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Vancouver Foundation: Recovery and Resiliency Fund

The Recovery and Resiliency Fund is a ground-breaking new fund made possible through a partnership between Government of BC, Vancouver Foundation,



<u>United Way BC</u>, and <u>New Relationship Trust</u> that will distribute \$34 million to charitable and non-profit organizations, of which Vancouver Foundation has contributed \$4 million. This Fund will provide flexible, three-year grants of \$50,000 and \$72,000 per year to eligible organizations that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. \$5 million of the Fund will go to New Relationship Trust to grant directly to Indigenous-led organizations with annual revenues of more than \$1 million. To learn more about this funding opportunity, and to apply, visit <u>The Vancouver Foundation grant page</u>. Applications are now open until September 30th, 2022.

For Your Information

Northern BC Climate Action network (NorthCAN)

The **Northern BC Climate Action Network (NorthCAN)** is looking to the public for members. NorthCAN brings together representatives from local government, Indigenous communities, education, health care, business and industry, and NGOs and acts as a hub for sharing knowledge and experiences, identifying opportunities to collaborate, and leveraging capacity. <u>Click here to join</u>

Middle Development Years – School Districts and Early Years Report

University of British Columbia, in collaboration with Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP), offers the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI), a self-report questionnaire completed by children in Grades 4 through 8. It helps to understand and support children's well-being and positive development in the middle years.

Resources (toolkits, reports, websites)

The Role of Municipalities in Advancing Women's Equity in Canada - UNESCO

This this report, author Dr Meghan Brooks the <u>role municipalities can play in advancing</u> <u>gender equity</u>. Municipal governments are not only well placed to apply a gender lens to



city planning and decision-making but have an imperative to do so in order to adequately serve residents.

POWER WITH – Youth Engagement Handbook

Effective youth engagement also helps us build healthy and inclusive communities for the future. Learn how to effectively engage youth with the help of this handbook published by the Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa.

Events & Learning Opportunities

2022 UBC International Road Safety Symposium Date: October 31 – November 1, 2022

The UBC Bureau of Integrated Transportation Safety and Advanced Mobility (BITSAM) and the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) invite you to take part in the UBC International Road Safety Symposium. International experts will join local government and provincial experts to discuss their experience and recent research on effective solutions in the BC and Canadian context.

Creating Healthy Public Policy – Equitable Extreme Heat Planning Date: August 17, 2022

Healthy public policy is a powerful tool government can use to meaningfully improve the lives of their constituents. <u>BC Healthy Communities</u> is hosting the next in this series of webinars, <u>Equitable Extreme Heat Planning</u>. This session is a collaboration with Northern Health and other key decision maters and aims to help northern communities plan for, and respond to, the next extreme heat event in northern BC.

Funding Opportunities

Federal Local Food Infrastructure Fund Applications begin October 1, 2022

The <u>FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program</u> provides funding to local governments and First Nations in BC to increase community resiliency by undertaking community based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community's risk from wildfire. Two webinars have been scheduled to help returning and new applicants understand the changes to the program: July 15, 2022 and October 13, 2022. Please **register** in advance.



Community to Community Forum

Deadline: September 2, 2022 & December 2, 2022

The goal of a Regional C2C Forum is increased understanding and improved overall relations between First Nations and local governments. Forum events are intended to provide a time and place for dialogue to build on opportunities, support reconciliation efforts, resolve issues of common responsibility, interest or concern, and/or to advance tangible outcomes.

Government of Canada: Natural Infrastructure Fund Deadline: Ongoing

The Government of Canada is accepting applications for new projects through the <u>Small Projects Stream of the Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF)</u>. The \$200 million NIF supports building community awareness of the value of natural infrastructure. It will bring noticeable benefits to communities across Canada by improving access to nature, providing cleaner air and water, protecting and preserving biodiversity and wildlife habitats and mitigating carbon emissions.

ChildCare BC New Spaces Fund Deadline: When funding runs out

The <u>ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund</u> provides funding to create new licensed child care, helping families access, affordable, quality, and inclusive child care as a core service they can depend on, while strengthening communities throughout British Columbia.

Reaching Home – BC Rural and Remote Homelessness Strategy Deadline: Ongoing

The <u>BC Rural and Remote Homelessness Strategy Funding</u> is available to communities who are not currently part of an existing Reaching Home funding program, to support projects that reduce and prevent homelessness. Eligible projects can run between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

Northern Health Stories

Extreme heat - Why it's important to know the risks

Many people think of British Columbia as having a temperate climate, meaning that during the summer months, we have milder temperatures on average. However, over the past few years, Extreme Heat Emergencies have become increasingly frequent...continue reading.



Extreme heat – budget friendly ways to prepare your home

Because of climate change, Northern BC is experiencing hotter average summer temperatures and many extremely hot days. While we can't control the weather, there are steps we can take to make our homes better equipped to deal with Extreme Heat Emergencies...continue reading.

How Northern Health's virtual primary and community care clinic is working with communities

Northern Health's <u>Virtual Primary and Community Care Clinic (VPCCC)</u> was created in the early days of the pandemic, when it was known as the COVID-19 Online Clinic and Information Line. It <u>was quickly put together</u> to ensure Northern residents could have their questions answered when it came to COVID-19 symptoms, testing, and self-isolation...continue reading.

See the latest stories at stories.northernhealth.ca.

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