

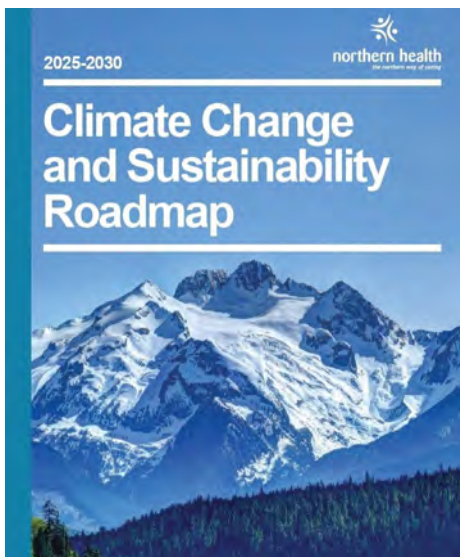
Northern Health - Healthy Communities E-Brief

December 2025

Welcome to the Healthy Communities E-Brief!

This monthly newsletter is prepared by the [Healthy Communities team](#) to help local governments and community organizations in Northern BC stay informed about resources, upcoming events, and funding opportunities that support community health and well-being.

Resources



Climate Change Sustainability Roadmap

Northern Health has launched a five-year plan to cut emissions, prepare for climate impacts, and support community-led solutions. We're working with local governments, Indigenous partners, and communities to build a healthier future for everyone. Find more resources on the new Northern Health climate change and health [webpage](#).

Read more



Tools for climate action

The British Columbia Institute of Technology's (BCIT) Centre for Ecocities has launched two easy-to-use online tools to help communities, businesses, and local governments take action on climate change. These tools show how everyday choices, like what we eat, how we travel, and what we buy, affect the environment and offer practical ways to cut pollution and support healthy communities.

Read more

Funding

December 2025

Canada Summer Jobs wage subsidy (Government of Canada)

Deadline: December 11, 2025

Canada Summer Jobs provides wage subsidies to support employers to create quality summer work experiences for youth aged 15 to 30 years.

[Read more and apply](#)

Rural, Remote, and Indigenous Food Action Grants (Northern Health and First Nation Health Authority)

Deadline: December 19, 2025

This funding is part of a larger effort by the Province and Health Authority to strengthen food security in BC. Approximately six grants of up to \$50,000 each are available for projects that focus on food security and Indigenous food sovereignty in rural and remote communities.

[Read more and apply](#)

Active transportation planning (Government of BC)

Deadline: December 31, 2025

Local governments with up to 25,000 people can get up to \$30,000 to add or improve active transportation plans. This funding can support research, community input, and policy development.

[Read more and apply](#)

January 2026

TD Friends of the Environment Grant (TD Bank)

Deadline: January 15, 2026

The Foundation gives money to help with environmental projects that teach people and improve green spaces. Projects can include things like making schoolyards greener, upgrading parks, building community gardens, running nature programs, and doing citizen science activities.

[Read more and apply](#)

Community grants (Pacific Blue Cross Health Foundation)

Deadline: January 22, 2026 and April 7, 2026

The Pacific Blue Cross Health Foundation offers three funding streams: Kick-Start Projects (up to \$10,000), Partner Program (up to \$45,000), and Major Investment (up to \$100,000) to support mental health, wellbeing, and chronic disease prevention across BC. Applications are due January 22, 2026 for Partner Program and Major Investment, and April 7, 2026 for Kick-Start Projects.

[Read more and apply](#)

Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC (Outdoor Recreation Council of BC)

Deadline: January 20, 2026

The Outdoor Recreation Fund of BC supports grants for community-based initiatives that create and shape meaningful outdoor recreational and nature-based experiences for British Columbians.

[Read more and apply](#)

Ongoing intake

Local Community Accessibility Grant Program (Sparc BC)

Deadline: Ongoing

Up to \$25,000 is available for municipalities and regional districts in BC to help make things easier for people with disabilities. Projects must be chosen by local government Accessibility Committees or written in Accessibility Plans. All projects must be finished by March 31, 2026.

[Read more and apply](#)

BC Community Climate Funding Finder (Clean BC)

Deadline: Ongoing

Looking for climate action funding? By answering a few questions, you'll be on your way to learning which programs fit your project best. Try the BC Community Climate Funding Finder to find the right grants for your project.

[Read more and apply](#)

StrongerBC Future Skills Grant (Government of BC)

Deadline: Ongoing

BC residents 19 and older can get up to \$3,500 for short-term training in high-demand fields like health care, clean energy, and construction. Starting September 2025, more than 300 programs at 24 public colleges and universities will help people gain job-ready skills and advance their careers.

[Read more and apply](#)

Wah-ila-toos: Clean energy initiatives in Indigenous, rural, and remote communities (Government of Canada)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Wah-ila-toos program helps Indigenous, rural, and remote communities switch from diesel to cleaner energy. It also makes it easier for people to get support from the government and have more control over their energy choices.

[Read more and apply](#)

Indigenous Stewardship Fund Climate Emergency Fund Program (Indigenous Stewart Fund and First National Fisheries Council of British Columbia)

Deadline: Ongoing

This program gives fast help for urgent, environmental projects led by Indigenous communities. The projects must focus on protecting and restoring salmon and their habitats.

[Read more and apply](#)

Education, health, and arts & humanities grants (The Molson Foundation)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Molson Foundation gives money to support projects in education, health (like youth sports and activity programs), and arts and humanities. You can apply if your project helps people learn, stay healthy, or enjoy arts and culture.

[Read more and apply](#)

Northern Health Stories



7 months in: Liquid Goldie at the Terrace donor human milk collection depot

The best food for a baby is almost always their parent's own milk. When that's not possible, [pasteurized donor human milk](#) from a certified milk bank is especially important. Every drop counts when it comes to nourishing premature babies. [On World Prematurity Day](#) (November 17), we celebrate the tiny fighters in Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICUs) and the big-hearted donors who help them thrive.....[continue reading](#).



This calendar may help prevent dementia

Did you know that the number of Canadians living with dementia is [expected to triple between 2020 and 2050](#)? At the current rate, by 2030 there will be 21 new cases of dementia diagnosed in Canada every hour. If these numbers don't shock you, you may either be one of the few whose life hasn't yet been touched by this life-altering disease, or you may be one who is all too familiar with it. But do you know that there is something we can do to slow this trend?....[continue reading](#).

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