

This monthly publication is prepared by the [Northern Health Healthy Communities](#) team to provide information and resources for local governments and community organizations to promote and advance community health across Northern BC.

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BC Wildfire Study (University of BC)

Wildfire disasters are a growing threat to Canada that can cause long lasting health conditions. Wildfire smoke can be especially harmful to unborn babies. The [BC Wildfire Study](#) aims to better understand the risks of wildfire exposure during pregnancy on a child's health and development. Please share this widely with your networks.

Move the North: Youth physical activity study (University of Northern British Columbia & partners)

Are you a youth physical activity leader/enthusiast with experiences and ideas related to youth physical activity opportunities in your area? The University of Northern BC is leading a community-based research project to develop a physical activity engagement strategy with and for youth living in Northern BC. Youth ages 12 to 24, youth physical activity champions, members of the community, education sector, and organizations offering physical activity programming are invited to complete this short [survey](#). You can also express interest in the upcoming in-person workshop in Terrace on September 25 at 5-7:30pm PT. Workshop participants will receive a \$75 honorarium. Contact PhysicalActivity@UNBC.ca for more details.

Resources (toolkits, reports, websites)

A Guide to Advancing Climate Equity Through Place-Based Collaboration (Tamarack Institute)

The [guide](#) combines two principles of Tamarack's Community Climate Transition work: addressing climate inequities and using place-based partnerships to advance health equity. It helps community leaders, residents, small business owners, and local government staff understand the relationships to build, steps to take, and perspectives to consider.

Food access in a changing climate: Stories from six remote and Indigenous communities in BC (BC Centre for Disease Control)

Explore how food connects to health, environment, culture, and the Land in remote communities. Visit the [Food Access in a Changing Climate visual storytelling website](#) to read about the experiences of people in Atlin, Tsay Keh Dene, and Hudson's Hope, and other remote communities across BC.

Getting started: A Guide to Sourcing BC Food in Kindergarten to Grade 12 School Food Programs (Feed BC)

This [guide](#) provides school districts, schools, and food program delivery partners with resources to support the use of BC food in school food programs. It also helps BC food and beverage businesses prepare for opportunities to sell to K-12 schools.

Municipal Guide on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Federal of Canadian Municipalities)

This [guide](#) helps Canadian municipal leaders and elected officials to understand the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and its relevance to municipal settings in Canada.

Social Prescribing: Implementation Guide (United Way British Columbia)

As Social Prescribing continues to evolve, this [guide](#) offers practical strategies, best practices, and resources to implement social prescribing in your community and/or organization.

Events and learning opportunities

From Planning to Implementation: Overcoming Challenges in Local Climate Action (Tamarack Institute)

Dates: October 7, November 4, and December 2, 2024, January 13, 2025

Register for a free four-part [webinar series](#) on how cities and communities can move from climate action plans to measurable results.

Funding opportunities

New Horizons for Seniors Program (Government of Canada)

Deadline: September 12, 2024

This [program](#) provides funding for projects that benefit older adults and their communities. Apply for up to \$25,000 to meet your community's needs.

Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding program (Government of BC)

Deadline: September 15, 2024

This [program](#) enhances the capacity of First Nations and local governments in BC to withstand and adapt to natural and climate-driven hazards. [Learn more](#) and submit an expression of interest.

HealthADAPT (Health Canada)

Deadline: September 19, 2024

Health Canada is accepting climate funding [applications](#) for assessments, plans, scaling, and health sector guidance. Email climate.health.adaptation-adaptation.climat.sante@hc-sc.gc.ca for application guidelines and templates.

Go Electric Commercial Vehicle Pilots Program (Clean BC)

Deadline: September 30, 2024

The [CleanBC Go Electric Commercial Vehicle Pilots \(CVP\) Program](#) encourages the adoption of commercial zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs). BC-based businesses, non-profits, local governments, Indigenous communities, and eligible public entities can apply.

Girls at Bat and Challenger Baseball funding (Jays Care Foundation)

Date: Opens in October 2024

[Jays Care Foundation](#) offers local governments free equipment and training to run Girls at Bat or Challenger Baseball programs. These programs use baseball or softball to enhance connection, belonging, and access to sport for kids. [Sign up](#) for a webinar on September 24, 2024, to learn more and [apply](#) in October.

Climate Resilient Communities: Food Infrastructure Grant (United Way BC)

Deadline: October 16, 2024

United Way BC, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, offers up to \$20,000 in funding to support rural, remote, and Indigenous communities in building resilient food systems. Eligible organizations are encouraged to apply. Visit [United Way British Columbia Grants & Funding](#) for more information.

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

Deadline: November 15, 2024

Planning a project that focuses on community food action? Learn more about the Rural, Remote, and Indigenous (RRI) Food Action Grant application and eligibility criteria. Starting on September 20, 2024, apply for up to \$50,000 through this grant program.

Indigenous Food Security and Sovereignty Grants (New Relationship Trust)

Deadline: December 1, 2024

This [grant](#) provides funding to First Nation communities, Indigenous organizations, businesses, and entrepreneurs in BC to develop, expand, or strengthen Indigenous food systems.

#GreenMyCity Program (Green Cities Foundation)

Deadline: Ongoing

Apply for a [#GreenMyCity grant](#) to support the restoration and revitalization of publicly owned land, including parks, community gardens, sports fields, playgrounds, and public open spaces. Garden clubs, associations, neighbourhood groups, service clubs, and school/youth groups are encouraged to apply.

Community Gaming Grants (Government of BC)

Deadline: Ongoing

[Community Gaming Grants](#) provide \$140 million annually to not-for-profit organizations throughout BC to support their delivery of ongoing programs and services. Learn how to apply for up to \$125,000 to meet the needs of your community.

Homelessness Community Action Grants Program (Social Planning and Research Council of BC)

Deadline: Ongoing

Learn more about the [Homelessness Community Action Grant Program](#) and apply for one-time funding for local planning and collaborative initiatives that better respond to the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Northern Healthy Communities Fund (Northern Development Initiative Trust)

Deadline: Ongoing

Is your community nearby an LNG Canada or Coastal GasLink project? Apply for the [Northern Healthy Communities Fund](#) to help your community adjust to the economic growth expected to occur as a result of major economic development projects.

Rural Transit Solutions Fund (Government of Canada)

Deadline: Ongoing

This grant helps Canadians in rural and remote areas get around their communities and connect with nearby areas. Funding supports new public transport options like on-demand services, publicly owned ride shares, and volunteer community car-pooling. Apply for grants of up to \$50,000 through the [Planning and Design Projects stream](#).

Secondary Suite Incentive Program (BC Housing)

Deadline: Open until funding is exhausted

Do you know any homeowners who want to help create affordable housing? The [Secondary Suite Incentive Program](#) provides money to help homeowners develop a new secondary suite on their property to be rented out below market value for at least five years. Homeowners who qualify will receive up to 50% of the cost of renovations, up to a maximum of \$40,000.

Transit Minor Betterments Program (Government of BC)

Deadlines: Ongoing

Public transit enables people to access jobs and education and helps those with transportation challenges due to distance, medical, financial, or physical limitations. [Apply](#) for up to \$100,000 through the [Transit Minor Betterments Program](#) for projects that improve the transit experience, such as bus stop shelters, lighting, accessibility improvements, and signage. Local governments, First Nations communities or organizations, and non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2025.

Northern Health Stories

The Healthcare Travelling Roadshow's mission is to inspire rural youth

The [Healthcare Travelling Roadshow](#) is a grassroots initiative to address workforce shortages in rural health care. The program was conceived at a 2009 event in Prince George, the "Rural Healthcare Workforce Symposium: A Collective Commitment to Action." The concept was simple: a trip that would take Northern BC post-secondary health care students out to a rural community in the region so they could connect with rural youth.....[continue reading](#).

International Overdose Awareness Day 2024 is August 31

"Deaths due to drug toxicity are preventable, and I urge our political leaders at all levels to collaborate on a thoughtful, comprehensive plan that puts people first. This crisis, driven primarily by unregulated fentanyl, has cost our province dearly in the loss of much-loved and valued members of our communities. We cannot bring our deceased loved ones back, but we can and must do much more to protect the lives of tens of thousands of our family members, friends, and colleagues still at risk."...[continue reading](#).

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