



# GRANT RECIPIENTS NOVEMBER 2016

The board of directors of the Catherine Donnelly Foundation is pleased to announce the successful completion of the twenty-fourth round of granting. Grants have been awarded in three areas of focus—**Adult Education Advancement Initiatives, Environment (Climate Change) and Housing Initiatives.**

Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

## ADULT EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVES

**Conservation Council of New Brunswick** Fredericton NB \$12,500

*Funding will support a training program for newcomers to assist them in learning about sustainable agricultural practices and the farming sector in Canada. The program will take a strong focus on developing leadership and interpersonal skills among participants, including demonstrating a commitment to social justice. The organization will make links between education, sustainable agriculture, and environment issues. This initiative will collaborate with the Multicultural Association of Fredericton.*

<http://www.conservationcouncil.ca/>

**FCJ Refugee Centre** Toronto, ON \$20,000

*This project will engage refugee women and women with precarious immigration status to enhance knowledge and skills, as well as increase the participation of newcomer women in Canadian society. The project will have a peer-mentoring component, train-the-trainer methodologies and participants will take leadership roles in the program. Workshops will be organized on topics requested by participants, as well as educational sessions on rights, responsibilities and settlement process. The project will build a safe space for newcomer women to bring forward their experiences and their concerns regarding their new lives in Canada.*

<http://www.fcjrefugeecentre.org/>

**Industrial Areas Foundation Canada** Victoria, BC \$27,500

*Funding will support the creation of new and updated training curriculum and foster leadership skills for member organizations of two alliances: the Metro Vancouver Alliance and the 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. Project will seek to engage with over 100 groups and 350,000 members.*

<http://www.industrialareasfoundation.org/>



HOUSING



EDUCATION



ENVIRONMENT



NEWS



### **Justicia for Migrant Workers**

Toronto, ON

\$20,000

*This project will work with migrant workers in Southern Ontario to bring forward their experiences, knowledge, concerns and demands for systemic solutions to the issues they face while living and working in Canada. The project will outreach to migrant workers across rural communities, mainly those employed in the agricultural sector. Funding will support the development a series of workshops and an educational process to identify issues of collective concern, help migrant workers exercise their rights and build leadership. The project also aspires to create linkages with food justice organizations.*

**<https://harvestingfreedom.org/>**

### **Theatre for Living Society**

Vancouver, BC

\$30,000

*Funding will support an arts-based forum theatre interactive performance experience, to bring forward ideas and reflections on the Reconciliation process with Indigenous Peoples. There will be multiple public performances and a live global webcast. The project will have guidance from an Indigenous Associate Director, and the cast will include Indigenous and Non-Indigenous participants. The performance will also be accessible for those living in poverty. This initiative seeks to make a profound cultural shift on the issue of reconciliation and understanding of the negative legacy of colonization.*

**<http://theatreforliving.com/>**

### **Together Against Poverty Society**

Victoria, BC

\$10,000

*This project will support the creation of a 'Renters Rights Action Group' for diverse low-income residents of Victoria. Funding will support a core group of community leaders that will engage in visioning exercises to develop the terms of reference and goals of the renter's action group. The project will also consist of larger outreach to residents, engagement in educational presentations and other activities planned by the group in a supportive learning environment.*

**<http://www.tapsbc.ca/>**

### **Workers' Action Centre**

Toronto, ON

\$37,000

*The project seeks to build the leadership capacity of workers and engage them in transforming labour laws through the current Ontario Ministry of Labour Changing Workplace Review. Funding will support a popular education and community organizing process with workers from across Toronto who have experienced precarious employment conditions, and want to bring forward progressive changes to employment laws in Ontario. Project participants will be for the most part women and people of immigrant background who have faced workers' rights violations.*

**<http://www.workersactioncentre.org/>**

## HOUSING INITIATIVES



**Atira Women's Resource Society** Vancouver, BC \$10,000

*This project promotes mentor-peer relations between women from different age groups and generations who live in two housing settings. The mentoring helps increase women's trust, confidence, support networks, and promote 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 builds bonds and skills through monthly program activities, and embraces First Nations cultural traditions and knowledge.*

<http://www.atira.bc.ca/>

**Raising the Roof** Toronto, ON \$ 25,000

*Provided funds will go to support the ongoing work of "The Upstream Project". This initiative is adapting a youth homelessness prevention strategy that originates in Australia, in order to develop knowledge & resources to support communities and government with planning school-based youth homelessness prevention strategies.*

[www.raisingtheroof.org](http://www.raisingtheroof.org)

**Nelson CARES Society** Nelson, BC \$30,000

*Funding will go to support the implementation of 'Ready for Home', a program that follows a Housing First model of intervention to support a homeless population. The project will take a client-driven approach that focuses on housing stabilization, life skills, access community services, income and employment supports. This initiative aims to stop the cycle of homelessness and works to create individualized development plans for vulnerable clients.*

<http://nelsoncares.ca/>

**Partners for Youth Inc.** Fredericton, NB \$10,000

*Funding will support the overall operations of Safe Harbour House, a transitional shelter and program for youth. This is a 10-bed facility and the only emergency and transitional program available for youth in southern New Brunswick. Safe Harbour will operate through a Housing First Model and there will be intensive case management support services, including mental health, education/career guidance and addictions counselling.*

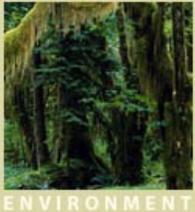
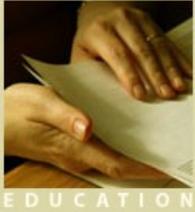
<http://www.partnersforyouth.ca>

**Social Planning Council of Sudbury** Sudbury, ON \$37,100

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

<http://spcsudbury.ca/>

## ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES



### **GreenLearning**

Drayton Valley, AB

\$23,250

*This project will work with youth from across Canada in a national dialogue process to examine climate change in their communities, engage with government stakeholders, and initiate climate action youth projects. This initiative seeks to develop a critical mass of young leaders to take progressive action towards climate change. It aims to develop capacity, tools and resources for teachers and students to participate in climate change education, and establish a platform for youth to be proactive by taking action and proposing solutions.*

<http://www.greenlearning.ca/>

### **Indigenous Network on Economies and Trade**

Chase, BC

\$25,000

*This project seeks to elevate Indigenous land rights in the movement for climate justice for the Secwepemc people. The project will research, educate, organize and report back on the impact of the proposed expansion of the Kinder Morgan Pipeline. The project will include a Secwepemc-led analysis of the proposed expansion, a popular education campaign throughout different communities, a two-day people's assembly and a report disseminated to Indigenous communities, decision makers and the general public. This project is an effort to address both action to fight climate change and to support reconciliation efforts with Indigenous Peoples.*

<http://www.neskonlith.org/>

### **Stand.earth**

Vancouver, BC

\$30,000

*Funding for this project will be directed to organizing a communications and social media campaign to push for bolder action on climate change. The project will engage with diverse communities and leaders, many marginalized from mainstream discussions and give them a platform to share their views, concerns and solutions. A set of thematic videos will be produced and shared on social media. The public will also be invited to upload videos to express their views. This project aims to respond to the government's discourse and their emission targets, versus real action on climate change in order to ensure Canada meets its international commitments.*

<http://www.stand.earth/>