

# Vancity Grants 2025

Below is a listing of the grants disbursed in 2025 in service of our four focus areas of Affordable Housing, Climate Action, Equity & Reconciliation, and Co-ops & Local Economies.

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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Affordable Housing					Climate Action	Equity and Reconciliation	Co-Ops and Local Economies	Affordable Housing	
Organization	Project Name	Approved Amount	Amount Disbursed in 2025	Initiative Synopsis					
Vancity Community Foundation	Core Support	\$ 850,000	\$ 850,000	A non-profit foundation that supports projects and initiatives that advance social justice, financial inclusion, and environmental sustainability.					
Greater Vancouver Community Assistance Foundation (on behalf of Vancity Community Foundation)	Vancity Affordable Community Housing Program	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	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.					
Small Housing BC	Predevelopment Concierge for Small-scale, Multi-Unit Housing Homeowner Developers	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	Support for the development of a service to help property owners plan for redeveloping a single family lot into a multi-plex.					
Relocation and Deconstruction Association of BC	Building the Foundation of the Building Relocation and Deconstruction Association of BC	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Support for a newly created association that will drive systemic reform in construction waste management, home relocation, and equitable housing access across British Columbia, with a particular focus on supporting First Nations communities along the coast.					
Sunshine Coast Charitable Housing Society	Resident-led Retrofits & Cluster Housing: A Playbook for Multi-Unit Living in Rural Communities	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	Feasibility study and toolkit development to understand the opportunities and challenges to navigating increased density of multi-plexes, multi-unit residential buildings, and co-living arrangements in small BC communities.					

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Aboriginal Housing & Management Association (AHMA)	Non-Profit Housing Retrofit Strategic Partnership	\$ 600,000	\$ 67,000	Renewed support for AHMA's capacity to support its members, non-profit providers of Indigenous housing, to manage their building portfolios and move toward low-carbon retrofits. Funded through the Non-Profit Housing Retrofit Program.					
Hiyám'ta Sk̓wxwú7mesh Housing Society	Ocean View Apartments Deep Energy Retrofit	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	A project to transform a 35-unit building, constructed in 1969, into a highly efficient, climate-resilient property. Funded through the Non-profit Housing Retrofit Program.					
Brightside Community Homes Foundation	Florence Manor and Harwood Manor Deep Energy Retrofit	\$ 117,000	\$ 117,000	Planning activities such as energy modelling, building condition assessment and other work to prepare for a deep retrofit of a building providing 30 homes for families, seniors and people with disabilities. Funded through the Non-profit Housing Retrofit Program.					
Kambo Energy Group	Empower Me Program	\$ 116,400	\$ 116,400	Continued general support for a multilingual, community-centred energy conservation and education program focused on reaching immigrant and newcomer communities. In addition, this grant will support Kambo's capacity for policy advocacy and thought leadership.					

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Squamish Community Housing Society	Tantalus Manor Deep Energy Retrofit	\$ 99,000	\$ 99,000	A retrofit project including upgrades to the exterior and interior of a 40-unit building, with a focus on energy efficiency, tenant comfort, and climate resilience. Funded through the Non-profit Housing Retrofit Program.					
Aboriginal Housing & Management Association on behalf of To'o Housing Society	To'o Housing Society Retrofit Project	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	A retrofit project that will add efficient, low-emissions water and space heating as well as cooling, resulting more comfortable homes in this 23-unit building housing elders of Indigenous heritage. Funded through the Non-profit Housing Retrofit Program.					
Aunt Leah's Foundation	Deep Energy Retrofit Pre-Construction Phases	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	A project including technical studies and project management to identify opportunities to reduce energy use by 70% and carbon emissions by 80% in a 41-unit building serving families and youth aging out of care. Funded through the Non-profit Housing Retrofit Program.					
Canadian Climate Institute	Indigenous Perspectives Case Studies and 5th Anniversary Dinner	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	A program that seeks to elevate Indigenous perspectives in climate policy using a case study and mentorship model. This grant also includes \$10,000 in sponsorship for the Institute's 5th Anniversary dinner.					

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Hiyám'ta Skwxwú7mesh Housing Society	Estítkwawtxw 10-plex Retrofit Project	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	A deep energy retrofit of a 10-unit townhouse complex involving building envelope upgrades, mechanical retrofits to replace aging heating equipment, and a new solar array. The project will also provide efficient centralized cooling to residents. Funded through the Non-profit Housing Retrofit Program.					
Building Owners and Managers Association of BC	District 2030 Greater Victoria	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Renewed support for a peer network of commercial building owners and managers in Greater Victoria committed to reducing participating buildings' energy consumption by 50% and greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2030. In 2025 work will include a focus on recruitment of small building owners.					
Community Energy Association	BC Municipal Climate Leadership Council and the 2025 Climate & Energy Action Awards	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Renewed support for a program that provides peer support and coaching, resources and education to build the capacity and confidence of local government elected officials to drive strong climate policy. This grant also includes sponsorship of awards that recognize projects led by municipalities, regional districts, and Indigenous communities across BC.					

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City Green Solutions	Home Energy Advice Program	\$ 32,068	\$ 32,068	Continued support to provide Vancity members with access to expert advice on how to make their homes more energy efficient and climate-ready.					
Affine Climate Solutions Society	Banking on Buildings Program: Accelerating Deep Retrofit Financing Across Canada	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	An initiative to build capacity among financial institutions to assess, value and finance deep, low-carbon building retrofits.					
Synergy Sustainability Foundation	Synergy Foundation Strategic Partnership	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	Renewed funding for BC Green Business, a certification program supporting small business to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and otherwise green their operations. Vancity members will receive a 50% discount, and funding contributes to a bursary fund that enables Indigenous-owned businesses to participate at no cost.					

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Westerdale Housing Co-operative	Westerdale Housing Co-operative Deep Energy Retrofit	\$ 15,830	\$ 15,830	Support for additional energy studies to understand the potential for onsite solar energy generation on a housing co-op, of which more than half of the residents are seniors or living with a disability. This is part of a non-profit retrofit housing project that will shift away from fossil gas, improve energy efficiency and create more climate resilient homes. Funded through the Non-profit Housing Retrofit Program.					
Metro Vancouver Zero Emissions Innovation Foundation (MVZEIF)	Zero Carbon Step Code Messaging	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	A research project to better understand public response to narratives, and to develop effective messaging, about the Zero Carbon Step Code, a voluntary standard that local governments in BC can adopt to limit carbon pollution from new buildings.					
NorthX Climate Tech	Converge 2025 Conference	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	A conference that brings together cross-sector leaders to discuss opportunities to grow Canada's climate tech sector to help achieve emissions reductions, create jobs, and improve industrial resilience.					

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Ecotrust Canada	2025 Home Energy Justice Forum	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Sponsorship of an all-day event that brings together a range of stakeholders to explore the latest research, policy progress, and lived experiences on the issue of energy insecurity. Vancity funding was applied to travel expenses of Indigenous attendees coming from outside the region.					

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Ethos Education Society	Ethos Lab Outreach and Impact	\$ 225,000	\$ 75,000	Funding to help Ethos Lab strengthen resilience, expand outreach, and advance program development. Investments include staffing and leadership training, marketing and regional events, curriculum design with facilitators, and facility improvements. These resources will scale Ethos Lab's impact nationally while fostering STEAM opportunities for under-represented communities.					
West Coast LEAF Association (WCL)	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.					

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Indigenomics Institute	Indigenomics - 100 Billion Dollar Indigenous Economic Reconciliation Project	\$ 175,000	\$ 75,000	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.					
Pigeon Park Savings	Peer Employment Program	\$ 150,000	\$ 173,175	A program through which DTES community members are employed to assist with serving PPS members.					
DUCA Impact Lab	Escalator Loan Program Pilot	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	This national pilot focuses on developing a scalable solution for Canadian credit unions to support people to get out of the payday lending cycle, especially those who are credit challenged and/or borrowing from the 'underground / shark' market.					

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Simon Fraser University	Vancity Executive MBA in Indigenous Business and Leadership Graduate Award	\$ 150,000	\$ 50,000	The Vancity Executive MBA in Indigenous Business and leadership graduate award offers financial assistance to and rewards deserving students enrolling in the Executive MBA in Indigenous Business and Leadership.					
Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS)	Newcomers Financial Education Program	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	PICS and Vancity will co-create a financial education program for newcomers in British Columbia, promoting financial inclusion through workshops on budgeting, banking, credit, and planning. Visual materials and community facilitation will ensure the program is accessible, engaging, and responsive to diverse needs.					
Canadian Shareholder Association for Research and Education (SHARE)	Reconciliation and Responsible Investment Institute	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	A project focused on advancing Indigenous economic reconciliation pathways and opportunities in Canada. It will engage Indigenous rights holders in British Columbia, mobilize investors and financial institutions, and promote partnerships and investments that benefit Indigenous businesses and communities.					

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Orange Shirt Society	Orange Shirt Day	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000	Through Orange Shirt Day, create awareness of the concept of “Every Child Matters”, support Residential School Reconciliation, and create awareness of the inter-generational impact of the Indian Residential School system on both individual families and their communities.					
Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC)	Private Sponsorship of Refugee Family	\$ 34,965	\$ 34,965	In 2019 Vancity committed to support five refugee families with one full year of settlement costs each. This contribution supports the fifth family.					
The Village of Alert Bay	Town Square Revitalization (Placemaking)	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	Support for the design phase of a revitalization project to address seawall erosion and upgrade infrastructure of the town square.					
Canadian Council for Indigenous Business	CCIB West Coast Business Forum & Awards Dinner	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Sponsoring an awards dinner that celebrates achievements in Indigenous business and leadership across Canada.					
British Columbia Achievement Foundation	Indigenous Business Award Program	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	The program is led by Indigenous worldviews and recognizes businesses and entrepreneurs who drive transformative change within their communities and beyond					

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Vancity Community Foundation	Living Wage BC	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Renewed support for this 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.					
Indigenous Economic Pathways	Indigenous Economic Pathways	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Support for Indigenous Economic Pathways in delivering the Indigenous Tourism, Indigenous Forestry, and Indigenous Blue Economy Conferences. These gatherings elevate Indigenous leadership, foster sector-specific collaboration, and advance economic self-determination across BC.					
Indigenomics Institute	Indigenomics IMPACT	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	A national event that brings together Indigenous leaders, businesses, and allies to advance the growth of the Indigenous economy and promote Indigenous-led economic frameworks. This event reclaims space in the economic narrative and supports the \$100 billion Indigenous economy through collaboration, visibility, and Indigenous-designed solutions.					

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Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSofBC)	Newcomers Bursary Program	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	This funding will support two bursaries in the 2025 Bursary Program, supporting newcomer students pursuing post-secondary education in the field of environmental sustainability/sciences; community development or other 'impact' aligned studies. It will also support ongoing core capacity of the program to facilitate greater giving through other donors.					
All My Relations Indigenous Society	Vancouver Indigenous Fashion Week 2025	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	The world's first Indigenous fashion week and a leading platform for Indigenous designers, artists, and models.					
Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies (AMSSA)	Newcomer Sector Financial Sustainability: Future Proofing Forum	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Committed funding for a BC sector-wide forum on strengthening the financial resilience of newcomer settlement non-profits. This working session will include discussion of investment diversification strategies, mergers and collaboration, coalition building, and advocacy.					

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BC Indigenous Housing Society	Rowing Together Awards Gala	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	BC Indigenous Housing Society honours individuals and organizations who demonstrate resilience, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to serving urban Indigenous communities. Front Line Worker Award, Legacy Award, Reconciliation Committed Company Award, and Under 30 Award are given to changemakers					
Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association	Mercedes Sprinter Van Contribution	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Support for the acquisition of a van to help serve Indigenous community members in transition.					
Raven Indigenous Capital Partners	Raven Indigenous Impact Feast	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	A ceremonial gathering designed to celebrate the positive impact of Raven Capital's collaborations with Indigenous communities, investors, and invested companies.					
Ethos Education Society	Staff Member Camps	\$ 8,636	\$ 8,636	Ethos supports young people of all identities and abilities by providing STEAM learning experiences that blend culture, creativity, community engagement, and leadership. Vancity supports Ethos camps by providing scholarships for youth family members of Vancity staff to attend.					

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Helping Spirit Lodge Society	Wealth Mindset Workshops	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	Spirit Way Transition Housing, a program of Helping Spirit Lodge Society, is a partnership with a local community organization supporting women leaving abusive homes. The sessions focus on healing through financial empowerment, budgeting skills and mindset tools to help participants rebuild their lives with confidence and independence.					
Hogan's Alley Society	Hogan's Alley Resurgence	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	A community celebration of the Black history of Vancouver, and of the legacy and future of the Hogan's Alley neighbourhood in Vancouver.					

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BC Society for Policy Solutions	BC Policy Solutions Support Grant	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	BCSPS is a progressive public policy (non-profit) research institute that looks at issues facing British Columbia. Their work addresses many of the most pressing issues facing people in BC including housing, climate and energy policy, decolonization and social justice. This research and the network of stakeholders play an important role in advancing systems change within the regional context which Vancity operates.					
Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation	CWCF Building the Solidarity Economy	\$ 105,000	\$ 35,000	The multi-pronged Building the Solidarity Economy project will enable CWCF to better provide support to worker co-ops. The objectives are to support the development of new worker co-ops and strengthen existing ones, and to advance racial justice in the worker co-op movement.					

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Scale Enterprises	Thriving Non-Profits 2026 Member Bursaries	\$ 81,900	\$ 81,900	Continued support for a bursary fund to support Vancity non-profit member participation in the Thriving Non-Profits program, which supports non-profits to learn and build practices for developing long-term financial stability for their organizations. This funding will support 20 Vancity non-profit members to participating in the Spring and Fall 2026 cohorts of the Thriving Non-Profits program.					
Spring Impact Society	Catalytic Sponsor of Spring & Discovery Foundation's Scale Ready Program	\$ 78,750	\$ 26,250	Vancity will partner with Spring for three years as the Catalytic sponsor of Spring & Discovery Foundation's Ready Program. The program aims to support entrepreneurs who are building impact companies to access market opportunities and capital for growth.					
Women's Enterprise Society of BC	WeBC and Vancity Women Entrepreneurship Partnership	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Renewed support for WeBC's wrap-around services for women entrepreneurs, including training, coaching and cohort-based learning, to help grow and strengthen BC's small business sector.					

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Scale Enterprises	Thriving Non-Profits	\$ 40,950	\$ 40,950	Bursary fund supporting Vancity non-profit member participation in the Thriving Non-Profits program. Thriving Non-Profits supports non-profit organizations to learn and build practices for developing sustainable revenue streams for the long-term financial stability of their organizations. This funding supported ten Vancity non-profit members to participate in the Fall 2025 cohort.					
The Youth Excellence Society	YES Camp Sponsorship and Employee Fund	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	A youth summer camp focused on developing co-operative leadership skills. Vancity supports The YES Camps by providing scholarships for youth family members of Vancity staff to attend camp, as well as a small operation grant to support full cost of participation.					
BC Co-operative Association	Membership Dues	\$ 29,515	\$ 29,515	The BC Co-operative Association supports and represents co-operatives across British Columbia through advocacy, education, and sector-wide connection. Membership dues help fund shared learning, peer networks, and a coordinated voice that strengthens the long-term sustainability of the co-operative economy.					

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Small Business Association of Vancouver	Start-up and Small Business Clinic	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	A new non-profit created to strengthen Vancouver's small business ecosystem through collaboration, advocacy, and hands-on support. Its goal is to help local entrepreneurs start, sustain, and grow their businesses while building a more inclusive and resilient local economy.					
BC Co-operative Association	Co-op Build a Better World: BC Co-op Tour	\$ 11,250	\$ 11,250	A province-wide tour to connect communities through workshops, networking events, film screenings, and discussions. The goal is to strengthen and elevate BC's cooperative ecosystem.					
Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation	CWCF Annual Conference & BC Bursary	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	Support for a bursary and travel fund to support BC worker co-operatives to attend this conference in Alberta, in addition to direct support for the event.					
LOCO Business Network Society of BC	LOCO Founding Membership	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250	LOCO BC aims to support the local small to medium business ecosystem across BC to understand, collaborate and activate opportunities and remove barriers for small business. LOCO's research helps to make change in the spaces that directly support the resilience of small businesses across BC.					

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New Westminster and District Labour Council	Labour Day Celebration - Burnaby	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	Support for and participation in a community celebration of Labour Day, acknowledging the role and achievements of workers across Canada and around the world.					
SVX	Loan Guarantee Project	\$ 2,825	\$ 2,825	Feasibility study exploring loan guarantee program to support financing for non-profits organizations.					
BC Emerging Leaders	BCEL Conference 2025	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	Sponsorship of a conference for emerging leaders inside BC credit unions.					