**Envision Financial Community Endowment**

**2020 Grants**

**Creating Resiliency and Resourcefulness grants:**

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| **Organization** | **Community** | | **2020 Grant** |
| Alexandra Neighbourhood House | White Rock | | $20,000 |
| **Creating Connections 2.0 @ Youth Space** supports youth who struggle with social isolation, anxiety/mild mental health issues or who may be at risk for engaging in high risk behaviors including substance use. The CC program for youth 10-13 includes a mentorship component engaging youth 14-18 as mentors at the Youth Space in South Surrey/White Rock. | | | |
| Ann Davis Transition Society | Chilliwack | | $20,000 |
| **Sweat Lodge and Cultural Supports Program** provides healing awareness. The impact of colonialism has created a sense of “loss of culture and identity” amongst indigenous people and their communities. The Sweat Lodge will create a better understanding about Frist Nations’ history and culture. This program will serve women 300 plus women from the ages of 16 plus over a one-year period. | | | |
| Art’s Umbrella Association\* | Surrey | | $15,000 |
| **Act Your Art Out** is an after-school program, offering weekly free visual and performing arts classes to up to 90 vulnerable and at-risk children, aged 6-12, in three locations identified as vulnerable neighborhoods by the Surrey School District. Workshops and theatrical pieces safely explore and unpack difficult issues the students are exposed to, including diversity, racism, poverty, and gang-related violence. | | | |
| Fraser Canyon Hospice Society | Hope | | $10,000 |
| **Bereavement Camp for Children 7 – 12** supports a long-weekend bereavement camp for children age 7 – 12 years of age who have lost a loved one commencing September 18-20, 2020. Camp Skylark is unique in that it offers bereavement activities includes making a lantern in honor of their loved one, a lantern ceremony and memory circles, sharing circles, art and music therapy. It is open to local community children then opened to all children. | | | |
| North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Association | Pitt Meadows | | $3,000 |
| **Therapeutic Equine Stable Program** provides therapeutic equine activities for socially and/or emotionally challenged children with Autism from the ages 6 to 14 years old. The goals and objectives are to address low self-esteem, ADHD, low frustration tolerance, difficulty managing emotions, limited social skills and anxiety. Those with severe anxiety and limited social skills are suddenly willing to speak and socialize when working with horses. | | | |
| Kitimat General Hospital Foundation | Kitimat | | $10,602 |
| **Purchase a Gastroscope for Kitimat General Hospital** – KGHF is seeking the balance of funding required to purchase a therapeutic gastroscope for the Kitimat General Hospital. The gastroscope will reduce waitlist times and travel to other communities while also improving the quality of life of patients and families in the Kitimat region. | | | |
| Kitimat Senior’s Association\*\* | Kitimat | | $2,436 |
| **Maintaining Communications, Cleanliness and Comradery for Kitimat Seniors** by purchasing a new telephone system with headsets, a vacuum and four new tables for the centre. These items will strengthen the organization’s ability to communicate with its growing membership. The Kitimat Senior’s Association leads the way in providing an inclusive, welcoming environment where seniors can access the many services by the Kitimat Senior Association. | | | |
| Reach Child and Youth Development Society \*\* | Ladner/North Delta/Cloverdale | | $20,000 |
| ***Reach Counselling Program*** benefits both children and families throughout Delta, Surrey and Langley. This ongoing program and is an integral piece in an effective support plan. As a result of the funding received from Envision Financial in 2019 we were able to expand our Counselling services by 10 hours a week, 1.5 days, to meet the needs of our families. We would like to ensure that these additional counselling hours continue so that children and families receive this critical support when they need it most. | | | |
| Zero Ceiling Society of Canada | Langley/Maple Ridge | | $15,000 |
| ***Work 2 Live*** supports young people experiencing homelessness the skills, knowledge, support systems and stability they need to transition to living and working independently. The program provides housing, employment, life skills, mental health support, outdoor recreation and a strong supportive community. Through a partnership with Fairmont Chateau Whistler Work 2 Live can expand this program by 50%. | | | |
| MADD – Mothers against Drunk Drivers\* | Surrey | | $5,000 |
| ***MADD Canada*** developed the ***School Assembly Program*** to teach youth in grades 7-12 new skills and information including the consequences of impaired driving, alternatives to driving impaired and to plan ahead and call 911 if they see a suspected impaired driver. In 2020-2021 approximately 1,000,000 students will see the presentation at 2,200 schools across Canada, including approximately 100,000 youth in BC at 100 middle and high schools. | | | |
| Delta Community Living Society | Delta | | $10,000 |
| ***Delta Family Alliance Network*** program supports families of people with developmental disabilities in Delta and Surrey. The Network is run by DCLS Family Service Managers working directly with families to support them in navigating difficult systems and transitions. DCLS ensures families of children, youth and adults receive access to counseling in a timely manner. | | | |
| Volunteer Cancer Driver’s\* | Surrey | | $20,000 |
| ***Volunteer Cancer Drivers*** provide reliable transportation for all cancer patients in need of rides to and from their treatment centres and doctor’s appointments throughout most of the Lower Mainland. The service ensures cancer patients in need can get to all their appointments, a critical factor in their long journey to recovery. The volunteer driver team has grown from 15 drivers at inception to 175 drivers by late 2019. | | | |
| Union Gospel Mission\* | Mission | | $20,000 |
| ***Lydia House*** is a three-month live-in alcohol and drug recovery program in Mission, BC focusing on women who come from the most challenging backgrounds – abuse, trauma, sexual exploitation, sex trade and addiction. By offering compassionate counselling and holistic live-in support for up to nine women at a time. Women are supported to improve their physical, mental, and emotional health to build a future that’s founded on hope and freedom from addiction. | | | |
| St. John Ambulance Society | Surrey | | $13,550 |
| ***Enhancing First Aid Training in our Communities*** project will contribute to the replacement of equipment used for first aid training, specifically 20 Annie training dolls, 6 instructor laptops, 3 TV screens for in-building training sessions and a projector for out of house first aid and safety classes. Remaining funds will be used to purchase Automated External Defibrillator (AED) that will be kept in the branch for any emergencies and a Konica Minolta Bizhub fax card that will help our administrative staff communicate better with students, instructors, and other organizations. | | | |
| Leave Out Violence (LOVE) | Surrey | | $5,000 |
| ***Newcomer Employment and Leadership Program*** (NEL) will target newcomer youth, age 13 to 19, who in addition to being new to Canada, are also feeling the impact of factors such poor mental health, financial insecurity, barriers to employment, violence, drugs/alcohol use, being part of the LGTBQ2S+ community, etc. The main goal of this program is to help these youth realize their full potential by building their resiliency, work and leadership skills, community connections and understanding of the violence that impacts their lives – at home, at school and in the community. | | | |
| Langley Animal Protection Society | Langley | | $20,000 |
| ***The Doghouse*** is an employment skills training and transition from prison program at the Fraser Valley Institution for Women, providing dog daycare and boarding and helping women become successfully employable after release. The grant will assist in the creation of a training and certification program for women in the program for animal first aid, clicker training, fear free training, and Animal Kind dog training that are important pre-requisites for employability in the animal welfare sector. | | | |
| Fraser House Society | Mission | | $10,000 |
| ***Challenge Days*** a 3-day Challenge Day event – 1 for each of secondary school in Mission: 2 Middle and 1 Senior. Challenge Day successfully addresses some common issues seen at most schools (cliques, bullying, judgements, isolation, racism, sexism, apathy, homophobia etcetera). Participation in Challenge Day creates more understanding and empathy among students and staff, creating a much healthier and happier school environment. Challenge Day Facilitators ‘challenge’ youth to analyze and reflect on how their words and actions can affect others – and then have the students work towards creating positive change within themselves, their school and their community. | | | |
| DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society\* | Surrey | | $20,000 |
| |  | | --- | | ***Community Kitchens for Vulnerable Immigrant and Refugee Families*** provides a community kitchen for low income immigrant and refugee families through 8 x 6-week multicultural cooking skills classes, 10 one-time cooking sessions, combined with field trips to grocery stores and nutrition workshops, with a focus on seniors, parents with children age 6-12 and parents with young children (held at DIVERSEcity and at four different community centres in Surrey). These help participants develop skills, knowledge and confidence to improve their food literacy, health literacy and social connections that will help them become better able to feed their families affordable, healthy and culturally appropriate food. | | | | |
| British Columbia Guide Dogs | Delta | | $10,000 |
| ***Autism Service Dog Program*** raises and professionally trains an Autism Service Dog to be matched with a child aged 3 to 10 with profound autism, and his or her family. Autism Service Dogs provide safety and freedom to children with profound autism by safeguarding them against potential environmental dangers, and participating more fully in their school, community, and peer and family life as a result of reduced bolting behaviour, reduced anxiety, and supported skill development. | | | |
| Langley Environmental Partners Society | Langley | | $25,000 |
| ***Langley Learning Farm*** **Program** will be located at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum in the Township of Langley. It will provide educational and experiential opportunities for students and the general public to learn about the food system, the importance of local agriculture and food security. Phase 1 will begin in June 2020 with a creation of school demonstration gardens and the development of a hands-on agricultural program for high school students. | | | |
| Langley Senior Resource Society\* | Langley | | $20,000 |
| ***Social Worker Seniors Support Program*** provides much needed and crucial services to seniors and their families in times of need. As seniors decline physically and/or cognitively, they may become more dependent on their adult children and/or on various external service, which may or may not be accessible in their area. Langley Senior Resource Society’s social workers provide information and referrals to seniors and their families, connecting them with the right resources for their unique situations and if necessary, advocating on their behalf. | | | |
| YWCA Fraser Gardens\* | Langley | | $15,000 |
| ***YWCA Fraser gardens*** is a safe, affordable housing community that offers holistic support for low-income single mothers and children who are at risk of homelessness. Each year, an estimated 50 women and children make their home at Fraser Gardens, in a mixture of two- and three-bedroom suites. In addition to safe, affordable long-term housing, the YWCA also provides residents with holistic, integrated programs and services that aim to reduce isolation, build community connections, and support economic independence. | | | |
| Langley Care Foundation\* | Langley | | $20,000 |
| ***Senior Peer Outreach*** is a volunteer-driven service providing person-person outreach to connect with isolated and at-risk seniors in Langley. The program offering is for a weekly social/recreation program hosted in Langley Lodge providing social engagement, meaningful recreation activities, a nutritious lunch, bus transportation to-from the Lodge in our wheelchair accessible bus, guest speakers who provide education on seniors’ health/wellness and bus trips to places of interest. As most of the participants are low income, there are no fees to participate, as this would add additional barriers to participation. The program outcomes are to reduce isolation, facilitate development of new relationships between seniors, provide a safety/social connection point for seniors who live alone, and alleviate loneliness, boredom, and depression for seniors. | | | |
| Langley Hospice\* | Langley | | $17,500 |
| ***Adult Bereavement Program*** provides two, 10-week loss support groups, twice annually for an increasing number of clients, who have experienced the death of a loved one, due to suicide, substance use, homicide, terminal illness, accidental and natural causes. These groups establish an opportunity for individuals who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their lives, to come together with others who are grieving similar losses and access support in ways that impact their everyday lives, beginning with establishing healthy social connections and opportunities to explore their feelings and emotions around loss and grief. | | | |
| Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) BC | Abbotsford | | $20,000 |
| ***Fraser Valley Rental Assistance Project* (FVRAP)** is a homelessness prevention initiative serving Abbotsford to Hope since 2010. The program offers one-time assistance in the form of interest-free loans to low-income earners facing eviction as a result of a temporary financial crisis. Clients gain skills for long-term stability through 1-on-1 financial counseling and tenancy rights education and support. Street-entrenched clients moving into housing can access loans or small grants for the first month’s rent, utilities, damage deposits or the cost of new ID. This year we hope to launch Phase 2 by offering rent bank services in Langley/Aldergrove for the first timeproviding much needed and crucial services to seniors and their families in times of need. | | | |
| **TOTAL** | | **$367,088** | |

*\*These agencies received funding in previous years*

**Strengthening the Social Sector grants:**

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| **Organization** | | **Community** | | **2020 Grant** |
| Mission Literacy in Motion Association\* | | Mission | | $2,080 |
| ***Volunteer Tutor Recruitment*** supports two volunteer tutor sessions and four volunteer gatherings per year. Our objective is to provide training for people who have graciously stepped up to volunteer and give their time to low literacy learners. This training includes strategies in a one-to- one scenario and small group learning. | | | | |
| Langley Community Services Society\* | | Langley | | $8,818 |
| ***Diversity, Inclusion and Sensitivity* t**raining will support our Volunteer and Mentoring program within settlement and Integration Services. Diversity training is of paramount importance when working with newcomers and refugees as is training within a multi-cultural environment. The training program will ensure all volunteers/mentors working with newcomer and refugee clients have the required skill, knowledge and training. | | | | |
| Mission Hospice Society\* | | Mission | | $2,500 |
| ***Volunteer Training Program,*** assists us with our volunteer training program, held 2 times per year. We aim to train 40 new volunteers, on a new updated volunteer training manual, that is now 40 hours and includes the volunteer palliative part, but newly added is the grief and bereavement training as well. | | | | |
| Surrey Public Library | | Surrey | | $5,000 |
| ***Moving Forward with Truth and Reconciliation,*** Surrey Libraries is focused on its commitment to reconciliation by supporting and implementing some of the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action. Specifically, placing land acknowledgement signage in all 10 of our branches to acknowledge that the work of Surrey Libraries takes place on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish People. | | | | |
| Abbotsford Police Foundation\* | | Abbotsford | | $10,000 |
| ***Donor Perfect****,* is a fundraising and donor management solution. DonorPerfect is designed to raise more money and cultivate valuable donor relationships by minimizing time-consuming administrative tasks by effectively organizing constituent data. This tool will help facilitate the growth and sustainability of the Foundation. | | | | |
| Langley Meals on Wheels Services Society\* | | Langley | | $10,000 |
| ***LMOW CRM/Data Base Software Upgrade*** funding will support implementing a customized not-for-profit software system for Langley Meals on Wheels, to manage growth and meet our unique needs to better serve the community. | | | | |
| SHARE Family and Community Services Society\* | Coquitlam | | | $10,000 |
| ***Workstation Refresh*** funding to help replace 65 computers, no longer reliable due to operating systems which are now obsolete and no longer able to be serviced. The computers are a fundamental need of our community programs and services. | | | | |
| Special Olympics British Columbia | Surrey | | | $5,000 |
| ***Volunteer Training*** funding will support local volunteer coaches with training courses and workshops focused on coaching, officiating, leadership, and planning. As a result, SOBC athletes will receive the best experience from trained and educated volunteers. | | | | |
| **Total** | | | **$53,398** | |

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