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Hi folks,

We hope you are doing well!

Indigenous Services Canada's Partnerships Team has identified non-federal calls for proposals and funding opportunities. Listed below, you will find the funding opportunities along with a brief description and a link to the website associated with each opportunity. Additionally, an updated list of funding opportunities that were previously identified in June has been included.

While this is not an exhaustive list, we hope to continue to identify open calls for proposals and funding opportunities to share with you in the future. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out and we will do our best to answer.

Cheers,

The Partnerships Team

Upcoming Deadlines:

[Parent Advisory Council \(PAC\) and District Parent Advisory Council \(DPAC\) Grants:](#) Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Grants are intended to benefit K-12 students in B.C., by enhancing extracurricular opportunities and promoting parent and community involvement. **Applications intake will close on June 30th.**

[Youth Climate Justice Fund:](#) Provides core flexible funding to emerging youth climate justice groups. In 2023, we committed funding to 50+ groups globally with a total of \$700,000 from 1,800 applications. **Application intake will close on July 1st.**

New funding opportunities (since our last email)

[Capital Project Grants:](#) Capital Project Grants provide \$5 million annually to not-for-profit organizations throughout B.C., to support the completion of inclusive, accessible capital projects that meet community-identified needs and priorities.

[Change Makers Micro-grant Program:](#) Are you a passionate young Canadian between the ages of 15-29 with a desire to make a positive impact in your community? The Helping Hands ChangeMakers Micro Grant Program is your chance to turn your ideas into action, create lasting change and contribute to a more inclusive and volunteer-driven Canada. We are distributing 20 micro grants up to \$5,000 per project to individuals and groups who have a community project idea in need of funding.

[Community Stories:](#) Apply for an investment of \$25,000. Using DMC's website building platform, focus on content development and digital storytelling. Typically, Community Stories are produced in about 18-24 months. Funding is provided for Canadian museums, and heritage, cultural or Indigenous organizations who are seeking to develop a Community Stories website using DMC's website-building platform.

[Digital Projects:](#) Apply for an investment of up to \$250,000. Develop an online project from the ground up, with the support of a web development agency. Typically, Digital Projects take about 2-3 years to build to achieve your vision and meet web accessibility standards. Funding is provided for Canadian museums, and heritage, cultural or Indigenous organizations who are seeking to develop an accessible online project from the ground up, with the support of a web development agency.

[First Peoples Law – Indigenous Law Student Scholarship:](#) As part of our commitment to supporting the development of Indigenous lawyers, First Peoples Law is offering a scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 to an Indigenous law student with a demonstrated interest in serving and advancing the interests of Indigenous Peoples.

[Grocery Gift Card Support:](#) Unison's Grocery Gift Card Support program was created to support music workers who earn the majority of their income from the Canadian music industry and are experiencing food insecurity due to unemployment, underemployment and/or the high cost of living. The program provides approved applicants with a \$500 gift card to a grocery store of their choosing. The gift card will take 7-14 days to arrive.

[Irving Sponsorship & Donations:](#) J.D. Irving, Limited and its affiliated companies are proud of the long established history of supporting our employees and the communities where we live and work, through charitable donations, sponsorships and employee volunteers.

[Oshki Wupoowane – The Blanket Fund:](#) Oshki Wupoowane launched on September 30, with an initial \$1 million investment from Hudson's Bay Foundation and a commitment to direct 100% of net proceeds from the sale of all HBC Point Blankets to The Blanket Fund moving forward. Since then, The Blanket Fund has grown to more than \$1.5 million, which will be disbursed to successful applicants over multiple years. Through two grant streams, The Blanket Fund will provide support for Indigenous cultural, artistic, and educational activities. Indigenous people, as well as Indigenous-led initiatives and organizations in Canada, are eligible.

[RBC Youth Mental Well-being Project:](#) We fund programs that address youth and family's immediate need to access mental health services, a critical area identified by parents, youth and experts in the field. We will also consider supporting other programs that increase access to care if they are collaborative, have proven results and can demonstrate successful outcomes. We will prioritize granting for programs that increase collaboration across service providers to reduce fragmentation. Our hope is that our funding will help achieve integration not just within the mental health system, but between the mental health and general health systems. We also prefer to fund programs that do not duplicate services provided by other organizations.

[Youth Micro-Grants Program:](#) The Youth Micro-Grants Program is a program funded by Canada Service Corps designed to provide youth between the ages of 15 to 30 an opportunity to create and execute a volunteer project which benefits the community. The project must be operated by volunteers with the purpose to provide service to the community. Through this program, individuals and/or groups of youth will have a chance to receive a micro-grant of up to \$2000 to initiate their desired project. It is a 9-month program in which youth will be asked to apply for and provide project proposals, design a project, participate in skill-building workshops, consult with a project advisor, and receive additional support as needed.

Previously identified funding opportunities (in our previous email)

[Capacity-Building Funding for Indigenous Communities:](#) In support of PDAC's priority to promote engagement between Canada's Indigenous communities and the mineral development sector, PDAC has developed a comprehensive catalogue of all available federal, provincial, and territorial government capacity-building support programs that can serve to facilitate Indigenous engagement with the mineral development sector, and to contribute to active participation in related activities. There is no similar comprehensive compendium of cross-jurisdictional programming in Canada currently available to the public.

[Catherine Donnelly Foundation:](#) The Catherine Donnelly Foundation takes a proactive approach to Civic Engagement for Social Change, viewing it as an important tool to address the most pressing social, environmental, cultural and community development problems and concerns today. We are committed to supporting projects that promote active citizenship, democracy, 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.

[CIBC Foundation – Donations and Community Partnerships:](#) Built on our longstanding history of supporting our communities, and with the help of our clients, the CIBC Foundation serves our commitment to creating a world without limits to ambition. The CIBC Foundation has three main focus areas, including investing in financial education. Under the financial education focus area, CIBC Foundation will consider funding projects that meet the following eligibility: Canadian registered charities, not-for-profits or qualified donees; Organizations with sound financial practices, and a sustainable funding model; Organizations who track impact with a clear evaluation and measurement process and can specify the number of individuals helped through the project; and Culturally informed programs or services that are filling evidence-based gaps in an identified community.

[Community Gaming Grants](#): Community Gaming Grants provide \$140 million annually to not-for-profit organizations throughout B.C., to support their delivery of ongoing programs and services that meet the needs of their communities. Grants are available in the areas of arts and culture, sport, public safety, environment, and human and social services.

[Declaration Act Engagement Fund \(DAEF\)](#): The Declaration Act Engagement Fund (DAEF) provides multi-year (4 year) non-repayable funding contributions to First Nations to support their capacity to engage with the Province of B.C. on the implementation of the Declaration Act Action Plan and alignment of Provincial laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples both of which must be done in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous Peoples in B.C.

[Maytree Granting](#): We welcome proposals from registered charities and community-based, non-profit organizations that have an explicit mandate to reduce poverty and build strong civic communities by advancing economic and social rights in Canada.

[McLean Foundation](#): The McLean Foundation is committed to supporting work that is not as likely to be funded by others, but that can make a positive difference. We look for projects that show promise of improving the wellbeing of people, communities, and our environment which may initially lack broad public appeal. We support work within and across sectors including: Arts, Environment, Education, Social Welfare and Health. We are flexible in the types of funding we provide. You can apply for a specific project, an existing program, or general operations. Our grants tend to be up to \$15 000. We also provide larger grants and/or multi-year funding. These types of grants often emerge from previous funding relationships.

[RBC Future Launch](#): RBC Future Launch is a 10-year \$500 million commitment to help Canadian youth prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. We are moving beyond financial investment by engaging the public and private sectors to further understand the issue and make a significant impact on the lives of young Canadians. RBC Future Launch is a catalyst for change-bringing people together to co-create solutions so young people are better prepared for the future of work.