The board of directors of the Catherine Donnelly Foundation is pleased to announce the successful completion of the twenty-seventh round of granting. Grants have been awarded in two of our three areas of focus—Adult Education and Environment (Housing was closed for this round).

Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

**ADULT EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT INITIATIVES**

**Exeko**
Montreal, QC  $24,500
Through the Powershift project, Exeko will develop new content and tools for adult education workshops. Workshop will take place in shelters, Aboriginal communities, schools, and on the streets with homeless through their idAction Mobile (mobile van). Exeko will share learnings with workshop facilitators and participants. The aim of this project is to provide support to participants experiencing situations of social exclusion, as well as our facilitators, and our community.

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

**Innovative Young Indigenous Leaders**
Vancouver, BC  $18,660
*(Tides Canada Initiatives)*
Funding will support the “Innovative Young Indigenous Leaders Symposium” which is a four day gathering that brings together 75 young Indigenous leaders from around BC for discussion aimed at creating change for their communities. Beyond the symposium, Innovative Young Indigenous Leaders are fostering a network intent on creating movements toward social transformation within their communities.

[www.iyilsymposium.com](http://www.iyilsymposium.com)

**Maple Leaf Theatre for Social Responsibility**
Toronto, ON  $24,400
This Theatre for Integration project will create a platform for 360 members of Toronto’s marginalized Middle-Eastern Newcomer/Refugee communities to engage in artistic expression workshops and have their voice heard, create a script telling the story of their struggles/challenges as New Canadians and learn and develop solutions to these social/personal challenges using Forum Theatre. The majority of participants are low-income, marginalized, with limited access to employment/health initiatives.

[www.mixedcompanytheatre.com](http://www.mixedcompanytheatre.com)
Nevy’s Language for Lower Levels (Afghan Women’s Counseling and Integration Community Support Organization)
North York, ON $23,000
Funding will support the “From Seclusion to Full Contribution” project of Nevvy’s Language for Lower Levels in partnership with Afghan Women’s Counselling and Integration Community Support Organization. The aim of this project is to provide language learning and provide a space for participants to bind together as a team to democratically tackle a problem they all share. The project develops leadership, communication, and organizational skills.
www.lang3.ca

Together Against Poverty Society Victoria, BC $10,000
In 2017 TABS received funding to create the Victoria Tenants Advocacy Group (VTAG) with the goal of educating and empowering adult renters to become a public voice for tenancy rights and reform. This additional support will allow TAPS to fully transfer control of the new group to its membership and away from staff.
www.tapsbc.ca

ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES

Indigenous Climate Action (Sierra Club BC) Victoria, BC $45,550
Funding will support Indigenous Climate Action (ICA) to develop tools and resources that implement a rights framework and center Indigenous peoples as agents of changes for climate justice. ICA have a three year strategy to empower Indigenous climate change leaders.
www.indigenousclimateaction.com

Tides Canada Initiatives Society (School for Social Entrepreneurs Ontario) Toronto, ON $34,444
Funding is to support the Social Entrepreneurial Leaders Engaging Communities for Transition (SELECT) Program which builds the capacity of organizers from racialized and marginalized communities to lead climate focused work. Participants are trained on climate justice concepts, GHG impacts and evidence-informed communications tools. Participants are supported to develop initiatives that engage their communities in climate solutions, and access coaching and funding to apply their learnings through implementing a project.
www.sseontario.org