

## 2021 BIPOC Grant Recipients

| Grantee                        | Charitable Partner                                | City      | Description   |
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| Aboriginal Front Door Society  | Canadian Disability Resources Society             | Burnaby   | Aboriginal Front Door Society is a culturally safe, peer-designed non-judgmental place for Aboriginal Peoples their friends, and family in the Downtown East Side. They create hope and offer support through Aboriginal cultural traditions, caring, and acceptance. They're a meeting place and a drop-in center with a welcoming environment, providing opportunities to learn more about Aboriginal Peoples and Culture. When necessary, they can also offer other services, such as serving as a crisis center, brokering long-term and specialty trauma counseling, and doing court accompaniments.   |
| Afro Van Connect Society       | Vines Art Festival Society                        | Vancouver | Afro Van Connect Society is an organization that believes in powering the voices of African Descent Youth through conversation, collaboration, creation & performance. They convene gatherings of vibrant, creative minds dedicated to innovating authentic solutions, to increase the visibility of the underrepresented diaspora communities. They build a platform to celebrate their shared story through opportunities for liberation.   |
| Black Arts Vancouver           | The Art Starts in Schools Society                 | Vancouver | Black Arts Vancouver, is a community-based organization that furthers and nurtures the arts expression of Pan-African youth in Vancouver. Their mission is to provide the tools, community, and space for any and all creative articulation at no cost to youth participants and young families.  |
| Black Public Health Collective | PHA Public Health Association of British Columbia | Victoria  | The Black Public Health Collective is committed to critical public health work and practice that is rooted in principles of social justice, systems transformation and Black well-being. The Collective is a group of Black public health learners, practitioners, and researchers dedicated to resisting current narratives and policies that erase, police and pathologize Black people under the guise of public health. Informed by Black Feminist Thought and Critical Race Theory, the Collective is focused on 1) building critical consciousness; 2) critically examining public health institutions; 3) actively responding to public health institutions, policies and practices; and 4) developing an interdisciplinary, contextualized Black health curriculum. |
| Butterflies in Spirit          | Aeriosa Dance Society                             | Vancouver | Butterflies in Spirit (BIS): Dance, Healing, & missing and murdered Indigenous women and Girls (MMIWG2S) builds on the years of community healing work Lorelei Williams has done with her dance group, BIS. Founded in 2011, BIS is a dance group consisting of family members of MMIWG. With a mission to raise awareness of violence against Indigenous women and girls.  |

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| Canadian Latinx Theatre Artist Coalition Association | Greater Vancouver Professional Theatre Alliance Society | Vancouver       | The Canadian Latinx Theatre Artist Coalition (CALTAC) is a Vancouver-based service organization dedicated to furthering the Canadian Latinx theatre movement and unifying Latinx identified theatre artists. They engage in advocacy, create networks, and celebrate the Latinx community.  |
| Centre of Integration for African Immigrants         | Église Souffle De Vie                                   | New Westminster | The Centre of Integration for African Immigrants is a grassroots organization that helps Black newcomers. They support Black immigrants and refugees navigate and advocate for services and opportunities. It was the first organization established here in BC to help explicitly Black people and remove the stigma and raise awareness about the criminalization of Black people.  |
| Check Your Head: the Youth Global Education Network  |   | Vancouver       | Check Your Head is a youth-driven organization that centers and supports the organizing efforts of Indigenous, Black and racialized youth to amplify their leadership within the intersecting movements for social, economic and climate justice. They facilitate community collaborations and partnerships, supporting organizers to access the resources/advocacy they need to sustain the grassroots efforts they're leading with and for their communities. |
| Chinese Community Library Services Association       |   | Vancouver       | The Chinese Community Library Services Association has been around for 50 years, serving the Chinese immigrant community: providing Chinese books for Chinese readers, providing Chinese cultural events to immigrant families seeking to retain their heritage and Chinese Canadians seeking to learn more about their family culture, to being a community space for Chinese seniors to gather together and meet. They also connect seniors with young people |
| Dasiqox Tribal Park Initiative                       | Makeway Charitable Society                              | Vancouver       | Dasiqox Tribal Park or Nexwagwezʔan – “It is there for us” – is a proposed land, water and wildlife management area in traditional Tsilhqot'in territory, located about 125 kilometres southwest of Williams Lake, BC. It is an expression of Indigenous governance and self-determination initiated by the Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government and Yunesit'in Government and supported by the Tsilhqot'in National Government.                               |
| Global Access  | Unique Get Together Society                             | Vancouver       | Global Access provides services to BIPOC families and newcomers from delivery weekly foods hampers, to trauma services that are culturally relevant. They work with the Black communities to address the inequities that the Black community face and advocate for inclusion, diversity and access for Black community.   |
| Haida Gwaii Museum Society                           |   | Skidegate       | Located on the Skidegate Reserve at Kay Lnagaay, in the Haida Heritage Centre, the Haida Gwaii Museum opened in 1976. They are the largest generator of language, arts and culture programming on Haida Gwaii. This is a Haida-led museum, and they provide and offer traditional programs such as critical art exhibitions, educational and public programming, collections, archives and publishing.  |

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| The Inclusion Project             | Minerva Foundation for BC Women     | Vancouver     | The Inclusion Project is a social innovation network and resource hub for organizations, communities and institutions engaged in knowledge development and practice to support and further racial equity, diversity and inclusion. Their areas of impact are: gender equity; reconciliation & racial equity and youth engagement.   |
| IndigenEYEZ                       | Makeway Charitable Society          | Vancouver     | IndigenEYEZ was founded by Indigenous people to raise up the next generation of leaders. Grounded in principles of interconnection, they combine community building, the arts, and land-based teaching to create trainings that support Indigenous people to develop skills to work together to create positive change. Since 2014, they have reached over 7,000 participants, the majority of them Indigenous women and girls.   |
| Indigenous Women Outdoors Society | The Starfish Environmental Society  | Victoria      | The Indigenous Women Outdoors Society supports Indigenous women connect with the land, each other and themselves by creating safe opportunities that eliminate barriers to getting into nature. Their mission is to hold space for Indigenous women to come together and feel safe on the land.   |
| Iyé Creative                      | Victoria Community Food Hub Society | Victoria      | Iyé Creative is a collective that focuses on supporting disenfranchised communities to co-create Educational Programming to dismantle the causes of food insecurity in Victoria. Liberation through permaculture education.   |
| Kupaa Foundation                  | Red Fox Healthy Living Society      | Vancouver     | Kupaa Foundation supports Black youth through education to increase high school graduation rates and reduce delayed advancement rates for Black youth in Metro Vancouver's school districts. In addition to improving students' graduation prospects, Kupaa seeks to support Black students to pursue post secondary education.   |
| Kuu-Us Crisis Line Society        |                                     | Port Alberni  | Kuu-Us Crisis Line Society provides crisis intervention and prevention services to Indigenous youth and adults. They provide supports for Indigenous homeless people in their area including basic needs (food, clothing, etc) and special needs to address the impacts and safety concerns of COVID-19 (masks, gloves, etc). They also support homeless people in their region to find adequate low cost housing.  |
| Kwi Awt Stelmexw                  | Arts in Action Society              | Vancouver     | Kwi Awt Stelmexw (K.A.S.) is a multi-disciplinary non-profit that focuses on the language, art and culture of the Squamish Nation. Their mandate is to create jobs in these sectors for their people. They have worked on children's books in the language, illustrated by nation members; they have helped run and teach in the Squamish language immersion program for the last four years; they have run galas to showcase their language, culture, and cuisine and continue to fundraise for their programming. |
| Moccasin Footprint Society        |                                     | Williams Lake | Moccasin Footprint Society was formed to educate Indigenous & settler societies about the Indigenous knowledge & contributions to modern day society and bring awareness to issues threatening the continuation of Indigenous knowledge and way of life. This year community members of Xatisull were part of a film documenting their cultural practice of fishing in the Quesnel Lake area & the Fraser River.  |

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| Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre Society       | Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society | Nanaimo      | Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre serves the diverse needs of Nanaimo's urban Indigenous community. They support a 100% high school graduation rate for Indigenous students in their community. They have developed a wealth of programs and services to support their community, including 60 units of affordable housing, an Aboriginal Head Start program, community based education programs, numerous cultural programs and various, specific supports for Indigenous youth.  |
| Nawican Advancement Society             |  | Dawson Creek | Nawican Advancement Society is the name of the Nawican friendship centre – where they provide services, resources and help foster better relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. Nawican leaders provide advocacy for members, client support, and cultural healing among dozens of regular program deliverables.   |
| Nesting Doula Collective Co-op          | Birthing Families Matter Society               | Victoria     | Based in Vancouver Island the Nesting Doula Collective provides care and support to Indigenous and communities of colour at all stages of their reproductive journey with an approach that upholds the principles of informed consent, culturally appropriate care, and community connection. Nesting doula is about choice, dignity and respect when giving birth for and by BIPOC communities.   |
| Northwest Indigenous Salmon Alliance    | Skeenawild Conservation Trust                  | Terrace      | The Northwest Indigenous Salmon Alliance is an Indigenous-led alliance that cares about and has a sacred obligation to protect clean water, wild salmon, and each other. They create opportunities for Indigenous people of the Pacific salmon rivers to share their stories, build relationships, and collectively envision and initiate actions with allies to protect wild Pacific salmon--from which their health and way of life as Indigenous people is inseparable.   |
| PeerNet Association of British Columbia |  | Vancouver    | PeerNet of BC has a co-ed model that aims to redistribute leadership and power. They provide training, resources, and support to peer-led initiatives across BC, fostering opportunities for people to learn and unlearn with each other and make connections through play, story, and heart through and anti-oppressive and decolonizing lens.  |
| QQS (Eyes) Projects Society             |  | Bella Bella  | QQS Projects Society, is a Heiltsuk non-profit located in Bella Bella, BC - the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest. Their mandate is to support Heiltsuk youth, culture, and environment. Qqs is focused on creating opportunities for Heiltsuk youth and families to learn on the land and from the land. Their programs range from the community of Bella Bella throughout Heiltsuk territory, spanning the social, cultural, and natural values and customs that have strengthened their people since the time of Creation. |
| Rainbow Refugee Society                 |  | Vancouver    | Rainbow Refugee Society is a Vancouver based community group that supports people seeking refugee protection in Canada because of persecution based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression (SOGIE) or HIV status. They promote safe equitable migration and communities of belonging for people fleeing Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression and HIV+ persecution.  |

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| Refood Food Rescue Foundation                        |   | New Westminster | Refood started the food bank program that serves the Filipino community, the third largest minority population in British Columbia, as they are experiencing unfair disadvantages during COVID-19 due to their racial background and history as low-wage and healthcare workers. Refood focuses on programs that not only work toward reducing and repurposing food waste, but also toward educating the youth. Refood has worked with school districts to engage youth in food insecurity, food nutrition, and how they can participate in healthy eating, especially since data has shown that children who face food insecurity (usually POC) tend to have higher drop-out rates. |
| Refugee Career Jumpstart Project                     | The Arab Community Centre of Toronto                  | Etobicoke       | Jumpstart Refugee Talent is a refugee led organization serving refugees seeking meaningful employment. They focus on the economic empowerment of newly settled refugees in Canada by facilitating meaningful employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.   |
| Rice and Bean Theatre Society                        | Playwrights Theatre Centre                            | Vancouver       | The purposes of Rice and Bean Theatre Society are:<br>- to increase the public's understanding and appreciation of theatre by providing culturally and linguistically diverse professional theatre performances;<br>- to preserve and promote the development of, and excellence in, the theatre industry in Canada by providing facilities and resources to enable artists of colour or otherwise marginalized theatre-makers to develop new plays where such facilities are otherwise difficult to maintain.   |
| Savage Production Society                            | Nzen'man' Child and Family Development Centre Society | Lytton          | Savage Production Society mission is to be a modern Indigenous voice, telling their own stories; endeavouring to positively affect awareness of the contemporary Indigenous perspective by carrying on the tradition of Indigenous storytelling through contemporary mediums of expression. Headquartered in New West but take their work everywhere, and one piece of the work they do is anchored on N'laka'pamux lands.   |
| Sector Equity for Anti-Racism in the Arts            | 221 A Artist Run Centre Society                       | Vancouver       | SEARA serves arts-based organizations across BC and works to end systemic racism in the Arts by creating industry-led collective gravity through large-scale joint initiatives such as COVID-19 aid programs, funding to BC-based BIPOC artists facing financial hardship, dissemination of best practices and empowerment of BIPOC leaders.   |
| South Asian Legal Clinic Society of British Columbia | Options Community Services Society                    | Surrey          | SALCBC is committed to improving access to justice for South Asians in BC. We focus on legal issues affecting their daily lives, including those around immigration status, child protection and custody, separation and divorce, domestic violence, sexual assault, racial discrimination and profiling, economic justice, wills and estates and mental health. We also recognize the importance of delivering culturally sensitive and appropriate legal advice and information to those who face barriers in accessing services and navigating the justice system.  |

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| Stqeeye' Learning Society                              |   | Salt Spring     | The Stqeeye' Learning Society (Stqeeye' is pronounced STAH-KAY-AH) is a charitable non-profit with a mainly Quw'utsun board based on Salt Spring Island. The central goal of Stqeeye' is to strengthen cultural relationships to the land and water at Xwaaqw'um Village (aka Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park) and beyond through: delivering cultural and ecological learning opportunities to Quw'utsun, Hul'q'umi'num and other indigenous youth and community; fostering reconciliation through the building of cross-cultural relationships, delivering educational opportunities for school groups and organizing cultural gatherings open to the public. |
| Support Network for Indigenous Women & Women of Colour | BWSS Battered Women's Support Services Association  | Vancouver       | SNIWWOC is an organization committed to the empowerment of women with food, art, and education. SNIWWOC addresses barriers that limit access to healthcare and full reproductive choice. SNIWWOC operates from a holistic and integrated service model that addresses the social, cultural and political realities of women who identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC). SNIWWOC leads a provincial advisory committee focused on improving economic, political, and social outcomes for black British Columbians, with a focus on the International Decade for People of African Descent.   |
| Umbrella Multicultural Health Cooperative              |   | New Westminster | Umbrella Multicultural Health Cooperative is a member-driven, cooperative community health centre that provides health services to immigrants and refugees. They serve four ethnocultural communities: Spanish-speaking Latin American, Arabic-speaking Middle Eastern, Tigrinya-speaking Eritrean and Dari/Pashto/Farsi-speaking Afghan and Iranian.  |
| U'Mista Cultural Society                               |   | Alert Bay       | The U'mista Cultural Society is based in the Namgis First Nation and run by a ten-member board that are all Indigenous people (Kwakwaka'wakw) from the region. They serve the 17 Kwakwaka'wakw First Nation bands by protecting and revitalizing their heritage for others to understand and learn from.   |
| The Upper Skeena Development Centre Society            |   | Hazelton        | Serving mostly Indigenous communities, they promote social economic opportunities in the Upper Skeena. They connect youth to the land, provide access to resources and services relevant to social, economic and educational development like Land-Based Youth Programs, Food Security Skill-Building workshops among other community programs. They aim to have reciprocal relationships with land and Indigenous people, disrupting whiteness and elevating Indigenous matriarchs' voices and youth.   |
| Vancouver Black Therapy & Advocacy Foundation          | Check Your Head: the Youth Global Education Network | Vancouver       | The Vancouver Black Therapy & Advocacy Foundation is a Black/POC youth led organization that aims to raise funds to provide free therapy for Black communities. Their goal is to address the lack of Black therapy resources, advocacy, and mental health support in the Vancouver Lower Mainland. They commit to redistributing time and resources to make care work accessible to the Black community in Vancouver. They envision healing that is affordable, flexible, and that prioritizes those who often are invisibilized or endangered in other spaces.  |

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| Vancouver Eastside Educational Enrichment Society | Network of Inner City Community Services Society | Vancouver | <p>VEEES, is focused on providing advocacy support, employment services and education to people who self-identify as survivors of abuse/trauma. They develop and deliver employment training, life skills and other relevant training within the Eastside of Vancouver and beyond. VEEES has developed two new programs created for Black immigrant women and girls to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to help newcomers and all lower-income families improve their long-term financial stability.</li> <li>- to inspire and empower young black girls to become high- achieving women leaders.</li> </ul>   |
| Watari Research Association                       |  | Vancouver | <p>Watari has helped thousands of people in the downtown eastside and the surrounding communities, through youth and community programs as well as through their counselling team. Over the years, they have developed important programs not only for youth, but for everyone needing support here in the community, including Indigenous people and migrant workers. Their Latin American Group and Vietnamese Community Kitchen have become important staples in the community as well. Watari works with young migrants, especially women who are dealing with precarious immigration status or undocumented, also Agricultural Indigenous Migrant Workers.</p> |
| YouthCo HIV & Hep C Society                       |  | Vancouver | <p>YouthCo is an organization led by Black, Indigenous and POC youth within the HIV and Hep C movements. Throughout their HIV and Hep C work, they take a peer approach to conversations about sexual health, harm reduction, and stigma.</p>   |