The board of directors of the Catherine Donnelly Foundation is pleased to announce the successful completion of the twenty-eighth round of granting. Grants have been awarded in three areas of focus—Adult Education, Housing, and Environment.

Congratulations to the following grant recipients:

**Adult Education Advancement Initiatives**

**John Humphrey Centre for Peace & Human Rights** Edmonton, AB  
$30,000  
Shift Alberta 2019 is a community mobilization and education campaign across Alberta to provide informed and critical political, social and economic analysis as we lead into a critical provincial election. Our goal is to bring the voice and perspective of marginalized communities to the table and to inform the debate.  
www.jhcentre.org

**Liard Aboriginal Women’s Society** Watson Lake, YK  
$25,500  
The LAWS Mothers of the Land Gathering sponsored by Catherine Donnelly Foundation in May 2018 demonstrated a lack of resources and emphasized the need to continue to support communities with scientific information and support Kaska traditional knowledge transfer on land based issues. This application is for a second conference.  
www.liardaboriginalwomen.ca

**MABELLEarts** Toronto, ON  
$30,000  
Community Roots is a timely initiative that brings impactful arts-based leadership opportunities to three low-income, inner-suburban Toronto neighbourhoods. By utilizing community-engaged arts as a participatory research and engagement strategy, community members will access training and on-the ground learning opportunities, combined with unique opportunities to engage and foster community involvement and civic engagement among newcomers, refugees and asylum seekers.  
www.mabellearts.ca
Myths and Mirrors Community Arts  Sudbury, ON  $35,000
Myths and Mirrors will partner with Better Beginnings Better Futures on The Circling Project which will develop and nurture support circles to lay the groundwork for developing strategies and projects to protect each other from hate, to challenge hate movements and to become effective allies.
www.mythsandmirrors.org

The Existence Project (a Tides Canada Initiative)  Victoria, BC  $30,000
Funding would support one year of The Existence Project workshop, which is offered to up to 80 people with a lived experience of homelessness aged 18-80, using the services provided by Anawim House. We employ a storyteller as the starting point for guided creative reflection that encourages participants to share their perspectives on the social issues that affect their day-to-day lives. This powerful group process that includes socially minded artists, students and community ally’s has proven successful in transforming the debilitating shame and isolation of past traumas and current circumstances into dignity and connection to community.
www.theexistenceproject.ca

ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVES

Community Forests International  Sackville, NB  $45,550
Funding will support the first phase of the Climate Forest Partnership project which aims support the creation of community-owned climate forests that secure and aggregate threatened private lands through collective local ownership; addressing socio-economic, reconciliation, and environmental challenges. Year one activities include: conducting meetings, focus groups, and interviews with stakeholders; determining participatory ownership and governance structures; implementing governance structures and business models; and building a National Climate Forest network.
www.forestinternational.org

National Observer  Vancouver, BC  $15,000
Funding is in support of First Nations Forward—Phase 2 which will see the production and publication of 10+ articles/multimedia pieces by the team at National Observer— independent investigative journalists. They will collaborate first and foremost with Indigenous communities in BC in order to bring compelling stories about Indigenous peoples and the environment into the mainstream. This project follows on the experience of the reporting series entitled First Nations: The 21st Century’s Stewards of Land and Water, which published 27 multimedia stories between November 2017 and May 2018.
www.nationalobserver.com

Regeneration Canada in partnership with Equiterre  Montreal, QC  $20,000
This project will highlight regenerative farmers through a series of short videos, in order to educate the general public about the importance of healthy soils as one of Canada’s most overlooked and underutilized climate change solutions. Public education is critical to drive demand for products that contribute to climate mitigation. The project will highlight the important role of farmers in Canada’s climate mitigation strategies to federal policy-makers. Ultimately leading to increased adoption rates of regenerative practices that support a more carbon neutral agriculture sector across Canada.
www.regenerationcanada.org
West Coast Environmental Law  
Vancouver, BC  
$50,000

Funding is to support the Revitalizing Indigenous Law for Land, Air and Water (RELAW) project of West Coast Environmental Law that provides co-learning opportunities and legal support to Indigenous nations using their own laws to address environmental challenges facing their territories, and to help secure lasting environmental and cultural sustainability.

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

## HOUSING INITIATIVES

**Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness**  
Victoria, BC  
$32,263

The ACEH in partnership with BC Housing and Vancouver’s Atira Women’s Resources Society will open 21 units of modular housing for Indigenous women, many of whom are fleeing violence. This project will build upon the successes and learnings from the Priority One pilot program where 20 of the city’s most at risk and vulnerable are housed in a new model of culturally supportive housing. The goal is to tailor the new culturally supportive housing model with long-term goals to replicate the model Vancouver Island wide, while drawing on Indigenous worldview, values and principles.

[www.aboriginalhomelessness.ca](http://www.aboriginalhomelessness.ca)

**Canada Without Poverty**  
Ottawa, ON  
$10,000

CWP is deeply engaged in advancing the relationship between housing and human rights at the national level in Canada. Our projects around homelessness, housing, and human rights address the root structural causes of homelessness and grossly inadequate housing (which leads to homelessness) as both cases and consequences of poverty. Their programming centered on housing and homelessness focuses on human rights-based policy and legislative development, legal advocacy, and communications.

[www.cwp-csp.ca](http://www.cwp-csp.ca)

**Ecotrust**  
Vancouver, BC  
$20,000

Funding is to support the second phase of the Standing Tree to Standing Home project. The aim of the project is to support the building of dignified, culturally appropriate and sustainable housing with Indigenous communities. This grant is to carry out ongoing engagement and capacity building work with their community partners, and to further refine and more widely disseminate a comprehensive housing system baseline assessment framework with Indigenous communities across Canada.

[www.ecotrust.ca](http://www.ecotrust.ca)

**Outflow Ministry**  
Saint John, NB  
$25,575

Outflow Ministry has front-line experience as a shelter provider. With this proposal they will build on their extensive knowledge to advocate for affordable housing in Saint John - both as a test-city for the national poverty reduction strategy and to inform the city’s new community planning process. They will lead in the local

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