



**United Way**  
British Columbia

Working with communities in BC's  
Interior, Lower Mainland, Central  
& Northern Vancouver Island

# Call for Proposals

## Indigenous Healing Grants and Indigenous Capacity Grants

### Summary

The United Way of British Columbia (UWBC) is inviting Indigenous Nations and eligible Indigenous-led organizations in the province to apply for funding through its Indigenous Healing Grants and Indigenous Capacity Grants program. These grants aim to support organizations in their efforts to further truth and reconciliation in their communities, with a focus on local healing and mental health initiatives (Indigenous Healing Grants) and on building organizational capacity (Indigenous Capacity Grants). As part of its commitment to supporting Truth and Reconciliation efforts in British Columbia, the UWBC is offering these grants to Indigenous Nations and eligible Indigenous-led organizations.

### Goals and Objectives

#### Healing:

The Indigenous Healing Grants aim to support organizations in their efforts to further truth and reconciliation in their communities through the promotion of local healing initiatives. This can include, but is not limited to, traditional healing practices, mental health support services, and trauma-informed care.

#### Capacity:

The Indigenous Capacity Grants aim to help organizations enhance their operations and increase their impact by supporting them in building their capacity. This can include, but is not limited to, small capital purchases, hiring of consultants, training and professional development, and other similar items as deemed necessary and helpful by the applying organization.

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The UWBC does not wish to be overly prescriptive with this grant fund and encourages applicants to approach their applications according to their own understanding of Healing and Capacity. We are open to supporting a wide range of innovative and creative approaches to these issues.

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### Funding Amounts

Organizations can apply for funding amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for Indigenous Healing Grants, and from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for Indigenous Capacity Grants.

### Criteria for Applying

To be eligible for funding, organizations must either be an Indigenous Nation, an Indigenous-led organization or provide goods and services primarily to Indigenous people. All must be based in British

Columbia. An organization is recognized as being Indigenous-led so long as Indigenous persons have at least 51% ownership and control. An Indigenous person is a First Nations, Inuit or Metis person who is a resident of Canada. Applications from Indigenous Nations should ideally be supported by a Band Council Resolution or equivalent. Applications from Indigenous-led Organizations should include a supporting director's motion or letter of support from its Board of Directors or Executive Director or equivalent.

## **Timelines**

The deadline for grant applications is February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5pm Pacific Time. Funding decisions will be announced by March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **Want to know more**

For more information, interested applicants can contact Veronika Murray, Indigenous Relations Lead, at [veronikam@uwbc.ca](mailto:veronikam@uwbc.ca), or via phone at (877)557-1953 ext. 2507.

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