

Vancity Grants 2024

Below is a listing of the grants disbursed in 2024 in service of our four priority areas of climate, equity and Reconciliation, affordable housing, and co-operatives and community.

We take a “multi-solving” approach and many of these grants are helping to advance more than one priority area; intersecting outcome areas can be seen on the right side of the tables.

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Given Vancity’s financial performance in 2023, there was no new Shared Success funding available to reinvest in community in 2024, except relatively limited net profit from enviroFund - which primarily went to supporting Vancity's Non-Profit Housing Retrofit Program.

Vancity was able to meet its multiyear funding commitments with community partners and support a limited number of grants using money set aside from previous years and enviroFund funds.

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System Transformation Grants 2024					Intersecting Outcome Area(s)				
Climate					Climate	Equity	Co-Ops	AH	Multi-Year
Organization	Project Name	Approved Amount	Amount Disbursed in 2024	Initiative Synopsis					
Aboriginal Housing Management Association	Advancing retrofits for AHMA members	\$ 600,000	\$ 200,000	Increased capacity to advance building condition assessments, projects and planning, building retrofits across AHMA member organizations, to support climate, ready affordable housing for Indigenous families and individuals across BC.					
Metro Vancouver Zero Emissions Innovation Centre	Zero Emissions Building Exchange	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	General support for the work of the Zero Emissions Building Exchange (ZEBx), an industry hub, across the green building spectrum, with particular focus on building retrofits and the advancement of practices, technologies and projects that contribute to achieving net-zero emissions.					
Worker Solidarity Network	Worker Action Centre	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	The WSN is a non-profit that helps precarious workers. This project will support the establishing of research on the health and safety impact of the climate crisis on workers and est. the "Too Hot to Work" campaign / advocacy.					
Affine Climate Solutions Society	Piloting Pathways to Decarbonized Buildings	\$ 300,000	\$ 30,000	Funding for core operations to this new non-profit and for pilot initiatives to accelerate the construction of low-carbon and climate resilient buildings and to support Vancity non-profit housing members to undertake deep building retrofits.					
Fraser Basin Council	Energy Efficiency Mentorship Program: Building Indigenous Capacity for Energy Efficiency	\$ 150,000	\$ 67,500	An initiative aiming to build skills and knowledge in energy efficient homes and buildings within Indigenous communities through a peer group of Indigenous trainees.					
Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society	ENFHS Deep Energy and Climate Resilient Retrofits	\$ 138,000	\$ 138,000	Two projects: 1) Retrofit planning for four buildings providing 147 homes for seniors, families and women. 2) The development of a net zero strategy for the whole organization.					
Calling Ministries	Energy Retrofit Renovation	\$ 99,000	\$ 99,000	A deep retrofit of two seniors' residences projected to achieve a 65% energy and 97% greenhouse gas emissions reduction through improved energy efficiency and switching to fully electric heating, cooling and domestic hot water systems.					
China Creek Housing Cooperative	China Creek Housing Co-Operative Retrofit Project	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	Deep retrofit of 35 homes in seven townhouses and one apartment building that will install highly efficient heat pumps for hot water and space heating and cooling, as well as solar panels for onsite power generation.					
Burquitlam Housing Society	Deep Energy Retrofit	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	Planning activities, such as electrical, mechanical and building envelope design, in preparation for a deep retrofit that will install electric heat pumps for space heating and cooling and hot water, making the homes of 134 seniors more comfortable and energy efficient.					
Kambo Group	EmpowerMe	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	Kambo's EmpowerMe program supports multilingual, community-centred energy conservation and education program focused on immigrant and newcomer communities and other hard-to-reach populations. Vancity funding supports program delivery in BC.					
Heiltsuk First Nation	Household Energy Efficiency	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	Final phase of heat pump installation in homes in the Heiltsuk Nation community, also including training for 1-2 Heiltsuk members in heat pump maintenance and repairs, and the purchase of equipment to support ongoing management of the heat pumps.					

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Namgis First Nation	Heat Pump Project	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	Installation of heat pumps in 40 homes in the 'Namgis First Nation community, and employment opportunities for 'Namgis members.					
Synergy Foundation	BC Green Biz and Project Zero	\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000	Two initiatives: 1) Project Zero Incubator program to support circular economy ventures and 2) BC Green Business, a program to help businesses take climate action with environmental sustainability initiatives. Support includes discounts for Vancity members and Indigenous-owned businesses.					
BC Indigenous Housing Society	Building #9 Re-pipe and Energy Retrofit	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Project design to replace the natural gas hot water with a heat pump system and other energy efficiency improvements to a 31-unit building serving Indigenous families, seniors and persons with disabilities.					
Squamish Community Housing Society	Tantalus Manor Energy Retrofit	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Planning activities such as electrical, mechanical and envelop upgrade design, and related project management, in preparation for a deep retrofit of a 40-unit building providing seniors, families and essential workers with affordable and stable rental housing.					
Lookout Housing Society	Lookout Society Deep Energy Retrofit	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Retrofit planning activities, including an energy model, and structural, environmental, and cost consulting activities, as well as project leadership and management, for four buildings providing 212 units of housing and temporary shelter to seniors, families, and people living with mental health and addiction.					
BOMABC	Greater Victoria 2030 District	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Through the Greater Victoria 2030 District, BOMA facilitates peer network of commercial building owners and managers in Greater Victoria to reduce energy consumption by 50% and greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2030.					
Brightside Community Homes	Casa Mia Retrofit Planning	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Planning activities such as energy studies, schematic design, electrical load analysis, and related project management, in preparation for a deep retrofit of a 56-unit building housing seniors.					
Home Performance Stakeholder Council	Implementation of DEI strategy and HPCN contractor management	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	Two initiatives: 1) implementation of elements of the new organizational JEDI (justice, equity, diversity and inclusion) roadmap and 2) quality assurance for the Home Performance Contractor Network, including spot checks of completed retrofits.					
Greater Victoria Housing Society	Dowler Lodge - Deep Energy Retrofit	\$ 29,750	\$ 29,750	Support for mechanical and electrical conditions assessments, more detailed energy study and schematic design in preparation for a deep retrofit projected to reduce energy consumption by more than 70% and GHG emissions by more than 80%.					
Community Energy Association	BC Climate Leaders	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500	The BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council is a peer network of local government elected officials that provides training, support, and resources to build capacity of members to develop and support strong climate policy in their communities.					
BC Federation of Labour	Climate Justice and Jobs Proposal: Phase 2	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	BC Federation of Labour enables labour organizations to come to the table around climate and to help build the workforce needed to achieve net zero goals, through a work-centered, intersectional transition, by advancing public awareness, job creation and adaptation, and skills development.					

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Pembina Institute	Advancing Climate Resilient Homes in BC: Identifying barriers and dispelling myths in building decarbonization	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Research to identify barriers to building decarbonization and policy advocacy to advance resulting recommendations and help move the building sector toward low-carbon, climate resilient buildings					
Carleton University	Efficiency Canada: Advancing Federal Energy Efficiency Policies	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	An initiative to use Efficiency Canada's research to ensure energy efficiency policies are featured in the platform and mandate of all federal political parties.					
Coast Foundation Society	Energy Audits and Reports for Community Homes	\$ 22,050	\$ 22,050	Funding for energy studies in three community homes housing people living with mental challenges.					
Veterans Memorial Housing Society	Veterans Manor Retrofit Project	\$ 21,230	\$ 21,230	Planning activities such as electrical and mechanical design for an electrical upgrade and replacement of gas-fired hot water boiler with an electric heat pump system in a 133-unit building housing senior men.					
Hiyám ta Skw̓x wú7mesh Housing Society	Hiyam Housing Building Condition Assessments	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Support for building condition assessments for 70 units of affordable housing for Squamish Nation Members, as a first step toward identifying opportunities to improve energy efficiency and reduce GHG emissions.					
Brightside Community Homes	Retrofit Planning for Soroptimist Lions	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Planning activities such as energy studies, schematic design, cost estimates and building condition assessments, and related project management, in preparation for a deep retrofit of a building housing seniors.					
Brightside Community Homes	Retrofit Planning for King's Daughters	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Planning activities such as energy studies, schematic design, cost estimates and building condition assessments, and related project management, in preparation for a deep retrofit of a building housing seniors.					
City Green Solutions	Home Energy Retrofits	\$ 18,150	\$ 18,150	The Home Energy Advice service provides Vancity members access to energy experts for guidance on how to improve energy efficiency and the comfort of their homes while also reducing carbon emissions.					
MPA - Motivation, Power & Achievement Society	Duke and Welwyn House	\$ 16,431	\$ 16,431	Deep retrofits to two community homes to improve energy efficiency, replace gas-fired space heating and hot water with heat pumps, and result in a more comfortable home for residents, who face mental health challenges.					
SHARE	National Investors' Summit	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500	Event to bring together institutional investors from across the country dedicated to growing and strengthening the impact of responsible investment strategies in Canada and beyond.					
Fraserside Community Services Society	Fraserside Net Zero Retrofits	\$ 15,440	\$ 15,440	Retrofit planning, such as energy assessments and electrical load calculations, for four properties serving persons with disabilities and persons living with mental health and persons with addiction issues.					
Hiyám ta Skw̓x wú7mesh Housing Society	Oceanview Apartments	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Retrofit planning including electrical, mechanical and envelope upgrade design to improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions for a 35-unit building.					

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My Climate Plan	My Climate Plan	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Engaging and supporting BC households to be climate resilient and reduce carbon pollution, activate community members in politically impactful communities, and support two Indigenous communities to develop and implement climate resilience plans.					
BC Building Trades	BC Convention	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	Annual convention of trades that are strategically important to lowering carbon emissions in buildings and to developing the diverse, fairly paid workforce that is needed to make a just climate transition.					
MPA - Motivation, Power & Achievement Society	Winston Manor	\$ 7,954	\$ 7,954	A deep retrofit that will improve energy efficiency, replace gas-fired space heating and hot water with heat pumps, and result in a more comfortable group home for residents, who face mental health challenges.					

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Organization	Project Name	Approved Amount	Amount Disbursed in 2024	Initiative Synopsis	Climate	Equity	Co-Ops	AH	Multi-Year
Poverty Reduction Coalition Society	Poverty Reduction Coalition Membership	\$ 750,000	\$ 250,000	Vancity is a founding member of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, working within and alongside the Coalition as a strong ally to achieve a poverty reduction strategy for BC. Today the coalition works to address poverty and urgent related challenges like climate change.					
Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS)	Financial Education Building Capacity in the Community	\$ 442,120	\$ 178,560	PICS delivers financial literacy workshops to various segments of the community to help empower them and to improve their financial health. PICS serves a cross section of new immigrant populations and have staff with lived experience to deliver culturally appropriate workshops and coaching sessions.					
Financial Resilience Society DBA Financial Resilience Institute	Financial Resilience Institute	\$ 385,000	\$ 115,000	To establish, support, and grow the capabilities of the Institute, while ensuring the Seymour Financial Resilience Index can continue to be maintained, invested in, and be used by organizations for longitudinal financial resilience research and impact measurement.					
Living Wage for Families	Living Wage for Families	\$ 360,000	\$ 180,000	The Living Wage for Families Campaign is a poverty reduction strategy to address child and family poverty in Canada, in particular advocating for thousands of low wage workers impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.					
UBC - University of British Columbia	Contributing to Indigenous Economic Independence Through Partnership, Access to Education and Entrepreneurship	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	Ch'nook Indigenous Business Education Program supports Indigenous entrepreneurs by developing leadership and management skills needed for business success and economic independence.					
Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund	IPRF Support Programs: Community Bundles	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	Initiative that helps provide immediate resources (community bundles) for preparedness and health care support, plus long-term resources to build community resilience guided by an Advisory Council of a group of experienced Indigenous philanthropic knowledge holders who govern the Fund and make decisions about the program.					
South Island Prosperity Partnership	Indigenous Prosperity Centre	\$ 240,000	\$ 80,000	Vancity is the founding partner of the Indigenous Prosperity Centre, an initiative committed to the self-directed economic development of First Nations and Indigenous Peoples on Vancouver Island and throughout BC.					

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Ethos Educational Society	Ethos Lab Outreach and Impact	\$ 225,000	\$ 75,000	This grant provides core funding to bolster the activities of Ethos Lab, build organizational resilience, and support outreach efforts to scale Ethos' impact across the region and nationally. Outcomes include economic resilience as an organization, as well as the economic resilience of underrepresented communities entering into fields of STEAM.					
Canadian Shareholder Association for Research and Education	Reconciliation and Responsible Investment Initiative	\$ 200,000	\$ 75,000	Through the Reconciliation and Responsible Investment Initiative, allied institutional investors, led by Indigenous investors and Indigenous-led organizations, will use their capital and their voices to promote positive economic outcomes for Indigenous peoples, including through employment, support for Indigenous entrepreneurs, increased partnerships with Indigenous communities, and respect for Indigenous rights and title.					
West Coast Leaf Association	Collective Impact for Gender Justice	\$ 180,000	\$ 60,000	This project will advance recommendations from the January 2023 BC Gender Equality Report Card, including trans-affirming healthcare and improving access to reproductive care for people of all genders, and those aligned with WCL's feminist economic framework.					
Indigenomics Institute	Indigenomics - 100 Billion Dollar Indigenous Economic Reconciliation Project	\$ 175,000	\$ 50,000	The Indigenomics Institute is leading a narrative shift around the growing Indigenous economy and the bridge to designing the 100 billion dollar Indigenous economy. This project supports several key Indigenomics activities including the national Indigenous Economy Design forum, the 2023 Indigenomics 10 to Watch Awards, an Indigenous Women in Business forum and a matching scholarship program for Indigenous business students.					
Stó:lō Community Futures Corporation	Stó:lō Community Futures and Vancity: Building Capacity in the Community Partnership	\$ 136,065	\$ 43,355	Funding to support training a new facilitator to build capacity and share the Wealth Mindset program, as well as expanding the program to new Stó:lō First Nation Communities and at the Metis House.					

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Journey Home Community Association	MAP BC	\$ 130,236	\$ 65,118	MAP is a collaboration between over 40 government, non-government and not-for-profit agencies in Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley that work with and for refugee claimants. Through collaboration, this project will ensure refugee claimants and service providers benefit from efficient solutions and responses.					
Sto:lō Community Futures Corporation	Wealth Mindset: Indigenous Financial Resilience Top Up	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	Funding to support training a new facilitator to build capacity and share the Wealth Mindset program, as well as expanding the program to new Stó:lō First Nation Communities and at the Metis House.					
Immigration Services Society of BC (ISSofBC)	Private Family Sponsorship (Family 4)	\$ 98,566	\$ 98,566	In 2019, Vancity announced its support of five Refugee families as part of a Privately Sponsored Refugee program. In collaboration with the Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC), Vancity funds the settlement costs for one full year for a refugee family to help them get their start in Canada. This grant supports Family 2 in their settlement journey.					
British Columbia Achievement Foundation	Indigenous Business Award	\$ 90,000	\$ 20,000	The Indigenous Business Award (IBA) program elevates the stories of Indigenous businesses in British Columbia and showcases their achievements to offer aspiring entrepreneurs models of success to follow. The IBA program provides a space where mutually beneficial business opportunities can be identified, partnerships fostered, and new connections made.					
Exchange Inner City	Pigeon Park Peers Employee Support Program	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	The Pigeon Park Peers program works on Exchange Inner City's strategic objectives to drive systemic change around low-barrier employment, place-based economic change, and community					
Sustainable Capacity Foundation	BIPOC Fellowship	\$ 75,000	\$ 37,500	To support three Fellows in BC, who identify as BIPOC, through capacity building and leadership opportunities within the sustainability sector.					
YYJ Prosperity Association (South Island Prosperity Partnership)	Rising Economy Week	\$ 60,000	\$ 20,000	Rising Economy Week invites the Southern Vancouver Island public and local business leaders into conversations around climate change solutions, economic recovery and resilience, the blue economy, Indigenous economy, future workforce, power of collaboration, growing an innovation-based economy, the strength of diversity and inclusion and more.					
Immigration Services Society of BC (ISSofBC)	Private Family Sponsorship (Family 2)	\$ 37,892	\$ 37,892	In 2019, Vancity announced its support of five Refugee families as part of a Privately Sponsored Refugee program. In collaboration with the Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC), Vancity funds the settlement costs for one full year for a refugee family to help them get their start in Canada. This grant supports Family 4 in their settlement journey.					
United Way Lower Mainland	MODO Ukrainian & newcomers mobility contribution	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Year 2 of 2 commitment to non-profits supporting the settlement of displaced Ukrainians accessing transportation through Modo across Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Victoria.					

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Raven Events	Indigenous Forestry Conference	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250	Collaboration between Indigenous communities, government and the private sector can drive economic reconciliation and forestry revitalization and the preservation of culturally and ecologically significant areas highlight the industry's commitment to sustainable forest management.					

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Affordable Housing									
Organization	Project Name	Approved Amount	Amount Disbursed in 2024	Initiative Synopsis	Climate	Equity	Co-Ops	AH	Multi-Year
GVCAF (on behalf of Vancity Community Foundation)	Vancity Affordable Community Housing Program	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	Vancity Community Foundation and Vancity Credit Union have worked to develop and deliver a shared strategy that addresses the need for affordable rental housing in our region. This support included a contribution towards increasing the capacity of the program and the pre-development grant fund, which has dispersed grants to 30 affordable housing projects in 2024.					
More than a Roof	Real Estate Development Division Launch	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000	More Than a Roof Housing Society is launching a real estate development arm to expand their real-estate portfolio with the aim to grow the organization's sustainability and to address the housing demand across BC.					
City of Surrey	Surrey Urban Indigenous Leaderships Council	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	To support the Skookum Housing Solutions Roadmap and the goal to create at least 772 units of affordable housing for single-parent Indigenous families by 2031 and to create a healthy ecosystem of Indigenous housing providers operating in Surrey.					

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Co-ops & Community										
Organization	Indigenous Grant (Yes/No)	Project Name	Approved Amount	Amount Disbursed in 2024	Initiative Synopsis	Climate	Equity	Co-Ops	AH	Multi-Year
Scale Enterprises Ltd.	No	Vancity and Scale Collaborative Strategic Partnership	\$ 530,000	\$ 150,000	Thriving Non-Profits' program provides not-for-profit organizations with support and coaching on strategic planning, budgeting and building capacity within their leadership team. Having access to these supports can ensure organizations are more resilient and sustainable, which allows them to better serve their communities' needs.					
British Columbia Co-operative Association	No	Co-op Development	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	Year three of a three-year partnership to increase BCCA's capacity to support co-op development through infrastructure, embedding reconciliation, diversity, and inclusion for Indigenous and racialized communities.					
Swilawiid	Yes	Xaadaa Gwaay Renewable Energy Co-op	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	XGREC will provide Haida Gwaii communities with affordable and equitable renewable energy systems to increase Island independence and resilience. The co-op will employ two types of renewable energy projects: group purchasing and commercial projects.					
BC Co-operative Association	No	Membership Dues (2024 - 2025)	\$ 27,295	\$ 27,295	Membership dues					
South Island Prosperity Partnership	No	Membership Dues (2024 - 2025)	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500	Membership dues					
Vancouver and District Labour Council	No	Labour Day Picnic	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Community Outreach to inform people about the work and value of unions and our community partner organizations and to celebrate working people on Labour Day					
BC Food and Beverage	No	Membership Dues (2024 - 2025)	\$ 1,848	\$ 1,848	Membership dues					
University of Victoria	No	UVic Impact Investing Summer School	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	The Impact Investing Summer School's mandate is to train students to build skills in sustainable finance and impact investing, with a focus in 2024 of financing climate solutions.					
LOCO BC	No	Membership Dues (2024 - 2025)	\$ 539	\$ 539	Membership dues					