

2024 Anti-Racism: List of Applicants, Funding Amount, and Project Description

Community Activation			
Recommend for Funding			
Name of Organization	Amount awarded (Max \$15,000)	Project Name	Project Description
African Caribbean Integrated Wellness Services in Alberta LTD O/A Alberta Black Therapist Network	\$15000	Healing Together: An Intergenerational Retreat on Racism and Mental Health	This one-day retreat is designed to bring together black youth and elders to share ideas on how to heal from the impacts of racism. In a safe and inclusive space, and through guided discussions, healing practices, and creative expression, participants will explore the intergenerational effects of racism, share personal experiences/stories, build relations with other participants; and learn about tools that help engage in collective healing. Elders and knowledge keepers would facilitate the learning sessions.
Ama Dogbefou	\$14750	Resilient Minds: Culturally Aligned Wellness for Francophone and Caribbean Youth	Resilient Minds: Culturally Aligned Wellness for Francophone and Caribbean Youth is a transformative mental health initiative designed to deliver culturally sensitive wellness support for 24 Francophone and Caribbean youth, aged 13-18, in Edmonton. The project seeks to address significant gaps in mental health services by offering tailored counseling, educational workshops, and community capacity-building efforts that respect and integrate the cultural values of the target groups. By focusing on these culturally aligned strategies, the program aims to enhance mental health outcomes, reduce stigma, and create a supportive environment that fosters resilience and well-being among the youth.
Anna Ouedraogo	\$15000	Legacy Keepers Project	This project focuses on cultural heritage preservation, fostering inclusion, and building

		2	intergenerational engagement. By documenting, preserving, and sharing cultural legacies, the project aims to create a more inclusive narrative, countering stereotypes, and challenging and addressing systemic racism.
Baba Nanak Trust Foundation	\$9000	South Asian Youth Stories of Racism	South Asian youth, including international students, are experiencing growing instances of open and hidden forms of racism that negatively impact their development and social participation in society. This project aims to capture lived experiences of immigrants and Canadian born South Asian youth (25 total) facing racism. The project outcomes would include practical and actionable recommendations for policy makers and practitioners.
Canada Palestine Cultural Association	\$10000	Canada Palestine Cultural Association (CPCA) Mental Health Initiative	This initiative aims to provide free, accessible, and culturally relevant mental health support that focuses on overcoming the dual challenges of displacement and trauma from regional conflicts in the Middle East.. The initiative offers professional counseling, mentorship, and community-building activities to enhance mental well-being, foster community cohesion, and empower individuals to succeed and achieve their full potential.
Canadian Initiative for Refugees Resettlement, Counseling, Localizing and Empowerment-CIRCLE International	\$14987	Champion for Anti-Racism: Empowering Women through Community Collaboration	This initiative focuses on empowering racialized and mainstream women and girls to confront racism, develop anti-racism strategies, and promote diversity and inclusion. The project is focusing on inclusivity and broad representation of the community-engaging local organizations, immigrant support groups, and community leaders to ensure broad participation. Some activities include organizing a community event featuring storytelling, a diversity fair, food sharing, and panel discussions. An action plan will be developed collaboratively by the participating women and girls to be implemented within their households where women are treated

			equally and not considered inferior to the male members of the household and within the broader community.
Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation	\$15000	Fireside Chats to Inspire Anti-Racism Actions for Change	This project focuses on bringing together a diverse group of community members, representing all ages and backgrounds, for a series of engaging and meaningful discussions on racism. Using an inclusive and interactive "fireside chat" format, these sessions will create a safe and open platform for participants to explore the complexities and challenges of structural and societal racism, and to inspire actionable change. Outcome includes fostering community dialogue, building understanding, and empowering participants to take meaningful action within their communities.
Christophe DANUMAH	\$14410	SHEMPOWER ED: Anti-Racism Education for Black Francophone Muslim Women in Edmonton	This initiative aims to deliver anti-racism education to Black Francophone Muslim women, in Edmonton. This project focuses on dismantling racial biases and fostering inclusivity through tailored educational workshops, community engagement activities, and capacity-building efforts that respect and integrate Islamic cultural values. The goal is to empower participants to become advocates for themselves and their communities while promoting a more inclusive and equitable environment.
Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council	\$15000	Honoring EDI Leadership Contributions for Senior Sector Collective Work	The Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council is leading two EDI sector initiatives to build community capacity and cultural understanding, promote awareness, provide training and education, involve research, monitoring and evaluation on EDI practices. The aim is to engage multiple community-based senior serving (CBSS) organizations, and our aim is to address institutional racism as it surfaces. The initiative is aiming to build advocacy spaces to expand the work and break down institutional barriers and increase

			opportunities for the full diversity of older adults to access programming and support. The initiative further aims to ensure fair and equitable hiring practices, board recruitment, staff retention and promotion communications and marketing, human resource policies..
Elisabeth Ndjock	\$14540	Grandma Cook: Bridging Cultures Through Culinary Heritage	The Grandma Cook Project aims to address interpersonal racism through education and with an expected outcome to enhance awareness and reduce interpersonal racism within the community through shared culinary experiences and education. It is an innovative initiative designed to celebrate and share the rich culinary traditions of Black Francophone and Caribbean and Indigenous seniors and youth. By organizing practical cooking sessions, this project aims to foster intergenerational dialogue, promote cultural education, and address interpersonal racism.
Infinity Safety Awareness	\$13800	Food Hamper Program	Infinity Safety Awareness has been offering the Food Hamper Program since 2020. The program is delivered every Sunday from the grounds of Garneau Public School. The Food Hamper Program has seen significant growth over the past couple years with up to 150 individuals participating every week. As part of the hamper program, through this initiative the aim is to provide opportunities for participants from marginalized communities to connect with community resources such as the RCMP and EPS who are often on site. We also encourage participants to listen in on our podcasts and expert panel discussions which address a diverse range of topics including inclusion, diversity, mental health, racism, violence, and many others.
Community of Care for Black, Indigenous and Racialized Equity, Indigenization and	\$15000	Community of Care(CoC) for Black, Indigenous and	This intuitive, The Community of Care (CoC) for Black, Indigenous and Racialized Equity, Indigenization and Anti-Racism Practitioners aims to address this gaps by creating a

<p>Anti-Racism Practitioners (grass roots organization) Centre for Race and Culture (fiscal sponsor),</p>		<p>Racialized Equity Practitioners</p>	<p>supportive space where racialized equity, Indigenization and anti-racism practitioners can find a safe space to reflect, feel safe, connect with other practitioners, focus on professional growth etc. the space would be a secure haven where individuals can access co-mentorship opportunities, share experiences, and engage in meaningful dialogue tailored to their unique experiences in Edmonton and within their institutional structures. This work would help increase mental wellness and foster a strong sense of community, promote resilience, and enhance individual and collective capacity to advance equity, Indigenization and anti-Racism efforts effectively.</p>
<p>Shoot for Peace</p>	<p>\$15000</p>	<p>Shoot for Peace Edmonton</p>	<p>Shoot for Peace (SFP) has expanded its successful photography program for Black youth aged 16-24 from the Greater Toronto Area to Edmonton. This initiative, an expansion of the Shoot for Peace, builds upon the empowerment of BIPOC youth through arts engagement. The Edmonton pilot, launched in November 2023, consists of nine workshops led by experienced facilitators, teaching various aspects of photography.</p> <p>The initiative focuses on accessible arts opportunities, provides a safe, inclusive space for youth to develop skills, express themselves creatively, and explore their artistic passions. Activities include holding public exhibitions of participants' work throughout Edmonton, offering interactive events and collaborating with local art collectives, ensuring efficient use of resources.</p>
<p>Sinkunia Community Development Organization</p>	<p>\$15000</p>	<p>Connecting Us All</p>	<p>"Connecting Us All" is focusing on engaging new immigrants, seniors, and youth, equipping them with the tools needed for cultural adaptation, settlement, youth advisory support, mental health counseling, community safety, social integration, and fostering unity. This initiative aims at</p>

			community building and cohesion by reaching out to individuals across Edmonton, ensuring comprehensive support and connection throughout the city.
Sista Walk Association	\$15000	Pathways to Change: Empowering Diversity and Inclusion	The project initiative by SistaWalk designed to address interpersonal racism through community engagement, mental health support, and cultural education. This project aims to empower women of African descent and other marginalized groups in Edmonton by fostering intercultural and intergenerational connections. Through a series of community walks, educational workshops, and storytelling sessions, participants of the initiative would help build resilience, share lived experiences of racism, and promote mutual understanding and solidarity. The project aims to raise awareness of racism's impact on mental health while providing tools for healing and empowerment. It will also engage the broader Edmonton community, encouraging dialogue and collaboration to dismantle racism and build a more inclusive city. The initiative will foster long-term change by promoting cultural pride, educating the public, and supporting collective action against racism.
THE LIVE INITIATIVE	\$14500	Love Arts Project: Catch Them Young	The Love Arts Project: Catch Them Young is a school and community outreach initiative designed to drive awareness of racism and promote anti-racism strategies and practices among youths in Edmonton. Partnering with local schools, the project will organize events featuring community leaders and anti-racism practitioners presentation and Art showcasing. .
Thelma Chalifoux School - Edmonton Public Schools	\$12000	Land-Based Learning Project	This project is in partnership with Thelma Chalifoux Junior High, Edith Rodgers Junior High, T.D Baker Junior High and Elder Dr. Francis Whiskeyjack High Schools. Corey Wells, Indigenous Liaison of all the four schools is helping support this initiative. This work is fundamental to the schools as it provides a foundation for Indigenous ways of knowing and being to weave into daily educational practices. This work is rooted in

			<p>acts of anti-racism and reconciliation through the dedication of the school learning communities, as everyone builds a welcoming and respectful environment for one another's personal beliefs, culture, ways of learning and teachings.</p> <p>The Cultural Land-Based Learning Project will be an extension of the schools current ongoing work focusing on four specific events, each surrounding the season, an aspect of the medicine wheel and cultural teachings offered by Elders, Knowledge Keepers and Ceremonialists. The intention and purpose of these events are to expand Indigenous education, cultural revitalization through a lens of anti-racism and purposeful acts of reconciliation by getting students onto the land and learning on and off the land.</p>
Towunmi Coker Literary Initiative Foundation (TCLI Foundation))	\$15000	Voices for Change	<p>This project focuses on educating Edmontonian youth on balanced diets through culturally appropriate food education, directly addressing systemic racism within food access. This project aims to equipping youth with the knowledge and skills to make healthier food choices while respecting their cultural backgrounds. By focusing on food education, this initiative aims to foster greater cultural pride and resilience against racism.</p>
University of Alberta Black Medical Students' Association (BMSA)	\$15000	2025 Black Medical Students' Association Community Health Fair	<p>The Black Medical Students Association (BMSA) is dedicated to making medicine more equitable, non-discriminatory, and socially accountable. We are committed to developing anti-racism strategies, eliminating institutional barriers, and advancing the health and well-being of Alberta's Black community. As part of this mission, we are hosting our fourth annual Health Fair, which aims to improve health literacy within Edmonton's Black community. This student-run event features booths addressing key health and educational needs, including nutrition, family health, men's health, sickle cell disease, cardiovascular health, mental health, the</p>

			Canadian healthcare system for newcomers, youth mentorship, and more. We have partnered with community organizations, local high schools, and Black community leaders (such as physicians, social workers, psychologists, and dieticians) to deliver culturally relevant education and support to our attendees.
University of Alberta Black Students' Association	\$15000	Rising Together: UABSA's Anti-Racism Event Series	This initiative is an expansion of an existing project. For the 2024/25 academic year, UABSA is expanding its Rising Together: UABSA's Anti-Racism Event Series, which promotes collaboration, mutual understanding, and the importance of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI). These events emphasize the strength found in diversity while encouraging attendees of different racial and cultural backgrounds to learn from one another and advocate for anti-racist practices. In response to growing membership and increased community engagement, UABSA is scaling up its events, increasing venue capacity, budgeting, and planning efforts to accommodate a larger audience. This expansion aims to make our anti-racism efforts more accessible to both the university and the wider Edmonton community. Through the Rising Together event series, the UABSA will increase awareness of racism, provide platforms for action, and contribute to building a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable community. By expanding the series and introducing Black Graduation, UABSA is ensuring these events reflect the evolving needs of the community and continue to inspire unity and growth.
W.P. Wagner Catchment	\$15000	Journey to Anti-Racism: Year 3	Our main goal is ensuring that all students and staff are engaged with the school anti-racism project, practices and philosophy, and aligning the school policies with the Edmonton Public Schools Anti-racism and Equity Policy. The project have the following focuses: Part 1: Staff Development and Capacity Building

			<p>Part 2: Student Learning Every student in the catchment (9500 students) will engage in 6 lessons that will cover a variety of anti-racism topics.</p> <p>Part 3: Student Leadership and Allyship Another portion of this project is to build student's capacity to act as anti-racist leaders and active allies.</p>
Total	\$297987		

Community Capacity Building and Innovation			
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Baleyo Chiraag Arts and Culture Foundation	\$10102	Beyond Appearances	<p>"Beyond Appearances" is an initiative dedicated to fostering a sense of unity within communities, emphasizing our shared humanity"</p> <p>The focus is to organize an evening event open to individuals from diverse backgrounds, inviting them to participate in their traditional attire. An inclusive of all genders and ages, including children, youth, and seniors. The program features music and traditional songs performed by artists representing various cultures. Participants would have an opportunity to come forward and share their experiences with racism and the coping strategies they employed. This will allow other attendees to learn from these techniques or to seek assistance. I</p> <p>The event's primary goal is to provide a space for communities affected by racism to unite, share experiences, and collaborate on research and initiatives aimed at combating racism and promoting effective solutions.</p>
Black Owned Makers Inc.	\$30000	Feed the Soul YEG: Community harvest Dinner and Dining Week Launch Event	<p>The initiative is planning to host a community harvest dinner in Fall 2025 designed to invite Edmontonians to explore ten days of immersive, city-wide participation and celebration of Black-owned restaurants. This exclusive event brings together a curated</p>

			<p>audience of influential community leaders, city officials, media representatives, investors, and content creators to highlight the significance of Black-owned businesses in Edmonton's food industry. Cultural storytellers are planned to be shared that will help to create an immersive cultural experience while creating dialogue to discuss the institutional racism within Edmonton's food and hospitality industry. The evening will showcase Edmonton's rich Black culinary talent and create a platform for essential conversations about the systemic and interpersonal racism affecting the visibility, public perception, and success of Black-owned restaurants.</p>
Centre For Intellectual Excellence Ltd	\$30000	Empowering Futures: Breaking Barriers and Building Inclusive Workplaces	<p>This project addresses employment barriers faced by racialized individuals by promoting inclusive practices and career advancement opportunities. Through workshops and a digital resource hub, the project will cover topics such as implicit bias, allyship, inclusive leadership, microaggressions, psychological safety, anti-racist policies. Using a train-the-trainer model, participants will be equipped to train others within their organizations, creating a ripple effect that amplifies the impact of the workshops and sustains long-term, systemic change in workplaces across Edmonton.</p>
Emerging Stars Autism International Family Support	\$30000	Caring Together: Insights and Journeys in Autism	<p>The Caring Together project aims to uplift and bring awareness to the barriers faced by equity deserving families and help build community connections and create a resource toolkit of both digital and hard copies of the lived experiences from autistic families. The project will engage in activities that collect personal narrative through a series of interviews, workshops, and interactive sessions, participants will have the opportunity to share their journeys, challenges, strategies and successes. These shared stories will provide valuable insights and practical strategies that can promote equitable resources and support for racialized families. By highlighting diverse</p>

			<p>perspectives and real-life experiences, the project will inspire hope, resilience, and a sense of community among racialized families and communities.</p>
FAMILY ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION	\$28000	Each One Teach One: intergenerational Bridges Against Racism	<p>Family Advancement Association's project focuses on addressing systemic racism and fostering reconciliation within our community through an intercultural and intergenerational approach. The project aims to address issues such as microaggressions, racial bullying, discrimination, and hate crimes, while promoting community healing and the development of best practices for a more inclusive future</p> <p>This project takes an approach to transformative learning by integrating the transfer of technology into the dialogue. Youth participants will lead discussions on the influence of digital technology, social media, and artificial intelligence (AI) in shaping identity, perpetuating stereotypes, and amplifying biases. Adults and seniors will offer insights based on their lived experiences of encountering racism in accessing services, workplace interactions, and day-to-day communication. This exchange will be documented holistically through video diaries or interactive digital archives, capturing both historical and modern manifestations of racism.</p>
Free Play for Kids Inc.	\$30000	Welcome to Play: A Local Initiative Combatting Racism with Barrier-Free Opportunities for Newly-Arrived Refugee Children & Youth In Edmonton	<p>The "Welcome to Play" (W2P) program objectives are to provide newly-arrived refugee children and youth with (1) opportunities to make new friends and experience social inclusion; (2) social-emotional learning (SEL) skills that they can use when encountering new adversities they are facing; (3) opportunities to participate in barrier-free play and physical activity with kids their own age, outside of their hotel rooms; (4) weekly "field trip" opportunities to visit local amenities across Edmonton to increase their familiarity and</p>

			<p>sense of belonging in their new home; and (5) seamless transition into one of our safe and inclusive after-school "Free to Play" (F2P) programs once they are enrolled in school so they can receive continuous benefits of long-term, barrier-free SEL through play. A new program objective related to the expansion of the program is to form deeper relationships with families/caregivers through weekly "Family Engagement Days." This new programming piece will provide better opportunities for families to 1) become involved with staff members and the activities their child(ren) are participating in; 2) understand all of the available resources Free Play for Kids can offer them; and 3) transition their child(ren) from the W2P program into our other programs.</p>
GRACE EMPOWERMENT CENTRE	\$23460	HEALING AND EMPOWERING THROUGH UNITY	<p>The project is a series of events that are aimed at making Edmontonians more aware of racism and its impact on society, and also to develop a better understanding of how to take action to address racism. The project highlights the effect of racism on the mental health of those affected by racism and gives practical guidance on how to deal with racial trauma, by doing so we will help promote anti-racism capacity building in Edmonton. The project is multi-faceted but mainly comprises public education presentations including workshops and expert-led sessions aimed at generating awareness and discussion on racism and its history, specifically highlighting its effects on mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The project will also feature Support Groups: facilitated sessions for individuals to share experiences, emotions, and concerns, promoting a sense of belonging and understanding.</p>
Gradual Rising of	\$30000	Igniting	

<p>Women (G.R.O.W.) Foundation</p>		<p>Diversity: Paving the Way for Inclusive Workforce</p>	<p>This summit will offer an immersive professional development space, featuring keynote sessions, interactive workshops, and panel discussions that not only challenge conventional perspectives but also equip employers with the cultural competence and appreciation needed to cultivate more inclusive, diverse, and equitable hiring practices and work environments. A cornerstone of this project is driving systemic change within the business landscape by guiding employers towards equitable, culturally cognizant, and racial free recruitment strategies. The project aims to address the root causes of social divides and racial inequities in current hiring practices and workplace culture, ensuring that these environments become more inclusive and responsive to all employees. Leading up to the summit, the project staff would engage with community organizations and stakeholders to identify women who would benefit most from this initiative.</p>
<p>Indigenous Congress of Alberta Association</p>	<p>\$27000</p>	<p>Soaring to New Horizons</p>	<p>Soaring to New Horizons is a new project suggested by the Indigenous Congress of Alberta Association, to hold an inter-agency conference focused on empowering Indigenous peoples within Edmonton and educating non-Indigenous peoples on current Indigenous issues and healing and reconciliation initiatives. This conference held over two days will gather experts in inter-cultural employment services, decolonial best practices and have participants leaving with a renewed focus on Indigenous cultural sensitivity and approaches. The goal is that by having diverse Indigenous perspectives and creating a safer space to foster open dialogue and discuss innovative solutions, this will help promote a future of anti-racism towards Indigenous people within Edmonton.</p>
<p>Islamic Family & Social Services Association</p>	<p>\$30000</p>	<p>Roots on 6</p>	<p>Roots on 6 (formerly known as Roots of Resilience) is an innovative and inclusive digital storytelling platform dedicated to honoring and amplifying the resilience and</p>

			<p>experiences of multigenerational newcomer, Indigenous, and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities on Treaty 6 territory in Edmonton. The platform serves as a space for storytelling, cultural celebration, and advocacy, standing in solidarity with these communities while confronting and addressing the unique challenges they face in their daily lives. With a strong focus on intersectionality, Roots on 6 sheds light on the diverse yet often interconnected struggles of these communities by exploring themes such as displacement, systemic oppression, identity, and resilience. Each quarter, the platform will highlight a different theme, bringing together the voices of Indigenous, newcomer, and settler communities to foster conversation, understanding, and healing. Through this, the project aims to explore and celebrate the rich cultural histories of these communities while addressing contemporary issues like racism, Islamophobia, colonialism, and intergenerational trauma.</p> <p>Roots on 6 engages a variety of art forms—storytelling, poetry, film, photography, and other creative media—to showcase the personal and collective narratives of the communities involved. The platform serves as an outlet for self-expression, empowering marginalized voices to share their stories and connect with a broader audience. By doing so, we help amplify their lived experiences, cultural practices, and values in a way that honors both their past and present.</p>
<p>John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights</p>	<p>\$30000</p>	<p>Pathways to Justice: Engaging Communities and Leaders on Police Accountability</p>	<p>The proposed project builds on the work of the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights (JHC) and partners, who have initiated dialogue among legal professionals, community organizations, victims and survivors of crime, and their families regarding their interactions with law enforcement. Aligned with data from Justice Canada and the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime, this project highlights the disproportionate impact of law enforcement on racialized communities, particularly</p>

			<p>QTBIPOC individuals. The focus is on raising awareness of systemic racism within law enforcement, providing tools and education to the community and supporting victims and survivors, while advocating for institutional change.</p>
Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation	\$15000	Indigenous Cultural Partnership Expansion	<p>The Indigenous Cultural Partnership (ICP) is designed to promote inclusion, reduce barriers, and actively work towards eliminating racism and discrimination for Indigenous women, girls, and gender-diverse persons with sexual and reproductive health challenges who seek access at the Lois Hole Hospital for Women (LHHW).</p> <p>ICP staff members and their volunteers have created ceremonial events, educated clinicians of Indigenous patients' particular health challenges, and made space for Indigenous patients to celebrate their successful healing journeys. Additionally, the ICP team has created multidisciplinary community partner programs to support oppressed and vulnerable women who require additional social or clinical support during their perinatal journey.</p> <p>Due to this success, the ICP needs further support to expand its Indigenous health programming for women, children, and families. This expansion focuses on three elements—human resources, physical space, and hospital tours.</p>
Salamane Yameogo	\$29950	3 Connections United Voices: Bridging Black Albertans, Black African Immigrants, and Indigenous Communities	<p>3 Connections United Voices: Bridging Black Albertans, Black African Immigrants, and Indigenous Communities</p> <p>Project Overview: 3 Connections United Voices is a transformative initiative designed to bridge gaps between Black Albertans, Black African immigrants, and Indigenous communities. By fostering mutual understanding and collaboration, this project aims to confront systemic and structural</p>

			racism affecting these groups. Through dialogue, shared learning, and collective advocacy, we will address deep-rooted inequities and work towards a more inclusive and equitable society.
Sinkunia Community Development Organization	\$30000	Together as One: Building the Leadership Capacity of African Immigrant Girls and Young Women to Combat Racism and Discrimination	The project will provide training and education to 30 young adults, mostly girls and young women of African heritage, to deal maturely with incidents of interpersonal racism in the community. The training and education will build their capacity to provide mentorship and leadership to their peers and adults in their respective communities in the fight against all forms of microaggressions. This will help to create an inclusive and a welcoming society. Specifically, the project will work towards achieving the anti-racism grant outcome of making the participants more aware of racism and its impact and have a greater understanding of how to take action to tackle it. This will be accomplished by providing participants with the tools and resources they need to respond to and address interpersonal racism appropriately. The project will provide opportunities for the targeted girls and young women to come together in a safe, non-judgmental and respectful environment to explore and share their experiences of how interpersonal racism is affecting their full participation in their new community. The project aims to build and strengthen the leadership capacity of these young girls to enable them to participate more fully in the social, economic, political and community life.
SkirtsAfire Society	\$30000	Ocêpinkowan: It Has Roots	Ocêpinkowan: It Has Roots. SkirtsAfire is a 10 day multidisciplinary festival that features the work of women. This project will be a featured event at the festival, and premiere at Walterdale Theatre on March 11th and 12th 2025. There will be a total of four performances: two matinée performances for Indigenous youth and two public performances for people of all ages, including one ASL Interpreted performance. The hope is to also include an opening night

			reception featuring local Indigenous cuisine and inviting community members for a post-show panel, to speak to how mental illness disproportionately affects the community, and what are the ways to de-stigmatize, to support, to heal, and to save lives.
Stable Family Development Centre	\$30000	Empowerment Through Unity: Anti-Racism and Inclusion for Black Newcomer Families in Edmonton	The "Empowerment Through Unity" project aims to combat systemic racism and promote inclusivity for Black newcomer families in Edmonton. Spearheaded by Stable Family Development Centre (SFDC), this initiative will provide comprehensive support through community workshops, cultural celebrations, support services, youth engagement, advocacy, and resource development.
Strathcona Place Society	\$15585	Seniors Food Basket	Strathcona Place Society's Seniors Food Basket program is aiming to expand in providing security in food and community resources towards the low-income seniors population that we serve, particularly aiming to address challenges faced by racialized and marginalized community members. Our Seniors Food Basket is directing its focus towards expanding its partnership with local food basket organizations, such as Edmonton Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, and Heart on Wheels, to maximize outreach and reliable access to nutritious, culturally appropriate meal options. By expanding our program as a wider, collaborative effort between a diverse range of non-profits pursuing food security, our program seeks to increase engagement with a more inclusive volunteer base that is better equipped to serve racialized seniors.
Total	\$449097		

Community Participatory Research

Recommended for Funding

Name of Organization	Amount awarded (Max	Project title	Project description
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	\$40,000)		
Bright Light Multicultural Centre	\$40000	Immigrant Youth with Disabilities Community Needs Assessment	<p>This project aims to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment focusing on immigrant youth with disabilities. This involves systematically gathering data to understand the challenges, barriers, and specific needs faced by this demographic group. The project will utilize a multi-method approach, including surveys, interviews, focus groups, and observations, to gather insights from immigrant youth with disabilities, their families, service providers, and relevant stakeholders. By engaging with diverse communities and stakeholders, the project seeks to address language and cultural barriers, ensuring that data collection methods are accessible and culturally sensitive. The ultimate goal is to develop evidence-based recommendations for interventions, services, and support systems that empower and support immigrant youth with disabilities in their transition to adulthood and integration into society. Through collaboration with community organizations, advocacy groups, educators, healthcare providers, and government agencies, the project aims to foster positive change and improve outcomes for immigrant youth with disabilities.</p>
Lun Li / MacEwan University	\$20295	Altogether Against Racism: Empowering Newcomer Communities through Pamphlet Development	<p>The proposed project is an expansion of an existing project led by Dr. Lun Li. In the existing project, Dr. Li and colleagues are working to develop a pamphlet with information related to anti-racism support for newcomers in Edmonton.</p> <p>Based on the previous research and work related to the pamphlet development, we propose this project. The primary objectives of the project are 1) translate the pamphlet into multiple languages, including but not limited to: Chinese (simple and traditional), Tagalog, Punjabi, Hindi, Arabic, to name a few; 2) partner with newcomer/immigrant service organizations to deliver the pamphlet</p>

			to newcomers; 3) evaluate the potential impacts of the pamphlet among newcomers/immigrants. .
Naseeha Youth Helpline	\$40000	Islamophobia and Mental Health	<p>"Islamophobia and Mental Health" research program addresses the increasing faith-based and racially motivated hate incidents targeting Muslims across Edmonton. Through therapy, counseling, and helpline services, the agency has identified a troubling rise in microaggressions, hate, and discrimination affecting both Muslim youth and adults. This program is designed to harness the insights of a community-led steering committee to conduct research, develop recommendations, and propose systemic and institutional solutions to the longstanding barriers facing the Muslim community.</p> <p>This project will take a localized approach to research, focusing on the specific needs of our community through a lived-experience perspective. Building on the success of previous work "Promoting Awareness of Islam" initiative, which tackled institutional barriers, misinformation, and anti-Muslim hate in schools, the project aim to represent the unique needs of our community on both micro and macro levels.</p> <p>By raising awareness, developing a diverse support network, and collaborating with institutional organizations, the project seek to foster dialogue, understanding, and intersectionality.</p>
NorQuest College	\$39821	Settlement Stories: Learning Through Lived Experience	<p>The Unfolding Histories: Exploring the Settlement Experiences this project will create space for first generation immigrants of diverse backgrounds and experiences to reflect on the challenges and opportunities experienced throughout their settlement journey, and share their story with wider audiences. Highlighting these stories will help increase understanding and empathy, address interpersonal racism, and counter rising negative attitudes directed towards</p>

			<p>newcomers in our city. This educational-focused project will help reach the ultimate outcome: Edmontonians work together to build a diverse, inclusive, and equitable city.</p> <p>The resource created will be immediately used within NorQuest's programs and shared widely with adult learning and settlement sector partners in Edmonton as an open educational resource. Stories will be launched and shared by participants at a public event, as well as through NorQuest's social media channels, to help increase opportunity for dialogue and engagement, and to build a welcoming and inclusive city.</p>
Partners for Humanity Foundation	\$40000	ASPIRE	<p>The ASPIRE project seeks to address the structural and societal barriers that Black youth face and work towards taking action to reduce the overall risk and impact on their mental health and well-being. Through community-led participatory action research (CPAR) approach, the project will engage diverse Black youth (aged 16-30) and their community in five separate sessions and aim to provoke change by making community-based recommendations for service providers and policymakers to change societal structure. The research findings will help create an event for all the participants that will share this information in a symposium/workshop format to ensure the findings accurately reflect the community's experiences and identified needs.</p>
REACH Edmonton Council	\$40000	Culture in Healing: Tending to Death, Dying, and Grief in Community Impacted by Racism and Marginalization	<p>This project will be a partnership between Soloss and the George Spady Society's palliative and end-of-life care program, George's House, The Indigenous Wellness Clinic and Kokums Helper to create and evaluate a dynamic grieving process for marginalized individuals before they pass away and for the community of family, friends, caregivers, and others who survive them. Many marginalized people have a long history of cumulative and unacknowledged grief and loss as a result of past and present</p>

			<p>racism, as well as intergenerational trauma caused by colonization. By integrating Soloss' proven community care approach, the project will develop a culturally and spiritually inclusive, creativity-based practice that invites spiritually and racially diverse individuals to deepen or re-connect with their culture, during their palliative journey.</p> <p>A key component of this project involves the formation of a multicultural group of community-based “Losstenders” who will walk alongside individuals and their family and friends, introducing creative and body-based modalities of expression, as well as co-creating items to support ritual and ceremony.</p> <p>By leaning into culture, and through a collaborative process, the project will develop and evaluate a human-centered approach to anti-racism in the context of a universal, yet often marginalized and deeply personal experience: death and dying.</p>
Sinkunia Community Development Organization-Edmonton Association	\$40000	Empowering Black Immigrant Youth: Storytelling as a Tool for Anti-Racism Resilience in Edmonton	This research project will explore and systematically document storytelling as a powerful tool for building anti-racism resilience among Black youth in Edmonton, fostering a sense of identity, community, and empowerment in the face of ongoing racial challenges..
The Council for Advancement of African Canadians in Alberta - CAAC (operating as The Africa Centre)	\$40000	Empower & Include: Disability Awareness in Black Communities	<p>. Building on the foundation laid by the 2023 Anti-Racism grant, the Africa Centre aims to develop an Awareness Campaign and an Accessible Information Platform (Resource Bank), that will provide essential resources and information in a user-friendly and inclusive manner, responding to the unique needs and concerns of these communities.</p> <p>This platform will be a key step towards creating a more supportive and accessible environment for people with disabilities. This project represents an expansion of our</p>

			previous efforts, furthering the work we have already initiated to address these critical needs.
Total	\$300116		

Shifting the Perspective

Recommended for Funding

Name of Organization	Amount awarded (Max \$50,000)	Project Title	Project Description
Action for Healthy Communities Society of Alberta	\$47800	Beyond the Barriers: Through Their Eyes (BTB)	The BTB project will produce a series of 10 short documentaries spotlighting the remarkable resilience and achievements of Edmonton's diverse ethnic and cultural communities. Each documentary will feature personal stories of overcoming racism, cultural pride, and community solidarity, aiming to shift perspectives and deepen understanding of these communities' contributions. Building on AHC's Anti-Racism Digital Storytelling (ARDS) initiative, which captured youth voices and experiences of racism, BTB will shift the narrative from highlighting challenges to celebrating resilience and achievements.
Edmonton Centre for Race and Culture	50000	Transforming Perspectives: Anti-Racism Education Through Creative Expression	CFRAC is launching a transformative initiative aimed at re-imagining how we educate and engage community members in exploring Anti-Racism. Our goal is to enrich the ways in which Anti-Racism is understood and experienced by integrating innovative and creative mediums. Through this project, CFRAC will reframe its Anti-Racism content to center individuals and communities living and experiencing the impacts of racism, and responding to how racism impacts all aspects of their lives. We

			<p>seek to create a community centered around shared experiences of the global majority. This shift in focus will allow us to engage a more diverse audience, encouraging critical conversations that reflect lived experiences and complex realities.</p>
Edmonton Newcomer Centre	\$50000	Strangers No More: A History of The Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers	<p>Strangers No More makes a powerful stance against racism by sharing the complex history of immigration in Edmonton between 1981 and 2021 – a forty-year period where Edmonton saw unprecedented waves of immigrants of non-European heritage. Sharing the narrative of newcomers to Edmonton is a powerful way to help generations understand the impact that immigration and the Newcomer Centre have had on the incredible, diverse Edmonton that we see today. Telling the story of EMCN is telling the history of immigration in Edmonton; understanding immigration trends, telling the stories of ethnocultural communities that have grown here, and learning how immigration provides innumerable benefits to our community.</p>
Mosquers Film Festival Foundation	\$50000	Incubator	<p>The Incubator is an innovative program dedicated to reshaping how Muslims are portrayed in film by countering the negative stereotypes and one-dimensional depictions prevalent in mainstream media. By providing Muslim filmmakers with a platform to tell their own authentic stories, the program allows audiences to engage with more nuanced and diverse perspectives. The films produced through this initiative challenge misconceptions, broaden public understanding, and will be showcased in Edmonton, offering local audiences a chance to experience the richness and complexity of Muslim narratives. Designed to nurture emerging filmmakers,</p>

			<p>particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, the Incubator offers a comprehensive suite of resources. Participants receive mentorship from industry professionals, attend workshops on key aspects of filmmaking, and gain access to valuable networking opportunities. They are guided through every stage of the filmmaking process—from concept development to final production—while focusing on crafting powerful and impactful stories.</p> <p>This program not only equips participants with the technical skills needed to succeed in the film industry but also fosters a community of storytellers committed to producing content that challenges conventional perspectives and highlights diverse experiences. Ultimately, the Incubator aims to contribute to a more inclusive and representative media landscape by amplifying these critical voices.</p>
Sihle Sizwe Vineyard Foundation	\$50000	1 World 1 Voice. Harmony in Action	<p>The project is known as Musical Theatre Production and Creation. It is intended to tell stories of Edmonton immigrants that are currently living in Edmonton.</p> <p>Sihle-Sizwe Vineyard Foundation is dedicated to empowering underrepresented communities through storytelling and cultural activities. By supporting projects led by communities we can foster a more inclusive society. The grant will help us to continue our work in the media and culture sector creating stories that challenge stereotypes and shift the narrative on racism.</p> <p>The production will tell stories and share experiences in a theatrical form supported by original music on the marimba. The funds from this grant will be used to pay for the development, rehearsal and production of a Musical Theater. The funds will be used to pay the artists involved, as well as the costumes, set, and technical rentals and for the editing process.</p>

Sisters Dialogue Inc.	\$50000	We Are Here to Stay – Same, Same but Different	<p>Muslim women face unique challenges due to their ethnicity, religion, and gender. "We Are Here to Stay – Same, Same, But Different" is an initiative that provides a platform for Muslim women and girls from diverse backgrounds to safely share their stories and create art based on their lived experiences, with the aim to create counter-narratives and dispel harmful stereotypes. The project will use creative modalities such as art, storytelling, and photography to challenge harmful narratives of gendered-Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hate. The project seeks to move beyond single story tropes and highlight the rich, intersecting identities of Muslim women and girls. Sisters Dialogue will be working with diverse creatives to bring this project to life! Participants of the project will collaborate to create art and poetry based on their shared experiences and unique stories.</p> <p>A photographer will document the creation process and photograph each pair as directed by them – providing them agency on how they wish to be portrayed.</p> <p>The campaign will culminate in a public event with playback theater to engage attendees on how the photos, stories and art works of the participants have affected them.</p>
Walkthrough Entertainment Society for the Interactive Arts in Alberta	\$50000	IDIg 2025: Inspire - An Expansion of the "Indigeneity and Diaspora in Games Summit" at the Game Discovery Exhibition	<p>IDIg 2025: Inspire is an expansion of the Indigeneity and Diaspora in Games Summit, held for the first time at the GDX 2024 Conference. Whereas the IDiG 2024 Summit at the GDX 2024 Conference focused on creating community to "shift the perspective" amongst current practitioners, the IDiG 2025: Inspire expansion creates intentional space at the GDX 2024 Exhibition during KDays to "shift the perspective" amongst Edmontonians at large about *who* game developers are (and *can be*), and the kinds of diverse stories that can be told through interactive arts.</p>

			<p>Building on our past success, the IDiG 2025: Inspire expansion will extend our anti-racism goals beyond our current community, to the broader Edmonton community at the GDX Exhibition. While we will continue to build community and foster deep anti-racism discourse at our conference, this expansion will focus on informing and inspiring the broader Edmonton community about the diversity of our interactive artists in order to “shift the perspective” about *who* game developers in our community are. This “inform and inspire” approach will take place in the form of showcasing both our BIPOC interactive artists, and their work at the GDX exhibition at KDays.</p>
Total	\$347800		