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*Transforming Power*





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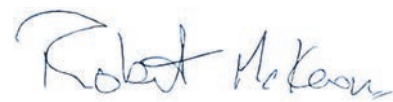
## WELCOME REMARKS

The past two years have been really important years of change, challenge and opportunity for the Catherine Donnelly Foundation (CDF).

This is a time of rapid generational change. Founding Finance Director Desmond Wilson retired in 2018 and Sr. Mary Halder SOS, the founding Board Chair and continuing living witness to the vision and legacy of the Sisters of Service over the past 16 year, stepped down this year. Now, Valerie Lemieux, our founding Executive Director, is in the process of retiring.

Going forward, CDF has recruited extraordinary staff persons and new board members that arrive with renewed energy, vision and expertise to lead the Foundation forward. The Sisters of St. Joseph (Toronto) continue CDF's organizational and personal connection with Catholic women religious communities.

This has also been a time of growth and transformation as the CDF funding programs have established clearer priorities with longer-term commitments and more creative forms of partnership. The Healing Through the Land Initiative is an excellent example of the Foundation moving toward new models of solidarity and partnership with Indigenous partners. Similarly, there has been significant progress in increasing impact investments to better align CDF investments with our mission and vision.



Bob McKeon  
Chair, Catherine Donnelly Foundation

Autumn has always been my favourite season. At a recent Healing Through the Land gathering, Kris Archie from The Circle on Philanthropy and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada shared how their work is now planned and grounded in the seasons. This really resonated with me. I have always considered the fall a time of transition— of harvesting, of preparing for the long winter ahead. The metaphor seems particularly apt as I reflect upon the work the CDF has been engaging in for the last couple of years. Having planted the seeds for our shared work with our partners, then taking great care to develop deep relationships to nurture the work, we now find ourselves harvesting the learning. Such as discovering just how transformational our commitment to slow down and intentionally move towards decolonizing our grantmaking by incorporating an Indigenous-influenced worldview, has been to our organization. And how this approach speaks to the interconnectedness of issues across all three of our funding priorities. It is the nurturing of these connections, the collaborative building of capacity with our grassroots partners and funder colleagues, as well as envisioning a transformed power dynamic that transfers control to communities and partners immersed in big systems change initiatives, that has me looking at what is next. Maybe as funders, we could consider how we might move away from a process that emphasizes an imbalance of power and economic scarcity to a 'generosity funding model' based on deep relationships, individual need and a sharing of resources.

*Just transition for philanthropy: philanthropy that actively builds new economic systems that transfer the management and control of financial resources away from institutions and towards communities who have been impacted by wealth accumulation and the extractive economy.*

Justice Funders



Valerie Lemieux  
Executive Director, Catherine Donnelly Foundation



# HONOURING OUR ROOTS

## Defining a new model of Philanthropy for Transformational Solutions

The Catherine Donnelly Foundation is committed to build on the spirit of service that inspired Catherine Donnelly and the Sisters of Service as well as their solidarity with the poor, the marginalized and forgotten. The Foundation embedded a vision to collaborate with others to create a world that respects and reveres creation; a world where all have a voice and can live with self-worth to realize their full potential; a world that is open to transformation and one that seeks justice, peace and respect for all.

At a recent celebration honouring her contribution as a founding board member, Sister Anna McNally reminded those gathered of the “roots” of the Foundation’s work: *“Built on the values of openness, transparency, partnership and spirituality of service, the Foundation’s mission is to empower the marginalized, engage those who have been overlooked and excluded, and bring a commitment to radical social change in three specific areas: housing, adult education and the environment.”*



The sentiment to care for individuals – or environments - in need, is embedded in the Foundation’s vision to collaborate, respect and revere creation, give voice and seek peace, justice and respect for all. Those shared values resonate with others seeking progressive, systems-based transformation and are a foundation for dialogue, understanding and coming together to affect change.

Working with others also encourages a strategic goal: while individual organizations work to change what’s important to them or their communities, CDF funds projects that promote networking and coordinated activity to create large-scale social, structural and environmental change. After all, it’s easier to enact transformation if an organization can leverage relationships that span diverse groups, sectors, and philosophies.

Those inclusionary principles are embedded in a philanthropic process which accepts our grants and investments are influenced by a Western colonial philosophy and recognizes we need to integrate an Indigenous-influenced perspective while moving towards a decolonized approach. We seek to promote a power dynamic different from the standard grantor-recipient relationship and are committed to initiatives that prioritize community decision-making and control over community resources.

The work of the Catherine Donnelly Foundation - our grants, our investments, our efforts to listen, promote dialogue, understanding and build sustainable and equitable change - honours our roots, but also defines a new model of philanthropy that marries reason with morality to redress past wrongs and create new transformational solutions.

Not only is it the right thing to do, it’s also the strategic option we believe will be most effective. We believe approaching people with compassion, respect, and love has the power to connect individuals and organizations to solve a whole range of systemic problems. In fact, we believe it’s the only way.





## Transforming Power for Justice & Change

When the Catherine Donnelly Foundation was established in 2003 to promote social and environmental justice and engage the overlooked and excluded, we had one part-time staff member, a borrowed office and a lot to learn about how to translate our ideals into action. We also believed we had the luxury of time to get things right.

Over time, we developed a sense of urgency and an understanding that as a society, we needed to put people before profits, prioritize action alongside hope and accept cooperation solves more problems than competition.

By trial and error, we also established a set of core practices that helped us re-imagine how to interact with social-change organizations, communities and residents so they can create effective change. That transition is a necessarily time-consuming process requiring much listening, dialogue and operational flexibility. Our 'trinity' for effective change ties collaboration and capacity building in organizations to complex systems change.

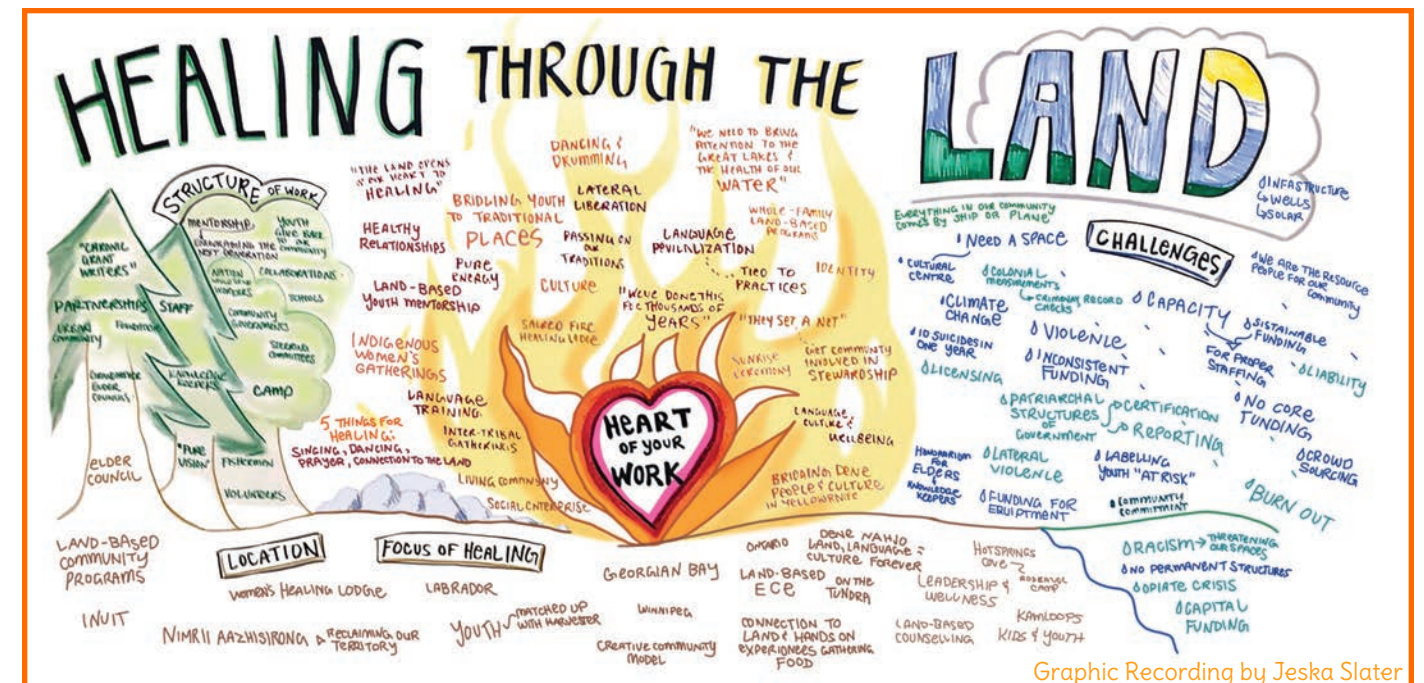
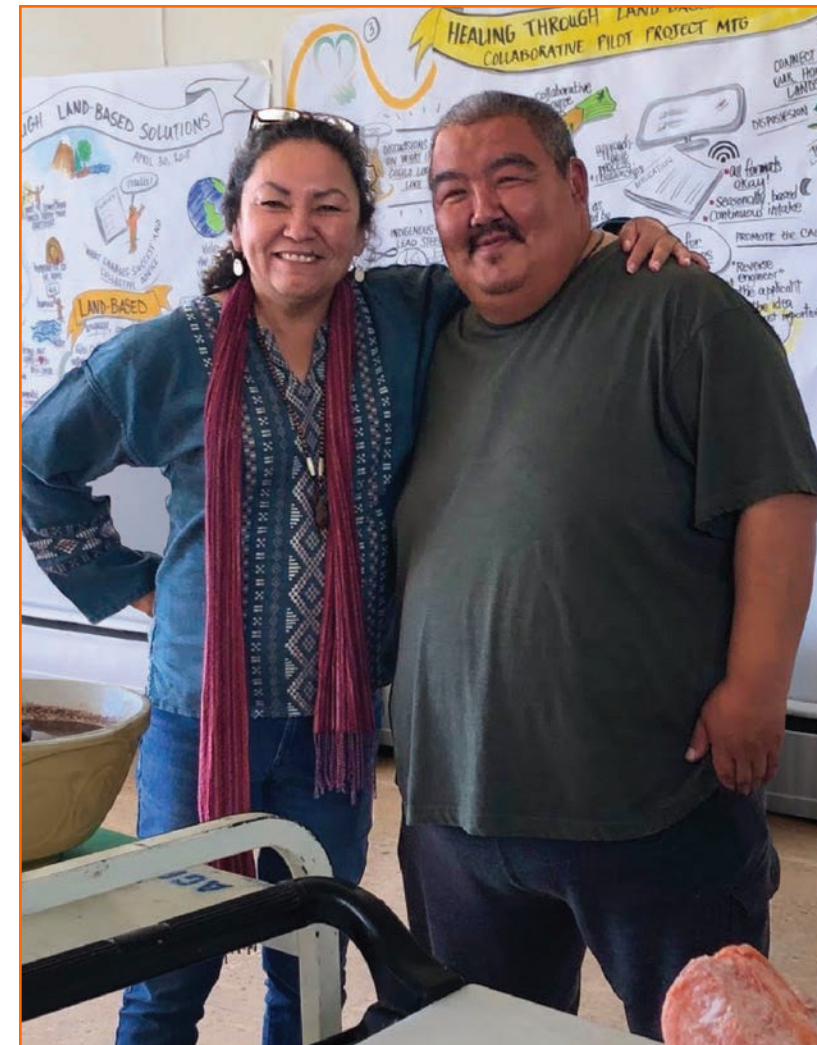
Meaningful change must also recognize systemic imbalances; we've spent too much time reflecting on charity, when we should be thinking of reparations. Those seeking grants often perceive funders as having not just money, but also a great deal more power and influence. Creating safe spaces for dialogue and listening to the needs of partners – their goals, their insights and their measures of success - instead of dictating them, is often the most important part of our work.



After all, our partners are incredibly knowledgeable about what their communities need and how best to deliver that change. By listening, we hope to understand the power dynamics that exist in decision-making as well as in setting criteria and procedures that affect those decisions. By talking, we aim to build connection, relationships and true community.

At a May 2019 CDF education session, Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Inuit human rights and environmental activist, spoke to the impact of coming together with shared purpose:

*"Coming here and feeling ... an [heart-centred] energy started many years ago by incredible women. It's not just the energy, but the intentions behind it, the connections made, the kind of exercises that bring you to yourself, to your soul, your spirit and each other. So, I feel like this has all kinds of potential ... at a national level, this is reconciliation, this is how it starts. That kind of potential gives me the courage to carry on."*





RIGHTING RELATIONS

As Righting Relations enters the final year of a five-year \$1.25 million commitment from the Catherine Donnelly Foundation, we are very pleased program leaders have gathered a diverse network of adult educators and community organizers committed to advancing social change through political and economic literacy. Righting Relations is reaching circles and communities outside the current membership and is well positioned to enter a 'second phase' of work to deepen relationships, expand their presence and reach and build resource capacity and longevity.

Self Determination and Reconciliation

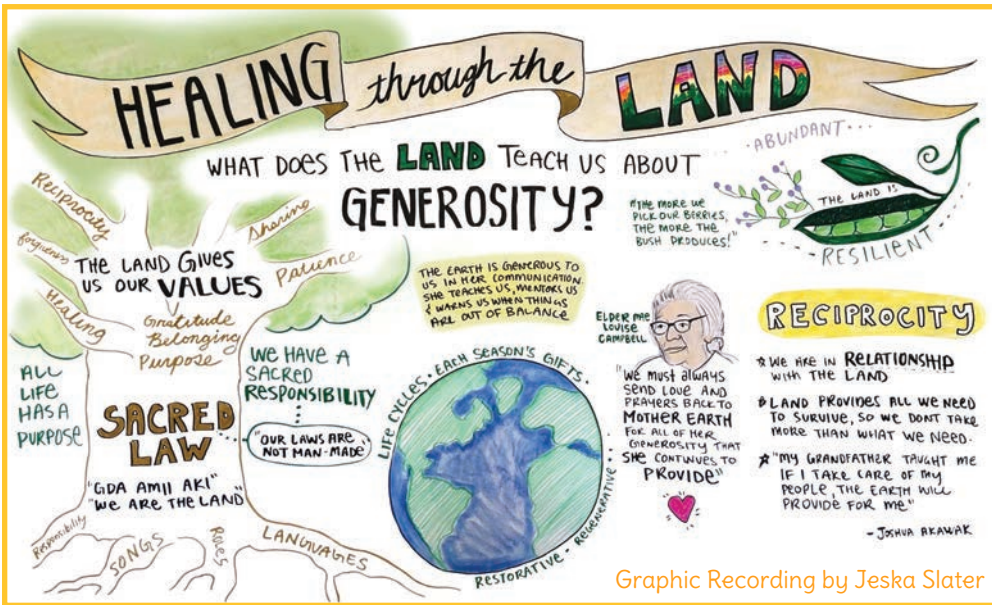
Watt-Cloutier is referring specifically to how values of justice, peace and respect live within the Foundation's practices, but also how our Foundation's embrace of "organic and personal networks of relationships" encourage new kinds of philanthropy. As we reimagine how we work with others, we recognize we're dependent on our partners and allies to lead the way, especially when challenges are complex and solutions unclear when viewed through a traditional philanthropic lens.

An example is **Healing Through the Land**. Supported by CDF, the initiative emerged in 2017 after First Nation, Inuit and Metis allies held a number of gatherings to imagine how best to connect individuals and build capacity in local communities. The resulting Indigenous-led, rather than Indigenous-focused project, integrates community leadership, cultural revitalization and control over energy and food resources as a path toward healing and reconciliation across Canada.

Program leaders say being provided the space "to look at these problems with a fresh start, has really been a blessing" and add the land-centred process has potential for the community - and particularly youth - to embrace their lives and "become animators, creators and champions of our environment and our climate."

Our work with Healing Through the Land as well as **Righting Relations**, a women-led program focused on adult education for social change, has helped the Foundation develop better relations and understand the importance and potential for Indigenous-led initiatives.

Recently, we supported **Indigenous Climate Action's** three-year plan to develop resources to connect and empower Indigenous climate change leaders and position them as agents of change for climate justice and funded **Bringing Our Voices Together**, an Indigenous gathering in Cold Lake, AB, convened to network and discuss strategies related to protecting traditional lands and communities from the impact of resource extraction.



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HEALING THROUGH THE LAND

The 2019 establishment of a Healing Through the Land Steering Committee represents an important step in formalizing structures and building capacity for the Indigenous-led program. First Nation, Métis and Inuit members gathered in Toronto in September and continued their work to develop a new model for funders to collaborate with Indigenous communities on land-based initiatives.

HOLISTIC SOLUTIONS to climate justice,

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That's why in 2019, we provided funds to support the development phase of **For Our Kids**, a nationwide environmental movement helping parents and grandparents connect with like-minded neighbours and organizations to mobilize against the climate emergency and supported Reclaim Alberta to conduct research and raise public awareness of the dangers related to Alberta's aging oil and gas wells. We also funded the installation of solar panels at Indigenous language and culture camps to promote Indigenous-led climate justice movements.

Our longstanding relationship with **Ecojustice** continues as we assist their goal of establishing environmental rights as part of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms – a legal strategy that could guarantee every Canadian's right to a healthy environment.

Ecojustice's ambitions are bold, but the work is long – CDF has helped underwrite the initiative for eight years – and the outcome is uncertain.

Together these projects build greater understanding of the climate emergency, address climate justice, a green transition and potentially unlock an underlying condition to meet our target of a clean, sustainable environment.

In a similar vein in 2018, we assisted **West Coast Environmental Law** to realize their Revitalizing Indigenous Law for Land, Air and Water project that provides both legal support and learning opportunities to Indigenous nations using their laws to address environmental challenges and secure environmental and cultural sustainability.

THE RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

The CDF has supported Ecojustice since 2011 and this longstanding relationship continues as we assist their goal of establishing environmental rights as part of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms – a legal strategy that could guarantee every Canadian's right to a healthy environment.





**The** Catherine Donnelly Foundation has always incorporated a principled and pragmatic approach to investing that prioritizes responsible environmental, social and governance factors in our investments, along with a decision not to invest in fossil fuels and military weapons as well as firms who contribute to the activities of oppressive governments or polluting our planet.

Beginning in 2014, the foundation embraced Impact Investing, which refers to private-market investments in areas such as housing or green infrastructure, made with the intention to generate a measurable, beneficial social or environmental impact alongside a financial return. Impact investing represents the fastest growing investment segment in Canada.

It's important to note that impact investors are motivated to make investments because of – not in spite of – financial return. In 2017, 98% of Canadian impact investment managers said their investments “met or exceeded performance expectations.”

The Catherine Donnelly Foundation has made or approved 11 impact investments totalling \$2.3 million and our investments are aligned to our core funding areas. In 2018 and 2019, we participated in funds undertaking energy-efficient retrofits for community co-op housing in Toronto, building social-purpose community spaces in Guelph, ON, and advancing gender equality in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Certain pooled investments also allow CDF to participate in initiatives across our core funding areas – housing, adult education and the environment – and embrace strategic priorities such as building capacity in Indigenous organizations and communities and contributing to systems change.

That's why we're finalizing an investment with Raven Indigenous Capital Partners that will provide early- and growth-stage capital and other resources for First Nation, Métis and Inuit entrepreneurs in Canada.



And the money we invest can unlock more funding for social projects in the form of grants, loans or matching funds. When the Catherine Donnelly Foundation announced this summer that it would invest \$500,000 in a 110-unit residential building in Winnipeg that included affordable units for vulnerable populations, we were the earliest of investors. That lead commitment to anchor the project, unlocked funds 50 times greater by driving interest and attracting other capital.

Engagement also creates opportunities to grow impact investing and make funds more accessible. In 2015, one of our first Impact Investments was to participate in a round of financing for clean energy infrastructure led by CoPower. It was the Toronto-based market dealer's second ever round of financing.

The success of those early private funds, allowed CoPower in 2017 to introduce public green bonds to refinance loans for a large rooftop solar project in Windsor, ON, and energy-efficiency upgrades at Toronto's Harbourfront Centre. The offering was fully subscribed in less than three weeks. At the time, David Berliner, founder and CEO of CoPower wrote, “Our vision is that every Canadian should be able to own and invest in clean energy, and we are thrilled to have assembled a group of shareholders who will help drive that vision forward.”

The Catherine Donnelly Foundation is motivated by the belief that the success of our investments will encourage others to follow our example and generate more capital to produce positive and sustainable change.



## IMPACT INVESTMENTS IN 2018 AND 2019

### The Atmospheric Fund

**\$82,516 senior debt investment**

Funds energy and resource efficiency retrofit of the Scarborough Heights Co-op building in Toronto, ON. [www.taf.ca](http://www.taf.ca)

### Ilu Women Empowerment Fund

**\$250,000 fixed-income bond**

Invests in Latin American and Caribbean businesses, including those in affordable housing and renewable energy, that promote women in leadership and/or products and services that meet the needs of women and girls. [deetkenimpact.com/women-empowerment](http://deetkenimpact.com/women-empowerment)

### 42 Carden Shared Space

**\$100,000 community bond**

Finances the purchase, redesign, and renovation of a hub for community activists and changemakers in Guelph, ON.

[10carden.ca/community-bonds](http://10carden.ca/community-bonds)

### Raven Indigenous Impact Fund

**\$250,000 investment**

Invests in Indigenous social and community-owned enterprises in Canada at an early- and-growth stage. Enterprises are screened through an Indigenous impact lens.

[ravencapitalpartners.ca/fund1](http://ravencapitalpartners.ca/fund1)

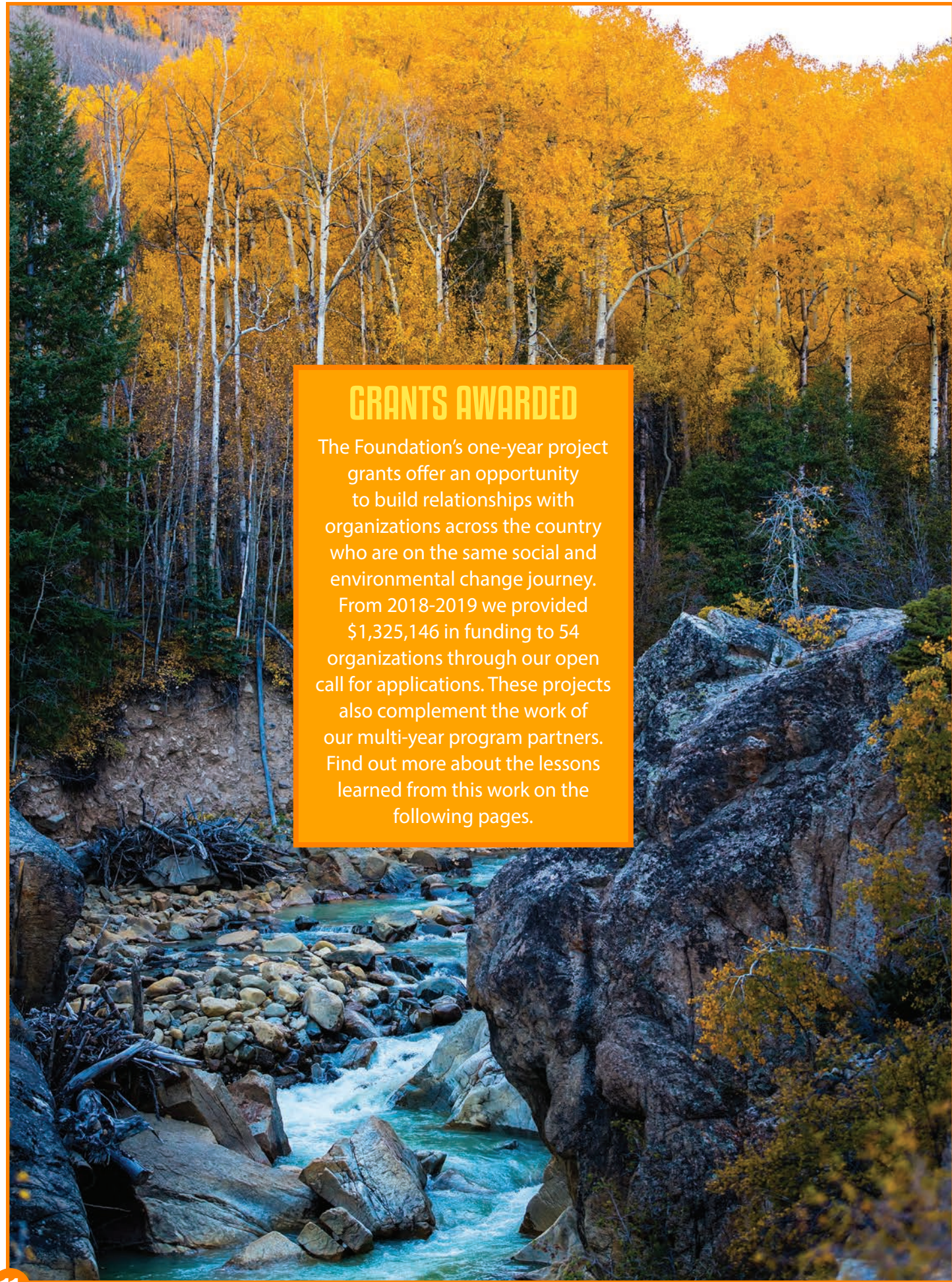
### The University of Winnipeg Community Renewal Corp

**\$500,000 investment**

Invests in West Broadway Commons' residential building, where more than half of the 110 units will be affordable, serving single-parent families, new and expectant mothers and marginalized communities.

[uwcrc.ca/uwcrc-2-0-projects-2/uwcrc-2-0](http://uwcrc.ca/uwcrc-2-0-projects-2/uwcrc-2-0)





## GRANTS AWARDED

The Foundation's one-year project grants offer an opportunity to build relationships with organizations across the country who are on the same social and environmental change journey. From 2018-2019 we provided \$1,325,146 in funding to 54 organizations through our open call for applications. These projects also complement the work of our multi-year program partners. Find out more about the lessons learned from this work on the following pages.

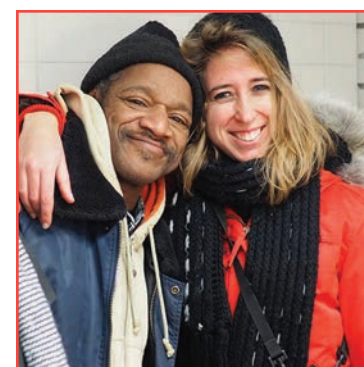


The **Catherine Donnelly Foundation** was established to serve specific community needs anywhere in Canada. Generally, the Foundation uses its endowment to fund projects and programs in three primary areas:

**ADULT EDUCATION** The Catherine Donnelly Foundation takes a proactive approach to adult education, viewing it as an important tool to address the most pressing social, environmental, cultural and community development problems and concerns. We are committed to supporting projects that promote active citizenship, democracy and personal and social transformation by fostering the development of critical consciousness and skills required to promote a more just, equitable and sustainable society in Canada.

**ENVIRONMENT** In 2016, the Foundation chose to focus our Environment funding on projects that aim to catalyze a significant increase in public support for fast and deep-reaching climate change solutions. Priority is given to broad, integrated approaches linking disparate initiatives, enhancing public engagement and integrating marginalized sectors of the population into climate change dialogues and movements. Of particular interest is a desire to engage with and support Indigenous-led climate justice movements.

**HOUSING** In 2016, the Foundation shifted our funding focus away from supporting service delivery in primarily transitional housing settings to supporting projects that address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing through research, policy development, effective and independent communication initiatives, capacity building, and advocacy within the sector. We want engage with groups focused on collective efforts to examine and craft solutions for the root causes of Canada's housing crisis.







JOHN HUMPHREY CENTRE for PEACE and HUMAN RIGHTS



## AFGHAN WOMEN'S COUNSELING & INTEGRATION COMMUNITY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

(Nevu's Language)

North York, ON \$23,000

Funding will support the *From Seclusion to Full Contribution* women's empowerment project to provide leadership, language and organizational skills as well as a space for participants to come together and tackle problems they share. [www.lang3.ca](http://www.lang3.ca)

## BETTER BEGINNINGS BETTER FUTURES

(Myths & Mirrors Community Arts)

Sudbury ON \$35,000

Funding was provided to *The Circling Project* to encourage residents to join together and circle around issues, ideas, activities, projects and art to support one another, become more effective allies and bring people closer to the world we want. [www.mythsandmirrors.org](http://www.mythsandmirrors.org)

## EXEKO

Montreal, QC \$24,500

Funding was provided to *Power Shift*, an initiative that developed 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](http://www.exeko.org)

## THE EXISTENCE PROJECT (Tides Canada)

Victoria, BC \$30,000

Funding was provided to support *The Existence Project*, a program offered by Anawim House to those with a lived experience of homelessness in order to transform the shame and isolation of trauma and circumstance into dignity and connection to community. [www.theexistenceproject.ca](http://www.theexistenceproject.ca)

## INNOVATIVE YOUNG INDIGENOUS LEADERS (Tides Canada)

Vancouver, BC \$30,000

Funding will support the *Innovative Young Indigenous Leaders Symposium*, a four-day meeting of young Indigenous leaders from around BC to foster collaboration intent on creating movements of social transformation within communities. [www.iyilsymposium.com](http://www.iyilsymposium.com)



## ADULT EDUCATION 2018

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### JOHN HUMPHREY CENTRE FOR PEACE & HUMAN RIGHTS Edmonton, AB \$30,000

Funding was provided for *Shift Alberta 2019*, an Albertan community-mobilization and education campaign that shared informed political, social and economic analysis and amplified the voice of marginalized communities in the lead up to a provincial election. [www.jhcentre.org](http://www.jhcentre.org)

### LIARD ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S SOCIETY Watson Lake, YK \$25,500

Funding was provided to support a second *LAW'S Mothers of the Land Gathering*. An earlier May 2018 conference emphasized both the lack of scientific and Kaska traditional knowledge-transfer supports related to land-based issues for local communities. [www.liardaboriginalwomen.ca](http://www.liardaboriginalwomen.ca)

### MABELLEarts Toronto, ON \$30,000

Funding was provided for *Community Roots*, an initiative delivering arts-based leadership opportunities to low-income Toronto neighbourhood to foster community involvement and civic engagement among newcomers, refugees and asylum seekers. [www.mabellearts.ca](http://www.mabellearts.ca)

### MAPLE LEAF THEATRE FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY Toronto, ON \$24,400

Funding will support *This Theatre for Integration* assist Toronto's marginalized Middle-Eastern newcomer and refugee communities to tell their stories and struggles and develop solutions to address those challenges. [www.mixedcompanytheatre.com](http://www.mixedcompanytheatre.com)

### TOGETHER AGAINST POVERTY SOCIETY Victoria, BC \$10,000

In 2017, TAPS received funding to create the *Victoria Tenants Advocacy Group* to educate and empower adult renters as a voice for tenancy rights and reform. This additional funding allows TAPS to fully transfer control of the new group to its membership. [www.tapsbc.ca](http://www.tapsbc.ca)

### WORKING FOR CHANGE Toronto, ON \$59,000

Funding was provided to deepen and expand the impact of *Righting Relations* in Ontario, through the growth of the Central Hub and its Circle activities by connecting immigrant and refugee populations working towards social change through adult education. [www.workingforchange.ca](http://www.workingforchange.ca)







ADULT EDUCATION 2019

THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Toronto, ON \$30,000

Funding for *From Charity and Justice to Service* will help engage and develop a network of Canadian, church-based intercultural facilitators from marginalized communities to design and lead a journey to service, community and healing related to poverty. [www.councilofchurches.ca](http://www.councilofchurches.ca)

CARREFOUR D'ANIMATION ET DE PARTICIPATION À UN MONDE OUVERT Québec City, QC \$14,000

In 2017, *Social Mobilization for Fair Transit Fares* in Québec City began a grassroots coalition for affordable and accessible public transit. Funding will support outreach to government officials and suburban organizations to mobilize other low-income. [www.capmo.org](http://www.capmo.org)

GREENWOOD UNITED CHURCH (Bedford House) Peterborough, ON \$33,414

Funding will support Bedford House's *Building Bridges Out of Poverty* that connects under-resourced community members with mentors to deliver assistance for poverty's complex challenges. The project employs creative adult education practices. [www.bedfordhouse.ca](http://www.bedfordhouse.ca)

KAİROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives Toronto, ON \$20,000

Funding will support *Strengthening Capacity of Migrant Workers to Exercise Their Rights*, an adult education workshop series focusing on capacity building for migrant workers by making them aware of frameworks that protect their rights. [kairoscanada.org](http://kairoscanada.org)



ADULT EDUCATION 2019

RAVEN (Respecting Aboriginal Values & Environmental Needs) Victoria, BC \$25,000

Funding for *Courageous Conversations* supports the design, planning and implementation of a network of 'reconciliation ambassadors' who commit to learn, share knowledge, and host conversations about Indigenous rights where they live and work. [www.raventrust.com](http://www.raventrust.com)

ROOTS TO HARVEST Thunder Bay, ON \$30,000

Roots to Harvest program *Seasonal Horticultural Outdoor Worker* (S.H.O.W), hires youth aged 18-30 years for five-month contracts aimed at breaking down barriers to employment and instilling broader employment skills and agricultural training. [www.rootstoharvest.org](http://www.rootstoharvest.org)

THE STOP COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE Toronto, ON \$40,000

The *Financial Empowerment and Economic Justice Program* is an adult education program focused on economic for members with lived experience of poverty. Funding will support community advocacy in coalitions to challenge systemic causes of poverty. [www.thestop.org](http://www.thestop.org)

TIDES CANADA (IndigenEYEZ) Vancouver, BC \$25,000

Funding supports *IndigenEYEZ' Adult Education for Leadership on Social-Ecological Justice!* project where emerging indigenous leaders engage in an eight-month participatory action research course, including a land-based camp and participatory action. [indigeneyez.com](http://indigeneyez.com)







ENVIRONMENT 2018

COMMUNITY FORESTS INTERNATIONAL Sackville, NB \$35,000

Funding will support the first phase of the *Climate Forest Partnership* project which will aggregate threatened private lands to create community-owned 'climate forests.' Initial activities include designing ownership and governance structures and a National Climate Forest network. [forestsinternational.org](http://forestsinternational.org)

ÉQUITERRE (Regeneration Canada) Montreal, QC \$20,000

From polluters to problem-solvers: Celebrating innovative farmers as climate change heroes highlights regenerative farming through a series of videos to educate Canadians of the importance of healthy soil - an overlooked climate change solution. [www.regenerationcanada.org](http://www.regenerationcanada.org)

NATIONAL OBSERVER Vancouver, BC \$15,000

Funding is in support of *First Nations Forward*, an editorial project for the production and publication of ten+ articles and/or multimedia pieces in the National Observer. Journalists will deliver stories about Indigenous peoples and the environment. [www.nationalobserver.com](http://www.nationalobserver.com)

SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS ONTARIO Toronto, ON \$34,444

Funding is to support the *Social Entrepreneurial Leaders Engaging Communities for Transition* program which builds the capacity of organizers in racialized and marginalized communities to develop and lead climate-focused work within their communities. [www.sseontario.org](http://www.sseontario.org)

SIERRA CLUB BC (Indigenous Climate Action) Victoria, BC \$45,550

The *Indigenous Worldview Climate Change Toolkit* will develop resources to build a rights' framework and position Indigenous peoples as agents of change for climate justice. This three-year initiative will empower Indigenous climate change leaders. [www.indigenousclimateaction.com](http://www.indigenousclimateaction.com)

WEST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW Vancouver, BC \$50,000

Funding supports the *Revitalizing Indigenous Law for Land, Air and Water* project, providing learning opportunities and legal support to Indigenous nations using their laws to address environmental challenges and secure environmental and cultural sustainability. [www.capmo.org](http://www.capmo.org)



HOUSING 2018

ABORIGINAL COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS Victoria, BC \$32,263

The *Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness*, in partnership with BC Housing and Atira Women's Resources Society, will open 21 units of culturally-supportive housing for Indigenous women, many fleeing violence. Creating a replicable model is a long-term aim. [www.aboriginalhomelessness.ca](http://www.aboriginalhomelessness.ca)

CANADA WITHOUT POVERTY Ottawa, ON \$10,000

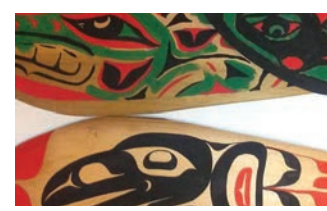
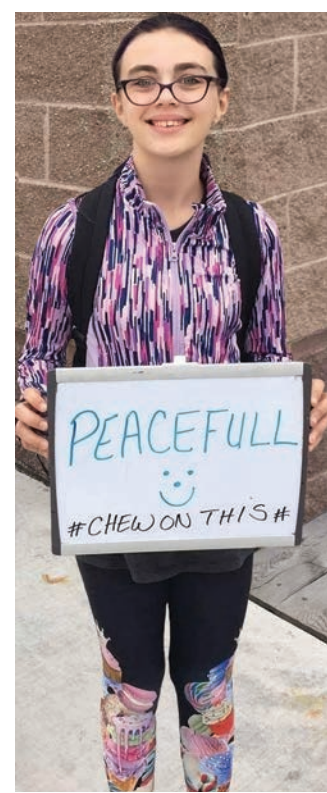
Funding for *Advancing the Right to Housing in Canada* provides resources to examine approaches to restore the right to housing, eliminate discriminatory practices against people experiencing homelessness and promote awareness about the right to housing. [www.cwp-csp.ca](http://www.cwp-csp.ca)

ECOTRUST Vancouver, BC \$20,000

Funding supports the second phase of the *Standing Tree to Standing Home* project, that aims to assist in the building of dignified, culturally-appropriate and sustainable housing with Indigenous communities. Work includes engagement and capacity-building with community partners and the refinement of a housing-system assessment framework with Indigenous communities. [www.ecotrust.ca](http://www.ecotrust.ca)

OUTFLOW MINISTRY Saint John, NB \$25,575

*Outflow Ministry* has front-line experience as a shelter provider. Funding is to support their advocacy for affordable housing in Saint John, both as a test-city for the national poverty reduction strategy and to inform the city's community planning process. [www.outflowsj.com](http://www.outflowsj.com)





## EXTRAORDINARY GRANTS 2018

## CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTMAKERS' NETWORK Toronto, ON \$10,000

Funding for *Network Convening: Engaging Progressive Civil Society & Strange Bedfellows* supports efforts to build relationship with new allies, including labour organizations, and build support from civil society for ambitious climate policies. [www.cegn.org](http://www.cegn.org)

## CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTMAKERS' NETWORK Toronto, ON \$5,000

Funding will support the *Low Carbon Future Funders' Group*, a project dedicated to encouraging strategic collaboration, shared learning and improved climate communications and to advance a low-carbon future for Canada. [www.cegn.org](http://www.cegn.org)

## CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE (Clean Energy Canada) Vancouver, BC \$25,000

Funding for *Implementing strong Canadian climate and clean-energy policy* supports policy work, stakeholder dialogue and communications, particularly related to clean transportation and clean electricity programs of Clean Energy Canada. [cleanenergycanada.org](http://cleanenergycanada.org)

## DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION Vancouver, BC \$18,000

Funding for the *Canadian Impact Campaign of The Condor & The Eagle Documentary* will support the Canadian release and impact strategy of the documentary film *The Condor and The Eagle*, which chronicles an "epic journey for climate justice." [davidsuzuki.org](http://davidsuzuki.org)

## ECOTRUST CANADA Vancouver, BC \$40,000

Funding for *Wahkohtowin: Triple Bottom Line Return*, supports Indigenous people returning to their homelands become leaders through full economic participation. The initiative will create an economic development hub with services in Chapleau, ON. [www.ecotrust.ca](http://www.ecotrust.ca)

## EXTRAORDINARY GRANTS 2018

## HITPLAY PRODUCTIONS Toronto, ON \$7,000

Funding will support *The Invisible Heart Film Screening & Community Engagement Tour*. The tour was designed to engage citizens and spark discussion on the birth of social impact bonds, the subject of *The Invisible Heart*. [www.theinvisibleheart.ca](http://www.theinvisibleheart.ca)

## THE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION &amp; ACTION Salt Spring Island, BC \$5,000

Funding supports the *Ontario Documentary Screening Tour of Directly Affected: Pipeline Under Pressure* which is designed to bring the perspective and concerns of British Columbians and First Nations to Ontario audiences, including politicians. [www.directlyaffected.ca](http://www.directlyaffected.ca)

## NEW LEAF PROJECT Vancouver, BC \$50,000

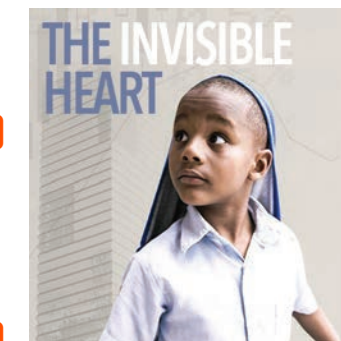
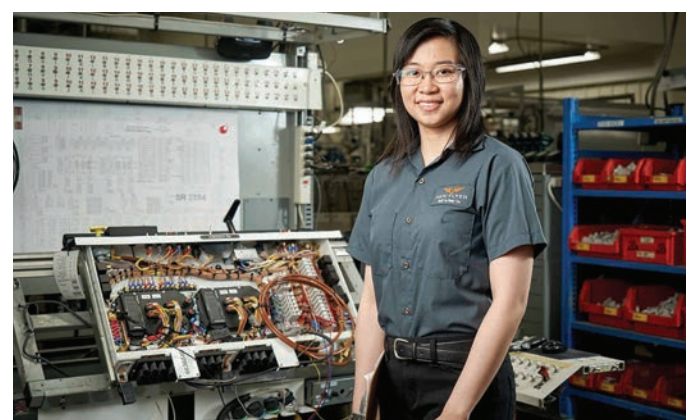
*Taking Bold Action on Homelessness* will collect data from 125 homeless participants on the impact of a one-time cash gift. Funding will support the evaluation and sharing of information to better provide adequate and affordable housing to individuals. [www.newleafproject.org](http://www.newleafproject.org)

## RECLAIM ALBERTA Calgary, AB \$25,000

Funding supports *Reclaim Alberta* in research, public-awareness and network building related to Alberta's aging oil and gas wells. Reclaim Alberta will additionally expand capacity of local organizing efforts and launch a media and storytelling campaign. [www.reclaimalberta.ca](http://www.reclaimalberta.ca)

## UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL Montreal, PQ \$6,000

Funding will support Jean-Marc Fortan's project *Assessing the collective impact of Canadian Grantmaking foundations projects* in response to socio-economic issues and environmental challenges. This collaborative research grant takes place over seven years. [uqam.ca](http://uqam.ca)





## EXTRAORDINARY GRANTS 2019

## CANADIAN ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS

Calgary, AB

\$20,000

Funding supports the creation of marketing materials and a website for the *National Alliance to End Rural and Remote Homelessness*, member honorariums and networking opportunities and the creation of a NAERRH Rural and Remote stream at the 2019 CAEH Conference. [caeh.ca](http://caeh.ca)

## CANADIAN ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT FOUNDATION

Toronto, ON

\$50,000

Funding supports the *Community Lifelines Pilot Program*, an initiative to study the impact of the lack of access to credit and financial mentoring for charities and to develop and test financial, administrative and other support needed to address the issue. [caifoundation.ca](http://caifoundation.ca)

## CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTMAKERS' NETWORK

Toronto, ON

\$10,000

The *Communications to Advance Canada's Climate Commitment Initiative* aims to secure good Canadian climate policy through analysis, research and ongoing communications. Funding to 'build a climate narrative' continues work from a 2016 grant. [www.cegn.org](http://www.cegn.org)

## CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE (Clean Energy Canada)

Vancouver, BC

\$25,000

Funding supports the development of a *Climate Communications Hub* that will engage the support of organizations concerned with climate change by building their capacity and supporting their efforts to effectively communicate evidence-based messages. [cleanenergycanada.org](http://cleanenergycanada.org)

## CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE (Hey Neighbour Collective)

Vancouver, BC

\$60,000

Funding supports *Hey Neighbour Collective* for three years to research, engage, collaborate and share approaches to increase social connectedness and resilience in multi-unit housing in urban communities with residents and other industry stakeholders. [vancouver.ca/people-programs/hey-neighbour.aspx](http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/hey-neighbour.aspx)

## EXTRAORDINARY GRANTS 2019

## FOR OUR KIDS CLIMATE EDUCATION SOCIETY

Duncan, BC

\$40,000

*For Our Kids* helps parents and grandparents connect with like-minded neighbours and organizations to mobilize against the climate emergency. Funding supports the development phase, including branding, establishing a digital platform and launching. [www.forourkids.ca](http://www.forourkids.ca)

## FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Toronto, ON

\$20,000

Funding supports the *3% Project* to mobilize students in 500 Canadian high schools undertake Action Projects during the span of national tours during 2019 to empower youth and develop solutions to their community's Biggest Sustainability Challenge. [3percentproject.com](http://3percentproject.com)

## GUELPH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Guelph, ON

\$10,000

Funding will support Indigenous-led climate justice movements with the installation of solar panels at Indigenous language and culture camps Nimkii Aazhibikong in Elliot Lake, ON and Moose Lake in the traditional territory of the Fort McKay First Nation, AB. [www.guelphcf.ca](http://www.guelphcf.ca)

## HOLLYHOCK LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Vancouver, BC

\$5,000

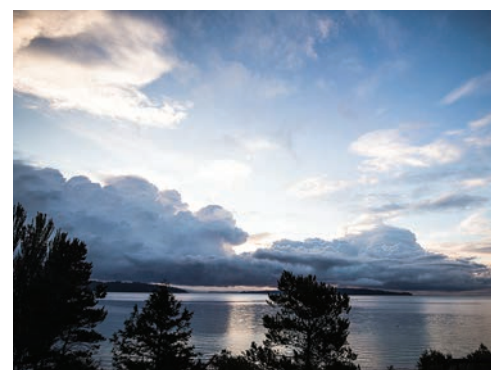
Funding will support Indigenous participation at the *2019 Creating a Climate for Change Conference* on Cortes Island, BC. The retreat provides strategy and skills training for those advocating for a safe and just climate future. [hollyhockleadershipinstitute.org/climate-for-change](http://hollyhockleadershipinstitute.org/climate-for-change)

## ONTARIO NON-PROFIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Toronto, ON

\$5,000

Funding will support the creation of an *Urban/Rural Indigenous Housing Plan for Ontario* to establish a policy case for investment in the sector. The initiative will stress the importance of Indigenous control and design of Indigenous housing and programs. [www.onpha.on.ca](http://www.onpha.on.ca)





EXTRAORDINARY GRANTS 2019



OTTAWA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (Indigenous Clean Energy)   Ottawa, ON   \$25,000

Funding will support a public engagement and communications campaign by RealWorldMedia for a television series titled *Power to the People*, focused on Indigenous clean energy and scheduled to air on Aboriginal Peoples TV Network. [realworldmedia.tv/coming-soon-power-to-the-people](http://realworldmedia.tv/coming-soon-power-to-the-people)



POLARIS INSTITUTE (Green New Deal)   Ottawa, ON   \$70,000

Funding will support capacity, promotion and project work of *The Leap's Green New Deal*, including promoting a seven-city Canadian tour, developing a “progressive caucus” of supportive federal MPs, establishing alliances, including partnerships with Climate Workers and Reclaim Alberta, as well as researching how housing justice connects with Green New Deal concepts. [theleap.org](http://theleap.org)

POLARIS INSTITUTE (Indigenous Climate Action)   Ottawa, ON   \$5,000

Funding will support *Bringing Our Voices Together*, an Indigenous gathering in Cold Lake, AB convened to network and discuss strategies related to protecting traditional lands and communities from the impact of resource extraction in Alberta. [www.indigenousclimateaction.com](http://www.indigenousclimateaction.com)

POLARIS INSTITUTE (PowerShift)   Ottawa, ON   \$2,500

Funding supports *PowerShift: Young + Rising*, an Ottawa convergence organized by youth, for youth that will focus on intersecting issues related to climate justice. The gathering will share skills and tools necessary to take collective, strategic action. [powershift-youngandrising.ca](http://powershift-youngandrising.ca)



TORONTO NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES   Toronto, ON   \$5,000

Funding will support *Toronto Neighbourhood Centres* become an Ontario Nonprofit Network Connector. ONN Connectors build capacity by convening and engaging charities in the areas of communications, research and analysis and administration expenses. [neighbourhoodcentres.ca](http://neighbourhoodcentres.ca)





