 28 HAD AN INDIGENOUS FOCUS (31%). SEE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS BELOW.

ECOTRUST CANADA | BC | \$34,000 | 2006



"Tseil-Waututh Nation Marine Stewardship Program" was a marine stewardship, monitoring, and research program that included the development of TWN traditional use information and distribution of educational and reporting materials to the wider community.

www.ecotrust.ca

LABOUR ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE SOCIETY | BC | \$15,000 | 2007

"Toward a Toxin-Free Aboriginal Community: Mapping Cancer". This organization received CDF funding for their "CancerSmart" guide that provided information about carcinogens and other toxins in our environment. They used the guide to help band members identify toxin exposure to improve the general health of their community through workshops, data-gathering, community meetings, body-mapping, and environmental exposures mapping of Band members. www.toxicfreecanada.ca

SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK | ON | \$15,000 | 2007

The CDF provided funds in support of the Boreal Learning Network project which brought together Canadian environmental non-profits focused on boreal forest conservation to increase skills, strengthen campaigns, share best practices, and increase their capacity to collaborate with First Nations groups. www.sustainabilitynetwork.ca

WEST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW RESEARCH | BC | \$14,000 | 2007

CDF supported their project "Design with Nature: Green Infrastructure as the Foundation of Sustainable Communities". This was a strategy and campaign development project to assist local governments to address the priority of climate change, and to engage with First Nations communities on strategies to promote green community development. www.wcel.org

WWF CANADA | ON | \$25,000 | 2007

CDF provided funds in support of "Conservation First: the Northwest Territories Protected Areas Strategy" project. WWF-Canada collaborated with other conservation groups & First Nations communities to urge decision-makers to consider the adverse impacts of industrial development in the North. www.wwf.ca

DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION | BC | \$25,000 | 2008

The David Suzuki Foundation (DSF), along with a coalition of environmental groups, worked to secure a robust and comprehensive B.C. Species Protection Act to protect species-at-risk and prevent others from becoming at-risk. DSF was part of a concerted effort to heighten public awareness on the issue and build alliances with multiple stakeholders (including First Nations, business community, local municipalities, faith groups, and scientists). With support from the Catherine Donnelly Foundation, DSF was able to expand their base of support to stakeholders outlined above to create the necessary pressure to ensure a strong law to protect species was passed. www.davidsuzuki.org

ECOTRUST CANADA | BC | \$25,000 | 2008

CDF provided funds in support of the publication and free distribution of *Living Proof, a Landmark Aboriginal Mapping Textbook* jointly published by Ecotrust Canada and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs. The publication gave voice to Aboriginal experiences and spiritual connections to the Earth, with the goal of leading to large and concrete conservation gains in Canada's Boreal and Temperate forests; while incorporating cultural and ecological values in land use/development, and promoting community engagement. www.ecotrust.ca

ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENCE | ON | \$30,000 | 2008

CDF provided funds in support of the environmental program in the Oneida Nation—a collaborative pilot project with the aim of creating a First Nations community-driven program to build community capacity which would lead to the protection of First Nations land, improved health, and environmental sustainability. www.environmentaldefence.ca

HOLLYHOCK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE | BC | \$10,000 | 2008

CDF provided funds in support of the Social Change Institute— building a movement for rapid and wise change by bringing together environmental leaders to share learning, best practices and to tackle both the practical and emotional/spiritual aspects of advocacy and social change. Participants included academics, social justice groups, First Nations, and unions. www.hollyhock.ca

SAFE DRINKING WATER FOUNDATION | SK | \$20,000 | 2008

CDF provided funds in support of the Community Framework for Safe Drinking Water project that made resources available to rural & First Nations communities allowing them to analyze source water and treated water on an ongoing basis, ensuring higher-quality water with the smallest possible environmental footprint. www.safewater.org

CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF NB | NB | \$20,000 | 2009



CDF provided funds in support of the “New Brunswick Community Forest Alliance” project of the Conservation Council of NB which brought together Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal communities from four regions of New Brunswick to draft a NB Community Forest Charter. The Charter protects the Acadian forest, allows community access, and respects Aboriginal treaties and spiritual values. www.conservationcouncil.ca

GREEN COMMUNITIES | ON | \$30,000 | 2009

CDF provided funds in support of the project entitled “Canadian Energy Poverty Network - Development Phase”. This was a new initiative to create a network to help fight energy poverty by creating a community of practice to disseminate information and participate in creating a sustainable Canada. They partnered with many groups, including the First Nations National Housing Managers Association and CHRA to host a conference in Winnipeg looking at energy poverty in First Nations reserves, and presenting successful, solutions-oriented program models.

www.greencommunitiescanada.org

FOREST ETHICS | BC | \$25,000 | 2010



CDF provided funds in support of the project “Value Over Volume: First Nations’ Economic Development” an innovative partnership between ForestEthics Canada and coastal First Nations communities in BC’s Great Bear Rainforest. This project is an ecologically sustainable social enterprise of the Heiltsuk First Nation that manufactures and sells native-designed wooden toys while promoting environmental integrity by using only 2% of the wood that would be required to generate equivalent jobs through community logging.

www.forestethics.org

WEST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW RESEARCH FOUNDATION | BC | \$25,000 | 2010

CDF provided funds in support of the “Justice for First Nations and Nature in the Face of Climate Change” project of WCEL in partnership with the Gitanyow Hereditary Chiefs aimed at addressing the root causes of marginalization of First Nations in BC due to the exploitation of natural resources without their consent.

www.wcel.org

ECOJUSTICE | ON | \$25,000 | 2010



CDF provided funds in support of “Working Towards Recognition of Environmental Rights in Canada” a project with the goal of setting a precedent to recognize environmental rights in Canada. The project focused on the Aamjiwnaang First Nation (Sarnia, ON) who live next to 40 percent of Canada’s petrochemical industry.

www.ecojustice.ca

ATTENTION FRAGILES | QC | \$20,000 | 2010

CDF provided funds in support of the “One Voice for the Gulf of St. Lawrence” project that aimed to declare a moratorium on oil and gas exploration in the Gulf of St. Lawrence - one of Canada’s most important marine environments. This project was a partnership between Attention Fragiles, the David Suzuki Foundation, CPAWS Quebec, & Nature Quebec and several First Nations communities. www.attentionfragiles.org

SOCIÉTÉ POUR LA NATURE ET LES PARCS DU CANADA | QC | \$22,000 | 2011

CDF provided funds in support of the “Protecting the Magpie River: Finding a Balance in the Land of Hydro-Electricity” project which promoted a balanced conservation approach that did not vilify development, but considered both the environmental and socio-economic impact while promoting eco-tourism and recreational land use. SNAP garnered media attention, raised public awareness, and engaged stakeholders including government, First Nations, businesses, and individuals. These partnerships continued beyond the 1-year grant. www.snapqc.org

DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION | BC | \$50,000 | 2012

CDF provided funds to support the “Bringing Environmental Rights to Canada Project” in partnership with Ecojustice. The David Suzuki Foundation (DSF) seeks to promote social and ecological justice. The funding was used to recruit “Environmental Rights Champions”, bring diverse stakeholders together, and capture regional stories to raise awareness and reach out to allies. These included several First Nations communities. www.davidsuzuki.org

EAST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW | NS | \$50,000 | 2013



Funds were provided for the “Promoting Environmental Rights on the East Coast” project. ECELAW in partnership with Ecojustice promoted the need for environmental rights federally, provincially, and municipally in PEI, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Partnership included several First Nations communities on the East Coast. www.ecelaw.ca

DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION | ON | \$10,000 | 2014

Funding was provided for the “Waterloo Region Right to a Healthy Environment” to carry out one of five municipal campaigns as part of the Right to a Healthy Environment Campaign (Blue Dot Tour being carried out by the David Suzuki Foundation). The proposed project was to train and activate 20 engaged citizen champions in the Waterloo region to secure the right to a healthy environment, through local “wins”. The project also built a network of partners, engaged the media, met with leaders in the Aboriginal community, and provincial leaders. The CDF funds supported activities in the Waterloo region only – the larger Blue Dot Tour activities addressed a provincial/national scale. www.davidsuzuki.org

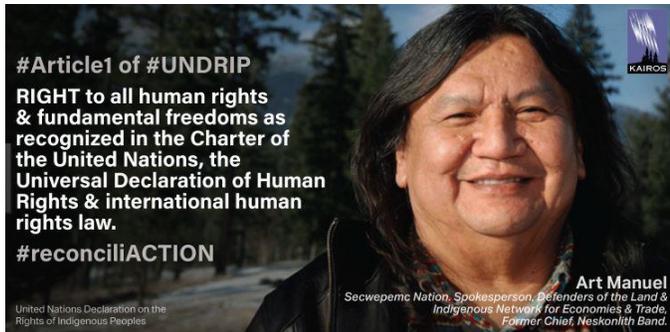
PEMBINA FOUNDATION | AB | \$50,000 | 2014

Funding was provided for the “Building the Case for Environmental Rights in Canada” project. The proposed funding was used to document and analyze case studies of fossil fuel development and its impacts on environmental and human health in Canada. The information was then disseminated with the public, to inform regulatory reviews, and to the UN Human Rights Council in order to bring international pressure to adopt the Right to a Healthy Environment in Canada. The project was carried out through pre-existing relationships between Pembina, the UN Human Rights Council, other relevant UN bodies, Dr. David Boyd, First Nations communities, and other stakeholders. www.pembinafoundation.org

EAST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW | NS | \$20,000 | 2015

The CDF provided funds for the “Making the Change: The Legal Right to a Healthy Environment in Atlantic Canada” project which worked in partnership with Ecojustice and other networked organizations and First Nations communities to formalize networks, and provide direct support to implement environmental rights enacted in provincial legislation in NS, NB, PEI, and NL. www.ecelaw.ca

INDIGENOUS NETWORK ON ECONOMIES AND TRADE | BC | \$25,000 | 2016



This project seeks to elevate Indigenous land rights in the movement for climate justice for the Secwepemc people. The project will include a Secwepemc-led analysis of the proposed Kinder Morgan Pipeline expansion, a popular education campaign, a two-day people's assembly, and a report. The project aims to address both action to fight climate change and to support reconciliation efforts with Indigenous Peoples. www.neskonlith.org

DISCOURSE MEDIA | BC | \$30,000 | 2017



Discourse Media seeks to deepen their innovative and investigative reporting on climate change and climate justice in Indigenous communities in BC. They will report on how Aboriginal communities are impacted by industrial development, particularly proposed energy developments in BC. Discourse will address the issue of “news poverty” in remote communities by doing reporting based on the expressed needs of local communities, and building local reporting capacity through fellowships and training focused on “solutions journalism”. www.discoursemedia.org

PEMBINA FOUNDATION | AB | \$24,150 | 2017

Funding is to support the Mikisew Cree First Nation and The Pembina Foundation in a joint initiative to coordinate and strengthen the First Nations and ENGO caucus to ensure toxic tailings in Alberta’s oilsands are quickly and effectively removed from the landscape. This initiative will provide the opportunity to share perspectives, pool technical expertise and traditional ecological knowledge, and develop strategy within the caucus to ensure outcomes are aligned with long-term environmental and social justice.

www.pembinafoundation.org

SIERRA CLUB OF BC | BC | \$21,700 | 2017

Funding is to support the Sierra Club BC’s “Pull Together” campaign to mobilize grassroots community support for First Nations’ legal challenges opposing Kinder Morgan’s tar sands pipeline and tankers proposal, through: public education; compelling, story-based communications; amplifying Indigenous voices; distributed grassroots organizing; catalyzing business voices; and underscoring reconciliation as a key component of climate justice. www.sierraclub.bc.ca

IRON & EARTH (PEMBINA FOUNDATION) | AB | \$35,000 | 2017

Iron & Earth is conducting the Solar Skills Campaign to up-skill 1,000 former oil and gas workers into the solar industry. Funding from CDF is to support the delivery of a training program for 10 selected trainees (representing different demographics). Working with the Louis Bull Tribe, they will install a field mounted solar energy installation in the field of their community K-9 school. The project will be recorded using high quality media, which will be used in a digital media campaign that highlights the success of their project, increasing public support, and building momentum for future projects. www.ironandearth.org

WWF CANADA | ON | \$25,000 | 2017

Funding is to support WWF's Community Voices program, which aims to safeguard wildlife and traditional Inuit ways of life threatened by climate change and increasing industrial development. They co-create an action plan that facilitates Indigenous-led organizations to strategically and effectively participate in regulatory processes through engagement and the provision of pro-bono support from WWF-Canada in the form of legal and technical expertise. www.wwf.ca

HOUSING INITIATIVES

**OUT OF 114 FUNDED PROJECTS, 9 HAD AN INDIGENOUS FOCUS (8%).
SEE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS BELOW.**

COMMUNITY FIRST DEVELOPMENT | SK | \$26,000 | 2008



CDF provided a grant for staffing costs for the facilitation and development of the Affordable Housing Project; a partnership between Community First Development Fund & Quint Development Corporation. A high percentage of their community members are Indigenous.

www.communityfirstsaskatoon.ca

PAYUKOTAYNO JAMES AND HUDSON BAY FAMILY SERVICES | ON | \$40,000 | 2010



Look through the eyes of this child in foster care for a moment.



The CDF provided a grant in support of “Bringing Our Children Home: Keeping Our Children with Us”, that allowed Aboriginal children to be fostered in their community. This innovative project offered sustainable change in Aboriginal communities. CDF funds were directed towards the development of policies, outreach & advocacy.
www.payukotayno.ca

JUBILATION RESIDENTIAL CENTRES, INC. | SK | \$21,500 | 2011

CDF provided funds in support of the “Homes for the Homeless” project to place homeless clients in secure housing by using existing housing stock. Clients were provided support (counseling, First Nations Healing Circles, skills/employment training) and linked with a mentor to develop the necessary skills to maintain stable housing.
www.worldoutreach.ca

SILOAM MISSION | MB | \$20,000 | 2015

CDF provided funds in support of “Exit Up!” an independent living program for Aboriginal young adults (18-25) who have exited Child and Family Services. The program was to enable young people to live independently with success through housing supports and capacity building (training and education).
www.siloam.ca

ATIRA WOMEN’S RESOURCE SOCIETY | BC | \$6,000 | 2015



The CDF provided funds in support of the “Intergenerational Mentorship Program”. This initiative fostered cross-generational relationships and social inclusion based on First Nations traditions of family support and care. www.atira.bc.ca

ATIRA’S WOMEN’S RESOURCE SOCIETY | BC | \$10,000 | 2016

This project promoted mentor-peer relations between women from different age groups and generations who live in two housing settings. The mentoring helped increase women’s trust, confidence, support networks, and promoted knowledge sharing. Project participants have faced systemic and personal challenges, including involvement in the foster care system, the legacy of residential schools, and experiences of violence and trauma. The project built bonds and skills through monthly program activities, embracing First Nations cultural traditions and knowledge.
www.atira.bc.ca

SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF SUDBURY | ON | \$37,100 | 2016

This project was to adapt and deliver a culturally-appropriate Housing First Program for 25 Indigenous individuals who are homeless in Sudbury. Funding supported staff training in the PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) process to support and empower clients exiting out of homelessness. The project also included an extensive evaluation and research process to validate program logic and impact results of implementing the PATH and Housing First support models.

www.spcsudbury.ca

ECOTRUST | BC | \$35,000 | 2017

Funding will support the first year of the “Tree to Home” program to build a new approach to housing with Indigenous communities. It aims to improve the economic, social, cultural and ecological well-being of communities through the development of a community directed and driven housing sector. At the end of the project they will have set the stage to implement pilots in a select number of First Nations communities, and established templates for others to follow, thereby creating the critical path for enabling this work over the next 5 years.

www.ecotrust.ca

VICTORIA COOL AID SOCIETY VICTORIA | BC | \$18,000 | 2017

The Victoria Cool Aid Society, Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness, and Vancouver Island Health Authority are partnering to create and pilot a culturally-specific approach to Aboriginal homelessness in Greater Victoria, that will ultimately serve to inform leading practice and advance systems-change and lasting solutions to prevent and end homelessness of Indigenous Peoples. The goal of the project is not only to assist homeless Aboriginal individuals in securing and maintaining housing but more so, to offer holistic services within a cultural context to reinforce health and well-being, and improve connection with family/community. www.coolaid.org

ADULT EDUCATION INITIATIVES

**OUT OF 110 FUNDED PROJECTS, 20 HAD AN INDIGENOUS FOCUS (18%).
SEE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS BELOW.**

NORTHERN TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM COUNCIL | SK | \$30,000 | 2007

The CDF provided a grant in support of the Aboriginal Knowledge Exchange Project (AKEP) of the Centre for Northern Research & Graduate Studies Education (a division of Nortep). The project developed a collaborative community of Aboriginal teacher education programs designed to support and encourage the exchange of knowledge specific to teacher education in an Aboriginal context.

www.nortep-norpac.sk.ca

CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF NB | NB | \$5,000 | 2009

The CDF provided a grant in support of the “New Brunswick Community Forest Alliance” project of the Conservation Council of New Brunswick. Funding was provided via our Adult Education area of focus and the Environment area of focus in keeping with the CDF’s expressed interest in supporting projects with synergy among funding streams. The project built effective alliances between Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal communities; built capacity, educated, engaged, and advocated for responsible forest policies.

www.conservationcouncil.ca

GIRLS ACTION FOUNDATION | QC | \$43,000 | 2010



The "Aboriginal Women's Intergenerational Forum & Leadership Project" had 350 Indigenous women attend their Intergenerational Forum. As well, a 'zine focusing on Indigenous women's issues is being produced; two printed resources were produced; and 10 additional community action events extended the reach of the forum.

www.girlsactionfoundation.ca

JOHN HUMPHREY CENTRE FOR PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS | AB | \$10,000 | 2011

The CDF provided a grant in support of "Building our Voice to Address Human Rights: Effective Engagement in the United Nations Universal Periodic (UPR) Review of Canada" project. The centre worked to build the capacity of marginalized groups, including First Nations groups, to ensure that their voice is included in the Canadian government's civil society consultation process thereby ensuring that social and economic justice can occur in Canada. www.jhcentre.org

CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF NB | NB | \$34,231 | 2011

The CDF provided a grant in support of the "Upper Miramichi Community Forest Partnership" project building upon the potential of a "community forest" in northern New Brunswick. The CDF also supported the earlier phase of this project which then planned on moving into an extensive community engagement initiative, including capacity building, knowledge exchange, and critical assessment of data.

www.ccnbaction.ca

ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN TRAINING CENTRE (TATAMAGOUCHE CENTRE) | NS | \$44,000 | 2011

The CDF provided a grant in support of the "First Nations and Black Leadership Development" project which provided access to training and leadership opportunities for First Nations and black communities in Eastern Canada. Outcomes included: developing organizational capacity, building learning strategies for community, leadership development, addressing the impact of colonization and racism on First Nations and African-descent communities, mediating conflicts, and establishing cross-cultural mitigation.

www.tatacentre.ca

KAIROS: CANADIAN ECUMENICAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES | ON | \$40,000 | 2011

The CDF provided a grant in support of the "In Peace and Friendship: Engaging Canadians in Indigenous Rights" project. This project expanded the use of the Blanket Exercise - a tool that KAIROS cites as effective in helping people develop a critical consciousness of Indigenous rights. Previously used mainly with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis groups, with this grant they adapted the Blanket Exercise for use with women, new Canadians and youth. CDF funds supported the Educational Coordinator and Trainers positions, pilots of the new version of the Exercise, a train-the-trainers event, and ongoing outreach. www.kairoscanada.org

CAPILANO UNIVERSITY | BC | \$55,300 | 2012



The “Women’s Leadership, Sacred Teachings” was a collaborative project between the Squamish Nation and Capilano University to build the leadership capacity skills among low-income Squamish Nation women by linking Squamish Teachings with more conventional leadership development and literacy activities. The project resulted in a video and comprehensive printed guide.

www.phpapps.capilano.ca/cdo/approach.php

CITY FOR ALL WOMEN INITIATIVE | ON | \$23,000 | 2013

Funding was provided for the “Building Neighbourhoods Where Everyone Matters” project. The intention of this project was to enable women in 5 different marginalized neighbourhoods in Ottawa to participate in the 2014 municipal elections. Participants were primarily from newcomer, refugee, low-income, and Indigenous communities. This laid the groundwork for further outreach aimed at increasing civic engagement of low-income residents in future elections. www.cawi-itf.org

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & OUTREACH DEPT, CAPILANO UNIVERSITY | BC | \$40,000 | 2014

Funding was provided for the “Invisible Heroes” project. The Community Development and Outreach Department of Capilano University worked together with under-represented communities to identify their strengths/assets and work with institutions, business, and government to address needs they identified in a way that fostered social inclusion, particularly of those who are most vulnerable, including Indigenous communities. www.capilano.ca/cdo

ALEXANDRA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD LEARNING CENTRE | ON | \$30,000 | 2014

This project sought to include a stronger Indigenous focus in the Alexandra Park critical literacy learning program. Funds supported hiring a part-time resource person to facilitate learning activities, develop resources, and provide supports. Elders and community members enriched the learning by sharing first hand experiences of residential schools. The project encompassed Indigenous knowledge and teaching approaches to increase understanding of Indigenous education, history, and culture.

www.apnlc.org

THE GLOBAL YOUTH EDUCATION NETWORK SOCIETY | BC | \$46,500 | 2015

The CDF provided a grant for “Next Up Grow” – a project to build capacity in the progressive social change sector in Canada by training the leadership base for social and environmental justice work. Funding supported a program to increase the participation of diverse youth, including new Canadians, Aboriginal leaders, and women. www.nextup.ca

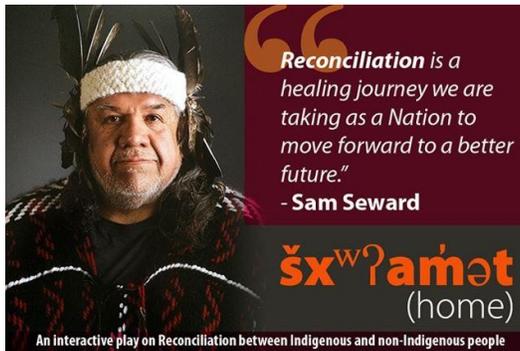
RAVEN (RESPECTING ABORIGINAL VALUES AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS) | BC | \$10,000 | 2016

Funding was provided for the “Legal Education Development” project. This initiative is focused on developing an education program to advance the struggle for recognition of Indigenous rights and titles in the legal system. RAVEN will participate in the reconciliation process by consulting with Indigenous communities impacted by industrial development, promoting legal rights and remedies that address cultural, spiritual and ecological issues. www.raventrust.com

INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOUNDATION CANADA | BC | \$27,500 | 2016

Funding supported the creation of new and updated training curriculum, fostering leadership skills for member organizations of two alliances: the Metro Vancouver Alliance and Greater Victoria Acting Together. This funding will help to develop greater capacity of civil society groups and enhance issues of diversity and relationship building with Indigenous communities. The new training content will focus on affordable housing, climate change, and First Nations Peoples. The project seeks to engage with over 100 groups and 350,000 members. www.industrialareasfoundation.org

THEATRE FOR LIVING SOCIETY | BC | \$56,000 | 2016 & 2017



Funding supported an arts-based forum theatre interactive performance, to bring forward ideas and reflections on the Reconciliation process with Indigenous Peoples through multiple public performances and a live global webcast. The project had guidance from an Indigenous Associate Director, and the cast included Indigenous and Non-Indigenous participants. This initiative aimed to make a profound cultural shift on the issue of reconciliation and understanding of the negative legacy of colonization in Canada www.theatreforliving.com

DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE WOMEN'S CENTRE ASSOC | BC | \$20,000 | 2017

Funding is to support the Power of Women project, a social justice collective of women, many of whom are poor, racialized, Indigenous, and/or homeless. Participants will identify areas of concern and create a plan of action by determining their goals. As the women of the group build their leadership capacity, they will also seek out opportunities for meetings with local groups and individuals to educate or influence social change as well as participate in community action. The project will facilitate women in the DTES building their capacity and understanding of decision-making processes, and telling their stories to garner public support for policy change. www.dewc.ca

LIARD ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S SOCIETY | YT | \$49,500 | 2017

Funding is to support "Mothers of the Land Gathering" which will occur over three days in 2017. Participants involved will include Kaska citizens and Elders from each of the Kaska communities, allied organizations, and facilitators with similar interests. The event will include dialogues on the traditional principals and spirituality of land stewardship, discussions on issues of land use and resource extraction on traditional lands, and forums to develop consensus on critical issues and social action strategies. www.liardaboriginalwomen.ca

COLLEGE OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN | SK | \$25,850 | 2017



The College of Law will be offering a law program to 25 students in Iqaluit, commencing in September 2017. The proposed project will involve the 25 students in the program working with the cultural facilitator to identify groups in Iqaluit who have a justice-related question, issue, or concern. The aim of this project is to provide students and community members with the opportunity for a transformative learning experience that will shape the students in the remaining years of their law

degree program and in their future professional lives, as well as provide a platform for community members and groups to share their knowledge and take part in shaping the future of the legal system and access to justice in Nunavut. www.law.usask.ca

MI'KMAW NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE | NS | \$28,000 | 2017

As a follow-up to the project, *This Is What I Wish You Knew*, participants will create, develop and perform an ethnodrama and public forum examining the real life experiences of Indigenous people in urban centres. The aim is to give an authentic voice to these stories, publicly acknowledging the harm and injustices suffered by Indigenous Canadians in the past, and engage in dialogue and visioning with the wider multicultural communities, fostering healing and positive steps forward. They also plan to produce a documentary film of the events and audience Q&A for educational purposes. www.mymnfc.com

LONGER-TERM PARTNERSHIPS

NORTHERN LEADERS PROGRAM

SYNERGY: ENVIRONMENT, ADULT EDUCATION, HOUSING



\$60,000 over 3 years

Creating opportunities for emerging leaders to develop their institutional and advocacy capacity, foster climate change resilience, build movements towards sustainable livelihoods and wise resource stewardship.

HOUSING



\$2.5 million over 10 years

**Youth Homelessness including
Indigenous Focus**

ENVIRONMENT



\$1.75 million over 10 years

**Working with the
Aamjiwnaang First Nation,
Sarnia**

ADULT EDUCATION



\$1.25 million over 5 years

**Eastern Hub Apaji-wla'matulinej
led by Indigenous women**