# Program Grants, 2019/20 and 2020/21

CATHERINE DONNELLY FOUNDATION

Between fiscal 2019 and 2021, the Catherine Donnelly Foundation granted over \$4.6 million to more than 80 organizations and surpassed \$20 million in total giving since our founding in 2005.

In addition to the one-time grants in our program areas of Adult Education, the Environment and Housing listed below, CDF offers multi-year grants to programs and projects that propel systems change. During our last two fiscal years, A Way Home Canada and Righting Relations each received \$250,000 annually, while Healing Through the Land received \$200,000 and Ecojustice received \$150,000 per year.

We also occasionally designate funds to recognize specific need. In 2021, for example, we created a \$225,000 grant pool for BIPOC-led and BIPOC-serving organizations.

Listed below are the grants provided to organizations for the five granting periods beginning Fall 2019.

# FALL 2019 Grants 15 Organizations \$488,248



#### EXEKO • POWER SHIFTMONTREAL, PO • \$25,000

Funding was provided to expand and extend the work of Power Shift, an initiative that develops content and tools for adult education workshops for the socially excluded, including the homeless, elderly, refugees and Indigenous peoples, to claim their rights and engage with society. www.exeko.org

# INDIGENOUS FAMILY CENTRE • AT THE HEART OF THE MATTER: STORIES OF COMMUNITY AND HOME • WINNIPEG, MB • \$50,000

Funding will assist Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants to explore personal stories through multi-media art, including digital story creation, during At the Heart of the Matter: Stories of Community and Home.

www.ifcentre.com

## HOLLYHOCK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE • RUN FOR OFFICE • TORONTO, ON • \$20,000

Funding supports Run for Office, a political-training program designed to assist marginalized communities traditionally excluded from politics to build effective campaigns and explore the realities of supporting, running, and holding public office. The initiative seeks to deepen the pool of candidates from under-represented communities.

www.hollyhockleadershipinstitute.org

# MAPLE LEAF THEATRE FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (MIXED THEATRE COMPANY) • ENDING THE SILENCE • TORONTO, ON • \$25,350

www.mixedcompanytheatre.com

Ending the Silence promotes dialogue to address gender-based violence and oppression faced by newcomer women and survivors of abuse. Funding will support community partnerships to engage newcomers and refugees through theatre performances and foster learning about healing and intervention methods.

RWANDA SOCIAL SERVICES AND FAMILY COUNSELLING • MAKING CHANGE BY REMEMBERING OUR PAST • OTTAWA, ON • \$25,000

Funding will provide community members who survived the Rwandan genocide and other forms of violence a safe space to share their stories and discuss the impact of their lived experience in Canada through Making Change by Remembering our Past.

www.rwandasocialservicesottawa.org

#### THE 519 • STORIES FROM HOME • TORONTO, ON • \$35,000

Stories from Home challenges conceptions of marginalized residents in Toronto's gentrifying downtown east neighbourhood through stories and place making. Funding will support theatre and storytelling workshops and culminate in the creation of plaques installed at places in which the narratives written by participants took place. www.the519.org

# SMALL CHANGE FUND (TTC RIDERS) • NEIGHBOURHOOD TRANSIT ORGANIZERS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM • TORONTO, ON • \$35,000

Funding for the Neighbourhood Transit
Organizers Leadership Program will assist
riders from neighbourhoods with poor transit
and limited access to employment to develop
leadership skills and create and implement
local action plans addressing economic and
mobility challenges.

www.ttcriders.ca

YELLOWHEAD INSTITUTE (RYERSON UNIVERSITY) • YELLOWHEAD INDIGENOUS JUSTICE EDUCATION • TORONTO, ON • \$26,850

Yellowhead Indigenous Justice Education builds programming for incarcerated and post-incarcerated Indigenous individuals. Funding will assist learners to understand their rights, build confidence and skills to stay out of prison and connect to a larger Indigenous network. www.yellowheadinstitute.org

"The Catherine Donnelly Foundation is more than just a funder. CDF is a strategic partner, working alongside us to create systems change. We wouldn't be where we are today without their support."

Melanie Redman, President & CEO, A Way Home Canada

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#### ENVIRONMENT



# ALL-TOGETHER AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION • QUINTE COMMUNITY AND HOUSING FIRST PARTNERSHIP • BELLEVILLE, ON • \$22,500

Funding for the Quinte Community and Housing First Partnership helps provide vulnerable individuals with safe, affordable housing and supports to produce successful tenancies in an inclusive, engaged community. The landlord as well as six community agencies are involved in the collaboration.

www.alltogetherhousing.ca

#### ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY OF NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO • THUNDER BAY, ON • \$22,980

In 2018, Elizabeth Fry undertook research to assess the extent to which housing insecurity and homelessness led to involvement with the criminal justice system. Funding for Phase Two of the project involves education, outreach and creating new relationships to address criminal-justice proceedings and reintegration. www.elizabethfrynwo.org

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CANADA • FUNDING FOR BUILDING FUTURES – INDIGENOUS YOUTH TRADE SKILLS TRAINING

• TORONTO, ON • \$50,000

Funding for Building Futures – Indigenous Youth Trade Skills Training will help Indigenous youth in remote communities learn construction and leadership skills. Targeted outcomes include imparting the ability to retrofit and repair homes and in doing so, provide additional resources to youth and their communities.

#### HALIFAX REFUGEE CLINIC • COMMUNITY ACTION ON ELIMINATING HOUSING BARRIERS FOR REFUGEES • HALIFAX, NS • \$35,568

Community Action on Eliminating Housing Barriers for Refugees will identify resources for refugee claimants and use those supports to build strategies and responses. Funding will support the creation of a Housing Solutions Network to improve access to housing and prevent eviction and housing stress.

www.halifaxrefugeeclinic.org

## NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END RURAL AND REMOTE HOMELESSNESS

CALGARY, AB • \$35,000

Funding supports the creation of a web site and materials to help individuals and organizations access resources relevant to rural and remote housing and homelessness. NAERRH will also partner with communities to offer regional summits in Canada's East, West and North. www.naerrh.ca

## POLARIS INSTITUTE (GREEN NEW DEAL) • THE LEAP

• OTTAWA, ON • \$70,000\*

Funding for The Leap will assist in developing materials and promoting policy work and public events to publicize elements of the Green New Deal, including food, transit, health and housing initiatives. The work will also support progressive allies in Canada's federal parliament to advance Green New Deal initiatives. www.theleap.org

## EAST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL LAWHALIFAX, NS • \$10,000

Funding will gather participants to increase awareness of Mi'kmaw laws for ecological governance and identify opportunities for collaborative efforts to encourage their implementation in Nova Scotia.

www.ecelaw.ca

\*Funding for The Leap was supported by both the housing and environment funding streams of CDF

"The Catherine Donnelly Foundation was the catalyst in creating For Our Kids. Whereas many funders are quite conservative, the Foundation saw the opportunity and took the risk on something new. And it paid off!"

Matt Price, co-founder, For Our Kids

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SPRING 2020 Grants
20 Organizations
\$604,955



ACTION CANCER DU SEIN DU QUÉBEC/ BREAST CANCER ACTION QUEBEC • WORKSHOPS TO REDUCE SOCIAL

• MONTRÉAL, QC • \$38,482

Funding will support health-empowerment workshops delivered in French and English for newly arrived adult learners. Participants identify the supports they need and with assistance work with the community to bring about that change.

www.acsqc.ca

#### CANADIAN LANGUAGE MUSEUM • SIGN LANGUAGES OF CANADA TRAVELLING EXHIBIT OUTREACH PROGRAM • TORONTO, ON • \$7,000

The Canadian Language Museum and members of Canada's Deaf communities will create an interactive, traveling exhibition. Sign Languages of Canada will educate hearing visitors about the expressiveness and complexity of different sign languages and Deaf visitors will learn lesser-known aspects of their language's history as well as develop cross-cultural awareness of other Deaf communities in Canada. www.languagemuseum.ca

#### CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF CANADA

• LEARNING COMMUNITY ON RECONCILIATION

• OTTAWA, ON • \$29,000

Launched in May 2019, this learning community provides supports for organizations serving children, youth and families to strengthen their ability to work creatively and respectfully with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples as well as reflect on their practice and evaluate reconciliation initiatives, among other outcomes.

#### CITY FOR ALL WOMEN INITIATIVE • MAKING VOICES COUNT

• OTTAWA, ON • \$34,000

Making Voices Count connects Ottawa residents with city decision makers to create more equitable communities. The program builds capacity among urban, suburban and rural community organizations and resident leaders – particularly women – to encourage civic engagement that drives structural social change within marginalized communities. www.cawi-ivtf.org

## JANE/FINCH COMMUNITY AND FAMILY CENTRE • EQUITABLE PLANNING TOOLBOX • TORONTO, ON • \$33,000

The Equitable Planning Toolbox is a set of community-driven education tools designed to help marginalized communities take control of landuse decisions in their neighbourhoods. The goal is to promote equity, encourage democracy and deliver community benefit by helping residents understand and participate in planning and development in their neighbourhoods. www.janefinchcentre.org

## NANAIMO FOODSHARE SOCIETY • PEER CONNECTIONS

• NANAIMO, BC • \$33,517

Funding for Nanaimo Foodshare Society will assist in developing, implementing and evaluating a peer mentorship program for low-income elders and elders with disabilities. Active elders, community stakeholders and supporting professionals will collaborate using an empowerment approach to address social isolation and healthy eating.

## PARK PEOPLE • SPARKING CHANGE LEARNING PROJECT

• TORONTO, ON • \$30,500

Sparking Change Learning Project is a peer-learning program designed to develop volunteer community leaders within marginalized neighbourhoods. Park People will provide new Canadians, women and members of underserved communities in Toronto and Vancouver with the support they need to lead programs in their local parks. The program offers workshops, bus tours, peer-learning connections and 30 community-led park events. www.parkpeople.ca

## SEED WINNIPEG • STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES THROUGH MONEY STORIES

• WINNIPEG, MB • \$33,000

SEED and the Manitoba Indigenous Cultural Education Centre will translate Money Stories, a unique, intergenerational money-management training program grounded in an Indigenous worldview, into Cree, Oji-Cree and/or Ojibway and assist Indigenous facilitators to learn and teach the initiatives in their communities. Delivered with a strengths-based community economic-development approach, the curriculum

will enhance economic sovereignty and promote Indigenous language revitalization. www.seedwinnipeg.ca

# SIERRA CLUB OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FOUNDATION • RELATIONAL ORGANIZING AND POPULAR EDUCATION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE IN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES • VANCOUVER, BC • \$23,000

Using popular education processes within community networks and drawing from lived experience, this initiative will co-create a shared analysis of the climate crisis and generate community-based actions for climate justice among immigrant and refugee communities in the lower mainland of BC. Marginalized communities disproportionately experience climate-change impacts so equitable and just climate solutions must embrace their voices and their leaders. www.sierraclub.bc.ca

# SOUTHERN STL'ATL'IMX HEALTH SOCIETY (CAPILANO UNIVERSITY) • SQWELSQWEL'MIN ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT

• MOUNT CURRIE, BC • \$28,456

This participatory research initiative will seek to answer the question 'What do families need to

support their children's learning?' Members of the Southern Stl'atl'imx First Nations will create a process to seek feedback from their communities, analyze results and recommend next steps to support children and youth.

## THE EXISTENCE PROJECT (TIDES CANADA INITIATIVES SOCIETY) • KEEPING IT HUMAN FOR COMMUNITIES

• VICTORIA, BC • \$34,000

www.sshs.ca

This second grant from the Foundation will expand their storyteller training process to a new constituent base comprised primarily of women with lived experience of homelessness and to collaboratively deliver a peer-led antistigma storytelling initiative across Victoria. The Existence Project works with participants to develop and deliver workshops that facilitate dialogue between marginalized people and community members – transforming shame and isolation into dignity and connection to community.

www.theexistenceproject.ca

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# CIRCLE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (WIGWAMEN INCORPORATED) • CIRCLE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST • TORONTO, ON • \$36,000

Circle Community Land Trust was formed to preserve and invest in more than 700 homes currently owned by Toronto Community Housing, but at risk of being sold to private property developers. The Foundation grant will assist in preparing the Land Trust to assume ownership, bring homes to a state of good repair and keep them affordable for low-income tenants. www.circlelandtrust.ca

#### OUTFLOW MINISTRY INC. • CITY OF REFUGE • SAINT JOHN, NB • \$15,000

City of Refuge assists people living homeless in St. John, NB to find and continue to live in safe and affordable housing. The initiative facilitates this process by educating politicians and government officials about homelessness and proven strategies to reduce homelessness as well as assisting stakeholders in developing regional supports. Part of this work will involve developing and communicating a homeless-focused response to COVID-19 during the pandemic and in the following period of recovery. www.outflowsj.com

## JUBILEE FUND INC. • BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY FOR HOUSING PROJECTS • WINNIPEG, MB • \$30,000

Jubilee Fund is a Winnipeg lender of last resort who offers bridge financing to housing projects when foundations, donors and financial institutions can't or won't. Funds are intended to leverage support from others. A grant from the Foundation will support the Fund in building sustainable partnerships with community organizations, banks and other Manitoba housing stakeholders to ensure suitable projects are aware of Jubilee's work. www.jubileefund.ca

#### YONGE STREET MISSION • EDUCATION CI MODEL DEVELOPMENT • TORONTO, ON • \$30,000

Funding to this initiative will support efforts to identify and address barriers to education for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness and creating a new educational approach designed by those young people. The project will draw on the guidance of youth leaders with lived experience to develop curriculum with an emphasis on experiential learning principles that address the multiple areas of support needed by homeless youth.

## FUTURE MAJORITY • FUTURE MAJORITY • TORONTO, ON • \$50,000

Future Majority promotes political action on climate change and affordable housing, among other issues, by working in non-urban ridings where increased youth voter turnout has the potential to shift election results toward progressive candidates. Funding supports will increase democratic participation among youth to improve representation and action on these critical issues.

## EDEMOCRACY SOLUTIONS • THE CLIMATE BUDGET PROJECT

• VANCOUVER, BC • \$40,000

www.futuremajority.ca

Through climate communications, the Budget Project will engage people from all walks of life in playing a meaningful role in helping shape climate policy and action plans at the local level, as well as increasing ecological literacy to support increased community-level grassroots involvement. The goal is to go beyond the choir and reach a broad cross-section of community members, to increase equity and create a path forward with the social license and community buy-in required to make large-scale change a reality. www.ethelo.org

## CANADA GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL • LOW-CARBON BUILDINGS WORKFORCE COALITION

• OTTAWA, ON • \$25,000

The Low-Carbon Buildings Workforce Coalition will gather industry, government, education, and labour stakeholders to champion investment in a low-carbon building workforce in the Greater Toronto Area. The coalition will support training for diverse workers in green construction skills and advance new strategies and tools to encourage investment in low-carbon buildings. Supporting an inclusive and diverse workforce will contribute to a just transition. www.cagbc.org

#### GREENPAC • EVERY DAY ADVOCATES • TORONTO, ON • \$25,000

GreenPAC is a national, non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to building environmental leadership in politics. The organization hopes to encourage environmental accountability between elected representatives and the voters in their communities by empowering citizens through public events. Funding will support public mobilization and engagement to push for action on climate change.

www.greenpac.ca

## WELLINGTON WATER WATCHERS (SMALL CHANGE FUND) • PEOPLE'S WATER TRIBUNAL

• GUELPH, ON • \$30,000

The Peoples' Water Tribunal will convene a panel of experts to hear public testimony and deliver a decision on the question "Should Ontario issue permits to take water for bottling to Nestlé and other private corporations?" Funding supports education and engagement related to the protection of water as a public, non-commercial resource.

www.wellingtonwaterwatchers.ca

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30 Organizations
\$618,072



## THE CANADIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND • SIGHT LOSS ADVOCACY IN BC • TORONTO, ON • \$20,000

The CNIB will develop and deliver group training sessions on advocacy and human rights for members of the sight loss community in British Columbia. This project will use a train-thetrainer model to support, connect, empower and amplify voices to inform new accessibility legislation in British Columbia.

THE CENTRE FOR CIVIC RELIGIOUS
LITERACY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ISLAMIC
FAMILY & SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION
• RELIGIOUS, SPIRITUAL, AND NONRELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING IN RURAL
CANADA: A PILOT PROJECT TO PROMOTE
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING
THROUGH RELIGIOUS LITERACY

• EDMONTON, AB • \$20,000

This multi-year project aims to improve social and economic well-being of rural communities in Alberta and Ontario by applying religious and spiritual literacy and practices to support identities and reduce tensions. Learned lessons will be explored, adapted and applied in other communities.

www.ccrl-clrc.ca

#### DENE NAHJO (MAKEWAY) • HIDE TANNING MENTORSHIP – DEHCHO DELIVERY 2021 • YELLOWKNIFE, NWT • \$25,000

An on-the-land program for Indigenous peoples will teach traditional Dene hide tanning techniques as well as instruction on how to manage a bush camp. Facilitated discussions will focus on decolonization, Indigenous resurgence, Indigenous leadership values, climate action and modern land claims.

www.denenahjo.com

## HIVES FOR HUMANITY SOCIETY (PHS COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY)

- EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE CULTURE OF THE HIVE
- VANCOUVER, BC \$4,000

This workshop series focuses on public speaking and group facilitation to build pathways to governance and leadership through an inclusive, creative culture of connection built around gardens and beehives. Participants will identify social inequalities they experience and develop collective actions to share their voices with allies for social justice.

www.hivesforhumanity.com

# JOHN HUMPHREY CENTRE FOR PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS • STRIDE FORWARD: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND COMMUNITYBASED ADVOCACY

• EDMONTON, AB • \$20,000

Stride Forward will strengthen the Stride Advocacy Network by hosting meetings and workshops to build individual understanding of Indigenous-based/trauma-informed restorative justice practices. Workshops will build skills to use these practices in advocacy work with victims and offenders.

www.jhcentre.org/stride-selfadvocacy

## KA NI KANICHIHK INC. • HEART MEDICINE LODGE

• WINNIPEG, MB • \$30,000

Resources will enable the Heart Medicine Lodge adult education program to adapt programming to pandemic conditions. Embedded in the project are Indigenous cultural practices which define self and create pathways for reconciliation and facilitate the breakdown of systemic barriers.

www.kanikanichihk.ca

## MABELLEARTS • THE MABELLE AVENUE PROJECT (MAP)

• TORONTO, ON • \$20,000

MAP is a community-led, social and economic development program that seeks to revitalize existing communal spaces that are currently inaccessible to residents. Funding supports adult education, training and job development for community leaders.

www.mabellearts.ca/projects

#### **MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE**

- DRAWING WATER: DIVINING OUR POWER THROUGH CREATIVE WRITING
- OTTAWA, ON \$17,500

This project seeks to advance the leadership of racialized and immigrant/refugee women and build cross-cultural-racial, interfaith allyship through creative writing. Participants will explore the impact of colonization and racial injustice, along with other forms of marginalization.

www.multifaithhousing.ca

## SKILLS FOR CHANGE • BLACK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE ON SOCIAL ACTION FOR CHANGE

• TORONTO, ON • \$20,000

The Social Action for Change initiative gathers members of the Toronto region's Black community for leadership development. Participants will gain transferable skills to drive local change related to the intersectional barriers faced by Black people.

www.skillsforchange.org

#### VIDEA • OSKINÎKIWAK ASKÎY: FUTURE WORLD

• VICTORIA, BC • \$24,900

The Oskinîkiwak Askîy: Future World project will choose five Indigenous female, male and Two-Spirited youth leaders from communities from across Canada to create a media campaign highlighting Indigenous-led initiatives and teachings on the intersecting themes of environmental sustainability and gender equality. www.videa.ca

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# CANADIAN CENTRE FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES (ONTARIO) • THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF RENT • TORONTO, ON • \$20,380

This project aims to support tenants across Canada to mobilize for more affordable and more secure housing by examining the root causes of the current housing crisis. A demographic portrait of Canada's tenants and research on collective action by tenants will be included. www.policyalternatives.ca

# LOGIFEM INC. • ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES LEAVING SHELTERED LIVING BY SHIFTING TO A SYSTEMS APPROACH • MONTREAL, QC • \$29,410

Montreal-based organizations supporting women who experience housing instability, aim to shift from an emergency-only response model to a sustainable systems housing approach. The network will create, implement and evaluate housing supports and strengthen organizations working with women and children. www.logifem.org

## PARTNERS FOR YOUTH INC. • MENTORING FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS • FREDERICTON, NB • \$12,500

This initiative addresses the service gap related to ongoing mentorship and support for youth who seek mental health treatment. This community-based initiative will support the mental health of youth and recruit, train and assist volunteer mentors to provide education and employment supports.

# SHAREHOLDER ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (SHARE) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE • INVESTORS FOR AFFORDABLE CITIES

• VANCOUVER, BC • \$25,000

www.partnersforyouth.ca

This project will mobilize actors in the financial system to address practices that are driving housing unaffordability. The initiative will encourage institutional investors to implement responsible real estate strategies and enlist policy makers to stop predatory behavior and promote housing investment that support inclusive communities.

#### SILOAM MISSION • EXIT UP! • WINNIPEG, MB • \$20,000

The Exit Up! program provides opportunities for Indigenous young adults who have left the care of Child and Family Services to develop skills for living independently. The program provides culturally safe and relevant opportunities to help participants achieve their goals.

www.siloam.ca

## WOMAN ABUSE COUNCIL OF TORONTO (WOMANACT) • SAFE AT HOME • TORONTO, ON • \$24,772

Violence is a leading cause of homelessness among women and a lack of access to safe and affordable housing is a key barrier for women fleeing violence. This project will develop policies and practices to support women to remain in their own home or find independent accommodation when leaving a violent relationship. Knowledge will be shared with policy makers, community agencies and funders.

## CLEAN ENERGY CANADA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

- AMPLIFYING THE HOPEFUL CLEAN ENERGY STORY IN CANADA
- VANCOUVER, BC \$15,000

This project will amplify good-news stories about clean energy in Canada through polling, editorial board meetings and ongoing strategic media briefs, with a focus on profiling jobs, economic impacts, examples of change and success stories about renewable energy in Canada's Indigenous communities.

CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK – RÉSEAU ACTION CLIMAT (CAN-RAC) CANADA AND FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (FES) • SUPPORTING A JUST RECOVERY FOR ALL CANADIANS

• TORONTO, ON • \$25,000

www.cleanenergycanada.org

Funding will help gather a spectrum of Canadian civil society groups interested in creating and implementing policy and programming for a clean and Just Recovery. The program will also support the development of transition strategies and campaigns covering a variety of investments and activities.

www.climateactionnetwork.ca

## • COMMUNITY FORESTS INTERNATIONAL • COMMON GROUND: ENGAGEMENT ORGANIZING FOR NEW FOREST

• SACKVILLE, NB • \$20,000

**RELATIONSHIPS** 

The project will mobilize citizen climate action in the Maritime region by amplifying common ground in land relationships among settlers and First Nations and by providing access to the emerging conservation economy. CFI will communicate shared knowledge and storytelling. www.forestsinternational.org

## DOGWOOD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INSTITUTE FOR NEW ECONOMICS • LOCAL POWER

• VICTORIA, BC • \$30,000

The Local Power campaign will remove obstacles to community-driven clean electricity in B.C. by surveying green recovery projects, partnering with First Nations to highlight Indigenous renewable power projects and helping draft clean energy legislation in the province. www.dogwoodbc.ca

## FOR OUR KIDS • BUILDING A PARENT CLIMATE MOVEMENT • DUNCAN, BC • \$40,000

For Our Kids is a network of parents/guardians and grandparents in Canada fighting for a green, equitable, and just world for our kids and grandkids. This grant will support efforts to expand the network across Canada and assist local advocacy.

www.forourkids.ca

# GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT - CANADA (FAITH & THE COMMON GOOD) • ECOLOGICAL CATHOLIC IMPACT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

• TORONTO, ON • \$25,000

This project aims to facilitate the migration of Catholic-held capital (in pension fund, endowments and other investment vehicles) to alternatives that will build a more sustainable and just world. Activities include developing ecological investment alternatives for faith communities. www.faithcommongood.org

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#### **ENVIRONMENT**



## GREEN JOBS OSHAWA (CSJ FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION)

- ENVIRONMENTAL CONVERSION
- OSHAWA, ON \$25,000

This project for environmentally conscious conversion of manufacturing will work to build a popular base for converting closed facilities to socially useful production, encourage worker and community engagement and advocate for links between economic restructuring, the environment and jobs with dignity.

www.greenjobsoshawa.ca

#### INDIGENOUS CLEAN ENERGY • BRINGING IT HOME

• OTTAWA, ON • \$20,000

Bringing It Home is a national initiative that will develop tools and resources, national financing solutions, and hands-on training to support Indigenous communities to implement energy efficiency projects.

www.indigenouscleanenergy.com

# IRON AND EARTH (INSTITUTE FOR NEW ECONOMICS) • THE PROSPEROUS TRANSITION CAMPAIGN: FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY WORKERS CALLING FOR A GREEN RECOVERY

• VICTORIA, BC • \$20,000

The campaign will generate worker support for prosperous transition principles and green stimulus initiatives, amplify worker-supported priorities and organize to win workers' policy priorities.

www.ironandearth.org

# THE SHARE REUSE REPAIR INITIATIVE (MAKEWAY) • CATALYZING A JUST AND GREEN RECOVERY THROUGH SHARING, REUSE AND REPAIR

• VANCOUVER, BC • \$25,000

This project will engage members of marginalized communities to chronicle how circular economy practices like sharing, reuse and repair show up in their lives, build shared understanding of a Just Recovery and-create a strategy brief that uses their voices and stories to advocate for change.

www.shareuserepair.org

## WEST KOOTENAY ECOSOCIETY • JUST TRANSITION IN HEAVY INDUSTRY-BASED RURAL TOWNS

• NELSON, BC • \$25,000

This project will connect with rural audiences in heavy-industry communities to build support for a just clean energy transition by undertaking 'deep canvassing', amplifying positive rural solutions and building support among workers and politicians to transition industry to low-carbon energy solutions.

www.ecosociety.ca

# WORLD WILDLIFE FUND CANADA (WWF-CANADA) • NEW ECONOMY IN RENEWABLE ENERGY: GJOA HAVEN ENERGY CO-OP • TORONTO, ON • \$15,000

Funding will support the creation of the Gjoa Haven Energy Co-op by finalizing the legal and financial structure and building a business case for the new venture. Gjoa Haven will enable energy efficiency and renewable energy projects to increase employment, energy security and Inuit ownership in Nunavut.

SPRING 2021 Grants
9 Organizations

\$213,304

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#### AFRIQUE AU FÉMININ • PARENTS AGENTS MULTIPLICATEURS • MONTREAL, PQ • \$20,000

This project fosters autonomy and empowerment for newly arrived women who speak neither French nor English by contacting them in their first language and improving access to social services. Parents Agents Multiplicateurs aims to combat social isolation and build relationships between community organizations, institutions and the populations they serve. www.afriqueaufeminin.org

# CIRCLES FOR RECONCILIATION, INC (ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT BONIFACE) • CIRCLES FOR RECONCILIATION • WINNIPEG, MB • \$25,000

Created in response to Calls to Action 45 and 46 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, this initiative aims to create and maintain mutual respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Ten participants – five Indigenous and five non-Indigenous – gather with two trained facilitators in a reconciliation circle for ten weekly sessions to specifically explore primary and elementary school education on the process of reconciliation.

## CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE • POVERTY IN CANADA: THE CHANGE WE NEED • OTTAWA, ON • \$9,304

Funding will support the development of educational resources and activities that explore people's lived experiences of poverty, privilege, and systemic oppression in Canada, and develop their capacity to engage in political advocacy. The project will be carried out with the guidance of an advisory group composed of those with lived experience of poverty and/or other intersecting forms of systemic oppression. www.cpj.ca

## COMMUNITY JUSTICE COLLECTIVE (JUR-ED FOUNDATION) • COLLECTIVE DEFENSE FOR TENANTS

• TORONTO, ON • \$30,000

This initiative will sustain and expand the growing tenant union movement in Ontario by using collective defense methods to fight mass evictions, build tenant power and increase organized tenants' capacity to fight for affordable housing. Funding supports work with immigrant and working-class communities in the Greater Toronto Area with the hope the model will expand across Ontario.

www.cjclaw.org

## FOOD FIRST NL (MUNICIPALITIES NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR)

- REIMAGINING FOOD AID IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
- ST. JOHN'S, NL \$25,000

Reimagining Food Aid in Newfoundland and Labrador aims to convene a conversation on the future of the emergency food system. This discussion will amplify the voices of those with lived experiences of food insecurity and those who volunteer with or work for food-related programs to encourage new ways of thinking and working. The project will include both in-person and online sessions, a conference, development of a summary report and a communications campaign.

www.foodfirstnl.ca

## NORTH END PARENT CENTRE ASSOCIATION (IMOVE ARTS ASSOCIATION)

- DEVELOPING CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM FOR LEARNING ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF THE COOP MODEL
- HALIFAX, NS \$30,000

This project will develop a culturally appropriate, Afro-centric curriculum based in adult education principles and best practice to support racialized people in Nova Scotia. Participants will learn how to use the cooperative model to address their economic and social challenges.

#### NEW DAWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION • NORTHSIDE CHANGEMAKERS PROGRAM • HALIFAX, NS • \$30,000

This 12-month initiative delivers connections, funding, leadership skills and empowerment to marginalized citizens to build local capacity, including the creation of new community programming. The program is designed with one-on-one coaching and anti-oppression education to reduce barriers to participation. www.newdawn.ca

#### THE CENTRE FOR MINDFULNESS STUDIES

- MINDFULNESS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE
- TORONTO ON \$32,000

Funding supports the first phase of development of a mindfulness-based, antioppression training strategy that social agencies can use to encourage marginalized constituencies to address personal and collective issues of systemic oppression.

Materials will focus on local communities and the larger socio-political environment.

www.mindfulnessstudies.com

## VISUAL ARTS CENTRE OF CLARINGTON • ONSITE ARTS OUTREACH PROGRAMMING • BOWMANVILLE, ON • \$12,000

Onsite Arts Outreach Programming is a collaborative art program that invites artists to facilitate meaningful community engagement with the Durham Region's most vulnerable populations. Four artists will work with invited communities to produce strategic planning, social change, and cultural education through artist-led interventions.

"Without the support of the Catherine Donnelly Foundation, we would never have gotten this project off the ground. your initial investment kicked it off."

Katie McKenna, Executive Director, The Leap

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# INSTITUTE FOR CHANGE LEADERS • EMPOWERING AFRICAN LGBTIQ+ REFUGEES IN ONTARIO FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE

• TORONTO, ON • \$24,587

The project will develop capacity and leadership to help create an African LGBTIQ+ refugee movement in Ontario. Advocacy efforts will continue by using this movement to confront systemic racism and discrimination and improve economic prospects through ongoing programming. www.changeleaders.ca

## FCJ REFUGEE CENTRE • SAFETY THROUGH SOLIDARITY

• TORONTO, ON • \$20,000

Peer-led learning sessions will empower racialized refugee and precarious migrant women by identifying systems of oppression and strengthen individual and collective resilience. Safety Through Solidarity will also outline and develop strategies to overcome systemic exploitation.

www.fcjrefugeecentre.org

## THE EXISTENCE PROJECT (MAKEWAY) • BACK TO THE BODY

VICTORIA, BC • \$25,000

Back to the Body is a workshop using art to educate and teach women with lived and living experience of homelessness how to understand their stories and learn to use tools to better manage their lives and build community with one another. The workshop collaborates with downtown service providers to offer supports. www.theexistenceproject.ca

## THE NORTHERN BIRTHWORK COLLECTIVE (MAKEWAY) • INDIGENOUS BIRTHWORKER TRAINING

• YELLOWKNIFE, NWT • \$50,000

Funding supports an Indigenous birthwork training and support program to build capacity in northern communities through community forums and consultation as well as forming a Knowledge Keepers/Elders Advisory Committee. The initiative will subsequently develop materials and pilot and launch the program across the NWT.

# CLAN MOTHERS HEALING VILLAGE • CLAN MOTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT • WINNIPEG, MB • \$40,000

Clan Mothers Healing Village aims to provide support to women who have been victims of multi-generational trauma, sexual violence, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking. Funding will help in the development of a strategic plan, hire and train staff for educational programming and social enterprise development, and support fundraising.

www.clanmothers.ca

# MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND • RELATIONSHIPS FIRST RESTORATIVE JUSTICE EDUCATION • ST. JOHN'S, NL • \$25,000

This project will plan and deliver a Family
Violence Project, Student Residence Relational
Living Project, and Decolonizing through Indigenous Consultation and Partnerships. Participants will embrace decolonizing non-Indigenous
principles, practices of restorative justice and
build capacity for Talking Circle pedagogy.
www.relationshipsfirstnl.com

# TATAMAGOUCHE (ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN TRAINING CENTRE) • REDUCING RACISM AND DIVISIVENESS IN THE MARITIMES • TATAMAGOUCHE, NS • \$30,000

This initiative aims to reduce racism, divisiveness and systemic oppression at the Tatamagouche Centre and among their programs. The project will offer an institutional and program audit using an anti-racism/anti-oppression lens, hire BIPOC coordinators and deliver initiatives focused on multi-faith decolonizing. www.tatacentre.ca

## WATERCOURSE THEATRE • LIVING BELOW THE LINE

• KITCHENER, ON • \$20,778

Living Below the Line is a community-engaged theatre project for Waterloo Region residents marginalized by poverty. Diverse, multigenerational individuals will collaborate with theatre artists to co-create and present a work about their life experiences. The project will culminate in seven planned community presentations. www.catherinefrid.com/watercourse-theatre/

"CDF has been the most collaborative and supportive funder I have ever worked with. They truly have walked this journey with us. And in doing so they have self-reflected and worked hard to decolonialize their practices. As one Indigenous woman stated, 'CDF has supported us being us."

Ishbel Munro, National Steering Committee Righting Relations

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• TORONTO, ON • \$50,000

The Foundation's relationship with A Way Home continues with assistance to build additional capacity in the homelessness and allied sectors to serve Indigenous youth in culturally appropriate and supportive ways. Funding allows the Youth Homelessness Social Innovation Lab to create a full-time Indigenous trainer position. www.awayhome.ca

## BC SOCIETY OF TRANSITION HOUSES • A WOMEN-CENTERED TOOL FOR FLEXIBLE SPACE AND SUITABLE HOMES

• VANCOUVER, BC • \$36,846

This project aims to improve accessibility of appropriate long-term affordable housing for low-income women and their children leaving violent situations. Using a systems-based approach, housing sector stakeholders and people with lived expertise will develop a useable toolkit while examining housing design solutions and strategies. www.bcsth.ca

## CATHOLIC CROSSCULTURAL SERVICES • THE GATHERING PLACE

• SCARBOROUGH, ON • \$40,000

By encouraging innovative private-public partnerships, The Gathering Place collaborative working group will seek to implement inclusionary zoning legislation to remedy the lack of affordable and supportive housing in Scarborough for immigrants, refugees, youth, and those experiencing chronic homelessness.

www.cathcrosscultural.org

# CHOICES FOR YOUTH • SOFT LANDING: RAPID REHOUSING AND SHELTER DIVERSION FOR YOUTH ACROSS NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR • ST. JOHN'S, NL • \$30,000

This project will research and promote best practices to implement and sustain 'housing first' rapid rehousing and shelter diversion across Newfoundland. Funding will also aid the work of defining homelessness and housing precarity within small rural communities and identify innovative and replicable solutions to address it.

www.choicesforyouth.ca

# NATIVE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES OF TORONTO • CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE STUDY TO ADDRESS ABORIGINAL HOMELESSNESS IN TORONTO • TORONTO, ON • \$40,792

Funds support a study into the systemic and social barriers to accessing culturally informed affordable housing and housing supports among the Aboriginal population in Toronto. Includes outreach, data collection, and sharing findings with partners. nativechild.org

# TORONTO HOSTELS TRAINING CENTRE (TORONTO SHELTER NETWORK) • MEETING CRISIS WITH OPPORTUNITY • TORONTO, ON • \$40,000

This project aims to develop and test strategies for converting shelters to supportive and transitional housing programs enabling homeless populations to live in safe, secure and appropriate housing. A particular focus is on the chronically homeless and those least-well served by existing services.

www.thtcentre.com

# UNITED WAY OF SASKATOON AND AREA (SASKATOON CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICE) • JOURNEY HOME • SASKATOON, SK • \$25,000

Aiming to deliver immediate access to adequate and affordable long-term housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. This initiative will collaborate using a harm-reduction lens to address unmet physical and mental health issues as well as financial, social, and spiritual needs.

www.unitedwaysaskatoon.ca

## VICTORIA NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE • RAVEN HOUSE

• VICTORIA, BC • \$25,000

The Victoria Native Friendship Centre will work with a property owner to purchase land to build Raven House - a six-story building with 60 micro-suites to house youth aging out of government care. Funding supports consultant costs related to the project.

www.vnfc.ca

"Ecojustice has been at the forefront of environmental protection using the law for over 30 years. Yet it was our partnership with the Catherine Donnelly Foundation which spawned our most visionary work – fighting for Canada to join a global movement of legally recognizing the human right to a healthy environment. I am proud to be supported by this remarkable organization that shares our values and vision of a thriving environment, safe climate, and healthy communities."

Devon Page, Executive Director, Ecojustice

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#### **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL - CANADA**

- ENERGY TRANSITION & POWERING CHANGE
- TORONTO, ON \$20,000

This campaign will generate educational materials, communications tools, videos and a comic book to highlight human rights abuses and environmental harm related to the production of rechargeable batteries. Canadaspecific content will promote sustainable energy and resource solutions that promote and safeguard human rights.

# DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION • PRIORITIZING AREAS FOR BOREAL CARIBOU HABITAT RESTORATION BASED ON WESTERN AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

• VANCOUVER, BC • \$23,000

Funding supports the development of a national priority map for boreal caribou habitat restoration that incorporates Indigenous knowledge. Project staff will host workshops with Indigenous knowledge holders and map their oral contributions. Future restoration initiatives could offer green jobs in lieu of extractive occupations and heal degraded landscapes. www.davidsuzuki.org

# ECOJUSTICE CANADA SOCIETY • ACCELERATING THE TRANSITION TO A JUST, EQUITABLE, LOW-CARBON FUTURE IN CANADA

• TORONTO, ON • \$50,000

www.ecojustice.ca

Foundation support will continue to aid a youth-led climate lawsuit, efforts to secure the right to a healthy environment through Canadian Environmental Protection Act reform, and a new climate finance strategy.

ECOLOGICAL FARMERS ASSOCIATION
OF ONTARIO • SUPPORTING BLACK,
INDIGENOUS AND OTHER FARMERS OF
COLOUR THROUGH FARMER-TO-FARMER
KNOWLEDGE SHARING, TRAINING AND
LAND ACCESS

• GUELPH, ON • \$37,030

This project acts on suggestions provided by EFAO's BIPOC Farmer Network by supporting Black, Indigenous and other farmers of colour through farmer-to-farmer knowledge sharing and community building as well as by launching a coalition of stakeholders to address land access for BIPOC farmers.

www.efao.ca

## ECOLOGY ACTION CENTRE • GREEN JOBS FOR ALL

• HALIFAX, NS • \$18,750

Youth from immigrant and newcomer communities will be mobilized to engage in conversations related to green jobs. Conversations will highlight barriers and ask the needs of those youth be reflected while we build a sustainable and inclusive economy.

www.ecologyaction.ca

# ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH ALLIANCE • NATURE STEWARDS: CREATING A GREEN JOBS PATHWAY FOR YOUTH FACING BARRIERS TO EQUITY

• VANCOUVER, BC • \$20,000

Provides land-based job skills training designed to build an equitable and just Green Economy. Funding will assist in the use of a trauma-informed approach to engage youth traditionally excluded from environmental work. Areas of focus include 'braiding' Western ecology with Indigenous knowledge and developing skills in land stewardship.

www.eya.ca

# GIDIMT'EN CHECKPOINT (SALAL FOUNDATION) • INDIGENOUS CLIMATE FINANCE CAMPAIGN • VICTORIA, BC • \$25,000

Funding for this initiative will build capacity for an Indigenous Climate Finance Campaign by helping launch a public campaign focused on educating current project investors, developing investment briefs for partners and allies and building a clear, strong web presence with creative storytelling.

www.yintahaccess.com

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY - SURREY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (SOLID STATE COMMUNITY SOCIETY) • CLIMATE JUSTICE IN SURREY, BC

• SURREY, BC • \$31,000

This initiative will build a new Solid State co-op of racialized young women from Surrey to design and develop initiatives and programs that support local organizations and small businesses. One major initiative will become the cohort's signature effort.

www.solidstate.coop

# HALTON REGION CONSERVATION FOUNDATION • GREEN SPACE: NEWCOMER YOUTH CLIMATE FORUM • BURLINGTON, ON • \$25,000

Over 30 youth from newcomer and racialized communities will participate in workshops during the school year. Participants will explore climate science and green careers and form a Youth Council to co-design programming and lead activities.

www.conservationhalton.ca/foundation

## WOMEN'S CENTRE OF CALGARY • GRASSROOTS WOMEN AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE

• CALGARY, AB • \$20,000

www.womenscentrecalgary.org

Funding for this project will bring women from diverse backgrounds together to learn about and act on issues related to climate change. Community workshops, conversations, and action groups will be organized by a volunteer group of women engaged in local environmental issues.

ENVIRONMENT FUNDERS CANADA • LOW CARBON FUNDERS GROUP
• TORONTO, ON • \$20,000

Funding is to support the Low Carbon Funders Group – a funder collaborative through which Canadian environmental funders support ten major environmental organizations in a coordinated and strategic effort to push for a low-carbon future in Canada through federal policy. www.environmentfunders.ca

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