



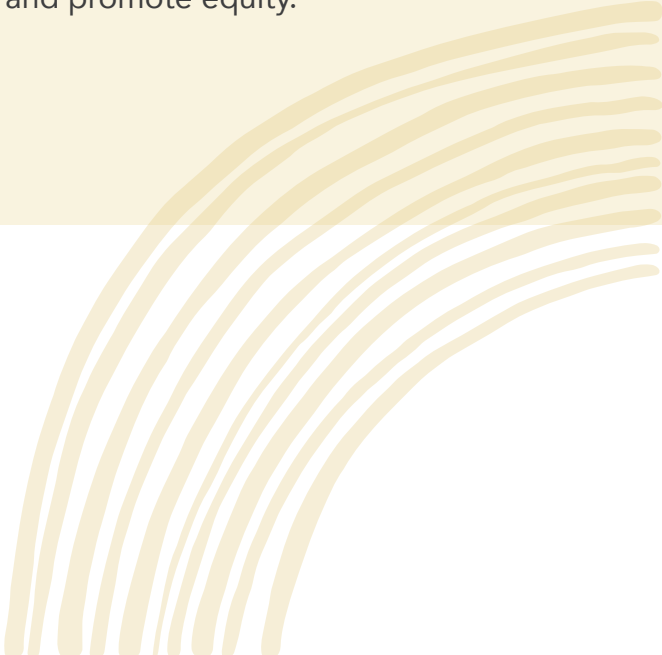
2023 Grant Recipients

Participatory Action Research Grants

How has this grant evolved?

Before 2010, Vancouver Foundation funded traditional medical research which gave researchers decision-making power and positioned communities and individuals as subjects. In 2010, the Foundation transitioned to supporting participatory action research (PAR) projects, emphasizing collaborative research involving all stakeholders, including those affected by the issue being studied.

In response to the pressing need highlighted by the ongoing pandemic, extreme weather events, and the demand for reconciliation and anti-racism efforts, we revised our grant call. We removed matching fund requirements and now prioritize projects co-led by communities disproportionately affected by discrimination in health systems, those with significant community involvement, and those using an intersectional approach to address oppressive structures and promote equity.



Supported Project

Thrive:

Building Collective Wellbeing & Individual Flourishing With and For Women Who've Been Incarcerated in BC

System Navigators and a Community Hub:

Re-imagining Care, Support and Community-belonging for Older Women and Gender Diverse Persons Experiencing Housing Insecurity.

Understanding the impact of trans-focused primary care on the well-being of trans and non-binary people.

Exploring the intersections of health and intimate relationship equity among 2S/LGBTQ+ youth in British Columbia:

A youth participatory action project

The S-kwíkwál Initiative

Charitable Organization & Partner Organization

The University of British Columbia

The Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies / l'Association canadienne des Sociétés Elizabeth Fry

University of Victoria

Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness Society

University of Victoria

Island Sexual Health Society

Simon Fraser University

Qmunity BC's Queer, Trans and Two-Spirit Resource Centre Society

Emily Carr University of Art and Design Foundation

Deer Crossing - the Art Farm Society

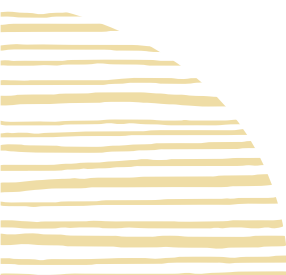
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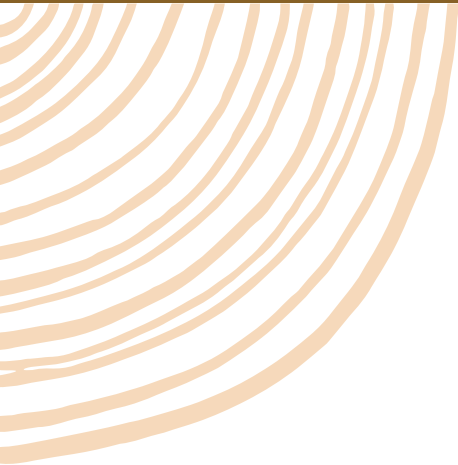
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“Our PAR Grants Program funds research projects that enable communities to create lasting changes within and across systems.”



“At the core of the PAR methodology is the belief that research must be done with people, and not for them or on them.”

Supported Project

Harm reduction practices to support families to stay together

Reclaiming Snuw'uy'ulh (Teachings) to Strengthen Perinatal Health Systems for Quw'utsun Mustimuhw (Cowichan People)

Immigrant Mental Health Through Arts-Based Story-Telling:

Assessing Needs and Aspirations Towards A Community-Led Wellness Program for Filipino-Canadians

Understanding facilitators of early child care and education (ECCE) for marginalized families:

An arts-based community co-designed research partnership

Charitable Organization & Partner Organization

Raincity Housing and Support Society
BC Children's Hospital Research Institute

Cowichan Tribes First Nation
First Nations Health Authority

The University of British Columbia (UBC)
National Pilipino Canadian Cultural Centre Society

The University of British Columbia (UBC)
Ray-Cam Community Association

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Pathways to Youth Belonging

Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs
Urban Matters CCC Ltd.

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Creating a Community Health Toolkit:

Trauma-Informed Facilitation for Arts
Programming with Indigenous Youth

Crimson Coast Dance Society
Vancouver Island University

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Healing Grief:

Taking Action on Grief Experienced
among Health Providers at the Victoria
Youth Clinic Society

The Victoria Youth Clinic Society
University of Victoria

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Investigating the Avenues to Achieve Food Security and Sovereignty in Haida Gwaii

Simon Fraser University
Old Massett Village Council

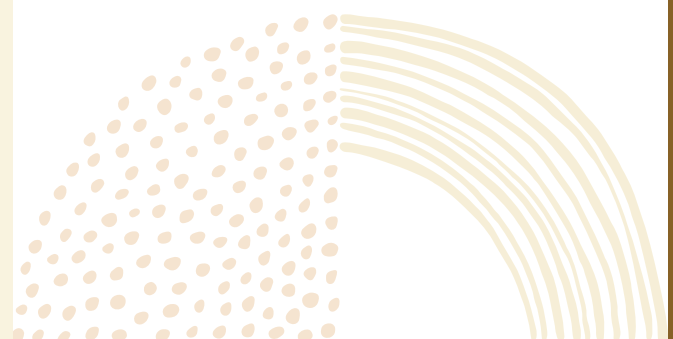
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“We view the participatory action research approach to be a social innovation, because it includes affected populations as partners at all stages of the research process, instead of seeing them only as research subjects.”



Supported Project

An inclusive compassionate response to illicit drug poisoning resulting from an unregulated drug supply in Vancouver:

Self-responsive and relational approaches between healthcare service providers and service users.

Exploration of Culturally Resonant Models of Care to treat Substance Use Disorder Amongst Punjabi Cis-Men in British Columbia (BC)'s Lower Mainland

Dakelh Midwifery:

A Participator Action Research Approach to Revitalizing a Sacred Practice

Exploring the multi-faceted barriers and issues that Black individuals face within BC's Healthcare system.

Charitable Organization & Partner Organization

Providence Health Care Society
Bridge For Health

Fraser Health Authority
Moving Forward Family Services Society

Binche Keyoh Bu Society
University of Northern British Columbia

Simon Fraser University
Solid State Community Society

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Eligibility:

The research projects we consider for funding, must investigate the root causes of a complex health issue, must be a collaboration between community organizations and institutions with access to an ethics board, such as universities and research institutions, and must be led by a registered charity or other qualified donee listed by the Canada Revenue Agency.

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