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Vancouver Foundation supports Sea-to-Sky non-profits

Despite a challenging financial picture in 2009, Vancouver Foundation continued to support important community projects throughout British Columbia.

The Foundation and its donors granted \$22,500 in funding for two unique projects that address community issues in the Sea-to-Sky corridor. These projects are listed below, in alphabetical order by city/area:

Community Radio Education Society

Received \$15,000 for Sne'waylh - Aboriginal Teachings, which will start with the Squamish language. Community Radio Education Society, in conjunction with Vancouver Co-op Radio, aims to revitalize oral teachings of the Aboriginal language and culture using radio and by bringing Aboriginal youth and elders together. The Sne'waylh program teaches both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities about the languages and traditions of the people whose land they inhabit. Two Aboriginal youth will produce the show, which will be broadcast on Vancouver Co-op Radio (available online).

The Get Bear Smart Society in Whistler

Received \$7,500 to create and publish a picture book for retail sale that chronicles the lives of Whistler's bears and the challenges they face in a developing landscape. The purpose is to educate people who live, work and play in bear country. Using the stories of individual bears, with unique personalities and histories, they hope to raise the profile of bears as highly intelligent, social and emotionally complex animals.

With more than 1,300 funds, and assets of \$700 million, Vancouver Foundation is Canada's largest community foundation. Since it was founded in 1943, Vancouver Foundation, in partnership with its donors, has distributed more than \$740 million to BC charities.

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