

WINTER 2021
**STRATEGIC
GRANTING GUIDE**

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Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF) is pleased to provide the Winter 2021 Strategic Granting Guide. The Strategic Granting Guide connects you with unique organizations and programs in our community that fill important needs.

Consider this a list of organizations and programs, which have been vetted by ECF staff, for you to support with your fund. They range in scope and focus. Each relates to important issues in our community, from climate change to equal opportunity in the arts, to responses to residential schools, and more.

In this edition of the Strategic Granting Guide, ECF has intentionally chosen to highlight organizations that are led by the communities they serve. Organizations like these have the best understanding of how to address the challenges faced by their communities but are often chronically under-resourced. For example, across Canadian community foundations, only 0.07% of grants support Black-led organizations, despite Black citizens making up 3.4% of Canada's population.

Through various efforts, including this Strategic Granting Guide, ECF is working to do our part in addressing these disparities. If this is of interest to you, we invite you to join us by donating to an organization led by the community it serves.



How You Can **Participate**



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If any of the organizations or projects in this guide interest you, we encourage you to contact our office. You can issue granting advice by emailing **Nick Diaz, Donor Grants Associate**, at ndiaz@ecfoundation.org. If you would like to discuss your granting over the phone, Nick can be reached at 780-426-0015 ext. 119.

To ensure your grants are sent in 2021, please submit your granting advice by December 1, 2021. Granting advice received after that date will be sent out in January 2022.

Frequently Asked Questions



What if I want more information about a project or organization?

This guide contains only brief summaries of projects and organizations. Further information can be provided upon request.

Do I have to contribute to the organizations or programs you identify?

No. You may choose a grant recipient on your own. Feel free to contact us if you would like more information on other ideas.

My fund is small. Can I still participate?

All donor-advised funds at ECF are large enough to participate. By combining your fund's granting power with others at ECF, you can enhance the impact of your decisions.

If you wish, you can also provide a separate gift in support of one of the projects or organizations.

organizations & programs



Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)

CPAWS advocates for the effective, long-term protection of ecologically and culturally significant land, freshwater, and ocean areas in Canada. Working in a way that respects the sovereignty and leadership of Indigenous nations, they achieve this through knowledge-based advocacy, and public education and engagement, underpinned by collaboration and partnership.



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Dreamspeakers Festival Society

The Dreamspeakers Festival Society supports and educates the public about Aboriginal culture, art, and heritage. It is a resource for Aboriginal artists. It's also a resource bank - a way to get in touch with Aboriginal filmmakers, performers, and artists. They present, produce, and develop new work. Through Dreamspeakers, Aboriginal people receive training in arts, culture, advocacy, and festival operations.

Aboriginal is the term preferred by this organization.



ARTS & CULTURE



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Creating Hope Society

Creating Hope Society (CHS) believes in a relationship-based approach. They incorporate the spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental aspects of a person's life, family, and community, embracing a holistic approach. Their programs and services provide Indigenous people with a real opportunity to learn, grow, and make positive choices for themselves and their families. Creating Hope Society's mission and vision is to "create hope, support healing, honour truth and reconcile our differences."



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Somali Canadian Women and Children Association

Somali Canadian Women and Children Association supports immigrant women and their families in overcoming barriers and achieving their full potential. They use a collaborative approach to meeting their clients' needs, providing resources, and sharing knowledge to empower women and families in Alberta. Through community collaborations, they create programs, promote opportunities, and build connections to support healthy and vibrant communities.



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Yellowhead Indigenous Education Foundation (YIEF)

charitable name:

Natamoowin Education Foundation

The Yellowhead Indigenous Education Foundation co-creates innovative solutions to address complex issues facing First Nations people. It provides Indigenous education and promotion of lifelong learning in their language, cultures, traditions, and practices. They support programming needs to all ages to ensure quality care for self and others. They work in partnership with the Yellowhead Tribal Council and their four member First Nations: Alexander First Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, O'Chiese First Nation, and Sunchild First Nation.



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All One Sky Foundation

All One Sky was established to help vulnerable populations at the crossroads of energy challenges and climate change. They do this through education, research, and community-led programs, focusing efforts on adaptation to climate change and energy poverty. Their vision is a society in which all people can afford the energy they require to live in warm, comfortable homes, in communities that are resilient and adaptive to a changing climate.



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Islamic Family and Social Services Association (IFSSA)

IFSSA works alongside community partners, agencies, and government bodies to provide culturally and spiritually sensitive services not found elsewhere. Through IFSSA, clients have access to programs that address food and economic security, domestic violence, relevant and meaningful counselling and outreach, newcomer settlement, belonging and home, and ways to connect to the larger Edmonton community.



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Ribbon Rouge Foundation

charitable
organization:

HIV Edmonton

The Ribbon Rouge Foundation serves African, Caribbean, and Black people in Alberta. They work to address structural and social factors that lead to poorer health outcomes in African, Caribbean, and Black communities, including HIV-related health issues. It is a grassroots organization that focuses on health equity and facilitates social justice through the arts. It facilitates storytelling, community-engaged arts, and intentional meaningful community conversations to change perceptions, stir social conscience, educate the public, and create positive social change.

Organizations led by BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of colour) individuals are confronting barriers to accessing funds needed for meaningful work in their communities. One such barrier is the lack of resources needed to achieve the charitable status required by Canada Revenue Agency to access grants for projects from funders. At ECF, we acknowledge unequal starting places and hope to address the inequality in the needs, conditions, and positions of people and communities created by institutional and structural barriers. In this regard, ECF is often asked to provide grants to a non-charity through a charitable partner. Ribbon Rouge offers a variety of programs and services that are consistent with HIV Edmonton's charitable purpose and the organizations work together to support the community.



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Edmonton Symphony Society

Edmonton Symphony Society operates two Youth Orchestra of Northern Alberta (YONA) programs that provide free classical music education to students who might not otherwise have that opportunity.

The YONA-Sistema program operates in Edmonton. It uses music for social change and teaches the values of unity, harmony, and mutual compassion. Through the program, youth experience an extraordinary opportunity for social, emotional, academic, and musical development.

Kipohtakaw YONA operates in Alexander First Nation. It looks to kindle long term, holistic, positive change in the youth of Alexander First Nation by engaging them in music education while nurturing the development of future leaders. It establishes relationships rooted in mutual respect, trust, and responsiveness by honouring the strengths, traditions, and culture of Alexander First Nation.



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ARTS & CULTURE



Centre for Race and Culture (CFRAC)



CFRAC supports individual, collective, and systemic change to address racism and encourage intercultural understanding. They bring together diverse people with an interest in promoting and supporting individual, collective, and systemic change to address racism and encourage intercultural understanding. Their collaborative community relationships and partnerships with agencies and community organizations are key to the success of their ongoing work in promoting understanding around issues of race, equality, and diversity.



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