

CREation

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

Impact Overview

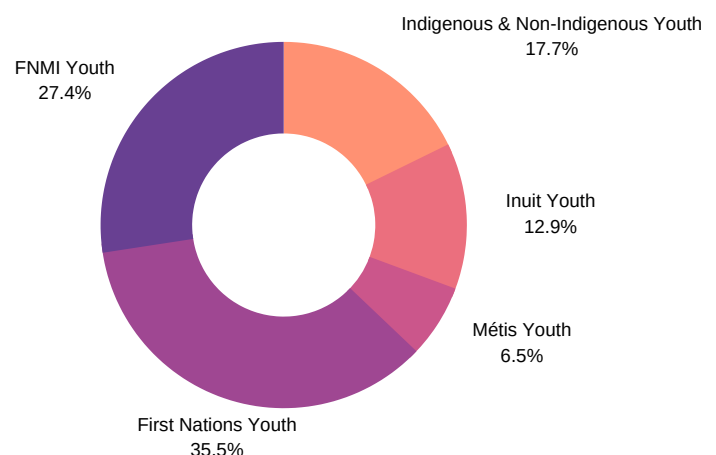
In April 2020, CRE launched a Community Support Fund. The goal of this program was to mobilize \$300,000 to support community-level programs and supports related to COVID-19.

- Across the 3 application rounds, CRE received 173 proposals representing a need of over \$900,000 in funding.
- 65% of applications were from unincorporated groups (including grassroots collectives, Youth Councils, small organizations, and community groups). Because these groups are not registered/incorporated, they face large barriers to access funding, particularly from mainstream funding streams.

The Community Support Fund provided \$307,500 in funding to 62 groups in 11 Provinces and Territories

- Grantees predominantly served either First Nations youth specifically, or First Nations, Métis and Inuit youth.
- The majority of funded groups were in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.
- 39% of grantees are supporting youth in rural locations. 35% are working in urban centers, and 26% are serving remote communities.
- The 62 funded groups will collectively reach 19,000 youth before September 2020.
- 50% of grantees were entirely youth-led projects.

Who are grantees primarily reaching?





Community Support Fund

GRANTEES

Alberta

EDMONTON 2S SOCIETY

The Edmonton 2-Spirit Society will use funds to support ongoing operations for the organization, as well as to run a series of online craft programming and socials for two spirit youth and community.

JANVIER SEKWEHA YOUTH CENTRE

JSYC will create and distribute mental health packages to 140 youth in Javier. These kits will include help lines, medicines, hygiene products, and a small traditional or land-based activity.

KIKINO COMMUNITY SKI CLUB

Kikino Community Ski Club will distribute 60 care baskets to families in Kikino Métis Settlement. Baskets will include cleaning supplies, hygiene materials, small activities and messages of positive affirmation.

RED SASH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

Red Sash will prepare and deliver care packages to 125 youth in Fishing Lake Métis Settlement. Care packages will be customized with wellness supplies and activities to keep youth active and engaged.

STARDALE WOMEN'S GROUP INC.

Stardale offers Indigenous-led and focused programming to at-risk young women in Calgary through educational classes, mentoring, recreational activities, and social engagements. They will use this funding to shift their programming on an online platform for 30 youth.

STONEY NAKODA TSUUT'INA TRIBAL COUNCIL

Stoney Nakoda Tsuut'ina will deliver programming that will focus on four elements of the medicine wheel. 150 youth will be reached through the deliver of programming packages and online sessions.

SWEETGRASS YOUTH ALLIANCE

Sweetgrass Youth Alliance will create packages that have the necessities that will assist youth that are homeless and in need. This project will aim to support 150-200 youth through the provision of hygiene projects and access to tablets and phones to connect with family and health services

TSUUT'INA GUNAHA INSTITUTE

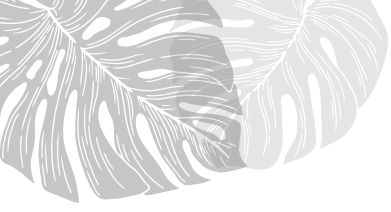
The Tsuut'ina Gunaha Institute has a strong history of providing language-based programming to their entire community. They will utilize funding to adapt their existing programming to be offered online, over the phone and through the creation of digital resources

YELLOWHEAD TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Junior Chief and Council will support, strengthen, and empower youth through building a Tipi and creating cultural space where they can access teachings, cultural craft workshops, storytelling, medicine teachings, ceremony/cultural teachings by local Alexis Elders and ceremony leaders.

NATIONAL NATIVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

The NNADAP Program will be providing Mental Health Programs to the youth of the Whitefish Lake First Nation #128. The program will run biweekly from June to November of 2020. The program will deliver: Anger Management programs, Stress Management, Indigenous Suicide Prevention, Grief and Loss issues, Self Esteem Building, Family Violence issues, Lateral Violence Issues/Peer Pressure issues, being part of Building Healthier Communities through Drug Awareness.



British Columbia

HELPING OUR URBAN K'WSÉLTKTEN

Helping Our Urban K'Wseltkten will purchase 500 meal tickets and distribute them to key Indigenous housing and support organizations in the Downtown East side of Vancouver

HIIT'AGAN.IINA KUUYAS NAAY / SKIDEGATE YOUTH CENTRE

This project will support indigenous youth to participate in online programming through the delivery of care and programming packages. Programming will reach 50 youth and include gardening, cultural art activities, physical recreation and self-care.

LII MICHIF OTIPEMISIWAK FCS YOUTH SERVICES

Their Youth Program will run zoom cultural classes that will include teachings, and interactive workshops. 70 youth will participate in workshops and will receive program material kits so that they can take part remotely.

K'OMOKS FIRST NATION YOUTH GROUP

This project will support 60 students between K to grade 12 through the purchase of laptops, tablets and internet access to support digital access to education resources. K'omoks will also recruit a tutor to support students adjusting to learning online

IH&CO

IH&CO will provide daily outreach to street-based youth in Penticton, Okanagan Indian Band, Oyoyoos First Nation and Westbank First Nations. 2000 Youth will have receive a survival pack of self-care supplies, clothing, food and clean water.

SKEETCHESTN INDIAN BAND

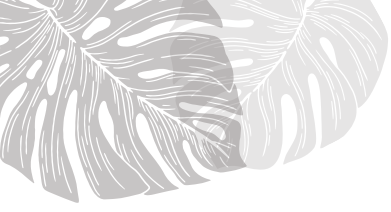
Skeetchestn Indian Band's Youth Services will coordinate and deliver 83 wellness packages to youth in the community. Packages will include activities, snacks and wellness materials.

MEDICINE TALK CONNECTOR

Medicine Talk Connector will engage youth in developing new community-driven and youth-focused programming. Programs will include spotlights on youth artists and musicians, teachings, interviews with knowledge keepers, audio theatre productions and wellness talks.

NANAIMO ABORIGINAL CENTRE

Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre will provide survival kits to 65 Indigenous youth that are street-based. These kits will include tents, tarps, warm clothing and traditional medicines.



Manitoba

CANUPAWAKPA DAKOTA NATION

The Canupawkpa Dakota Nation will purchase and deliver computers to 35 households in their community. These computers (along with internet access) will be provided to families with school-aged youth who need technology access to keep up with school work.

NORTHWEST MÉTIS COUNCIL INC.

Northwest Metis Council will produce a weekly video series for 2000 youth on various cultural activities (including cooking, jigging, crafts, etc). Youth will be engaged in coordinating, planning and filming the videos.

VOICING FROM WITHIN

Voicing From Within will provide 30 youth in South Indian Lake and surrounding communities with art supplies and interactive virtual instruction in various artistic mediums

New Brunswick

KINGSCLEAR FIRST NATION YOUTH GROUP

Youth will receive garden boxes and be supported to plant, grow and harvest vegetables and medicines for their families and Elders in the community. Youth will also be supported to run a vegetable stand in their community to sell fresh food to help support fundraising for their youth program.

Newfoundland and Labrador

LITTLE FEATHERS CREATIONS

Little Feathers will be hosting 6 beading sessions and 2-3 traditional craft sessions for youth online through Zoom. 130 youth in Gander and surrounding communities will also receive program packages of snacks and supplies to participate in programming.

NA'TAQAMTUG CULTURAL CIRCLE

Na'taqamtug will create weekly cultural programming for children and youth in Badger and surround communities. 45 participants will receive snacks and program materials to participate in online programming.

Nova Scotia

TWO-EYED SEEING CAMP PROGRAM

TES Camp engages co-learners in hands-on STEM activities (developed using the guiding principle of Two-Eyed Seeing) and provides opportunities for youth to meet Indigenous professionals in STEM fields. 100 youth from Acadia First Nation, Sipekne'katik First Nation, and Pictou Landing First Nation will participate in the program. Youth will also and develop STEM communication skills (e.g. writing, presenting) and learn about health science/ wellness.



Northwest Territories

ARCTIC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AYDA)

AYDA will host programming sessions for 50 youth in Inuvik. Programming will center around mental health, developing coping mechanisms and building peer support networks. They will also deliver 50 care packages to youth.

WESTERN ARCTIC YOUTH COLLECTIVE

WAYC will recruit youth facilitators to share knowledge and skills through online programming. They will also create packages of books and programming supplies to deliver to 50 youth participants.

NIPATURUQ

Nipaturuq is a youth-led magazine for Inuit youth. They will use funds to publish the a new issue of their magazine which will focus around mental health. The issue will reach 3000 youth.

TUSAAYAKSAT MAGAZINE

The Inuvialuit Internet Kit aims to create a library ("kit") of Inuvialuktun language resources that can be used on the Internet and mobile phones. It will comprise of a specially designed set of Inuvialuit culture emojis, GIFs as well as Inuvialuktun Internet phrases and abbreviations (versions of abbreviations such as: LOL, OMG, HRU?) that will all work together to actively engage 1000 Inuvialuit youth to continue learning about their language using mobile technologies as they communicate with each other online.

Nunavut

KUGLUKTUK YOUTH

Kugluktuk Recreation will focus on providing programming to youth who are experiencing isolation. The goal of the program is to support youth to be active and engaged in their community. The initiative will engage over 80 youth in digital programming, fitness challenges, scavenger hunts, art programming, etc.

NUNAVUT BILINGUAL EDUCATION SOCIETY (NBES)

NBES will create digital education resources that promote both Inuktitut and physical activity. Working with artists, they will create an online show where books centered on being active will be read in the language. This initiative will support home education and promote physical wellness for 2,600 youth.

PANGNIRTUNG MAKERSPACE (PINNGUAQ ASSOCIATION)

This project will focus on creating and distributing digital skills learning kits for Inuit youth in their community. They will be accompanied with hands-on curriculum/learning kits that the youth can do independently.

YOUTH WELLNESS TEAM WITH EMBRACE LIFE COUNCIL

The Youth Wellness Team will run an eight part webinar series to empower 50 Inuit youth in Iqaluit. The webinar series will help youth build their coping skills and connect them with culture and community.



Ontario

AUNTIES ON THE ROAD

Aunties on the Road is a youth-led group of full spectrum doulas. They will be supporting 25 young Indigenous parents in the Ottawa area by providing an essential care package with groceries, self-care baskets, infant supplies/baby care items and hygiene supplies. This project will support single parents who are facing social isolation, a lack of resources and who are struggling

BKEJWANONG ECO-KEEPERS

Bkejwanong Eco-Keepers runs an existing program that supports Indigenous youth in Wapole Island First Nation to learn about the land and to become environmental stewards. This proposal is to allow them to digitize their programming so that they can virtually connect 12 youth to knowledge keepers. They will run a series of workshops to increase youth knowledge of teachings and deliver program supplies to youth for programming.

BLACKBIRD MEDICINES

Blackbird Medicines will support 25 youth in Ottawa and surrounding communities who are high-needs and who are facing extreme isolation during COVID-19. They will prepare wellness kits that are personalized on youth's needs. These kits will include hygiene supplies, food and medicines. They will support youth through referral supports and will create a video sharing the project impact

CHIPPEWAS OF NAWASH, LEADERS IN TRAINING

Leaders In Training Program will support Chippewas of Nawash youth remain connected and engaged. This project will provide 60 youth with access to mental health counselling services, access to gardening materials, self-care kits and tutoring. The project takes a multi-disciplinary approach to youth wellness through providing access to services and wellness supplies.

ENAGB INDIGENOUS YOUTH AGENCY

ENAGB will run online programming for 50 youth, including beading circles, drum teachings, gardening programming and sewing classes. In addition to online programming, they will distribute 50 care packages consisting of traditional medicines, art supplies and personal care items.

FINDING OUR POWER TOGETHER

Finding our Power Together will train youth leaders in Nibinamik First Nation to coordinate a technology library. The library will have 10 mobile devices for youth to borrow to contact family, access mental health supports and connect to resources. 150 youth will access supports throughout the project.

KENORA YOUTH WELLNESS HUB-KENORA CHIEFS ADVISORY

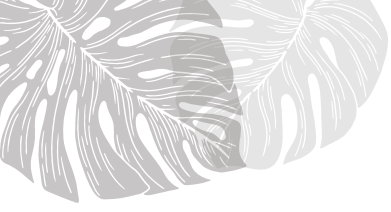
KYWH will create wellness kits for Indigenous youth in Kenora and for 100 youth in 9 surrounding First Nations communities. Kits will include hygiene supplies, snacks/food and supplies for crafts and recreational activities. They will also host a digital paint night (supplies for this will be given with the kits)

LAC DES MILLE LACS FIRST NATION YOUTH COUNCIL

LDMLFN Youth Council will run digital programming 3x a week for 30 youth in their community. Each programming session will last from 45-60 minutes and cover drum circles, traditional teachings, sewing circles, etc. Participants will pre-register and receive workshop supplies via contactless delivery.

NDN BOWLING LEAGUE

NDN Bowling League will work with Indigenous 2SLGBTQ+ youth artists in Toronto to curate an online gallery. In particular, they will be focusing on creating a platform to share and amplify youth voices through zine making. Artwork will be shared through the online platform which will reach 800 youth.



NIJKIWENDIDAA ANISHNAABEKWEWAG SERVICES CIRCLE

Nijkiwendidaa Anishnaabekwewag Services Circle Aboriginal Youth in Transition Program will distribute technology packages, medicine care packages, wellness/comfort care packages and beading packages to 16 Indigenous youth in Peterborough. They will also run online workshops that will teach new skills, promote spending time on the land and ensure that youth are connected to their Elders.

NIMKII AAZHIBIKONG ESHKINIJJIG

Nimkii Aazhibikong Eshkiniijig (Nimkii Youth Collective) will create videos and digital resources sharing plant knowledge and language with 150 youth. They are a part of a culture and language immersion camp that has had to close their doors to visitors due to COVID-19. Their project will allow them to continue to share knowledge and teachings with other Indigenous youth.

SEEDS OF HOPE

The Seeds of Hope Foundation will support 275 street-based youth in Toronto by providing hot meals, food outreach and survival kits (including food, clothing and hygiene products).

THE PERIOD PURSE

The Period Purse and community leaders from Tyendinaga will deliver moontime kits to 100 youth in the community. These would include a cloth pad, cloth mask, and seeds.

TORONTO INUIT ASSOCIATION

TIA will run 6 online sessions for 50 Inuit youth to participate in programming, socialize and receive support. Sessions will be run in partnership with other Inuit organizations to support recruitment and the delivery of program supplies to participants.

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION YOUTH

Whitefish River First Nation Youth will run a program aimed at supporting the holistic wellness of 75 youth. The program includes starting up a mental health support line, hosting teaching and storytelling sessions and giving out medicine bundles.

Quebec

BIIDAABAN

Biidaaban will host 4 online sessions as part of a project called "Let's Visit". These sessions will engage 60 youth with guest speakers and knowledge keepers on topics around resilience, resurgence and strengthening sense of identity.

CARREFOUR JEUNESSE

Carrefour jeunesse emploi LSJE will run a 7 week entrepreneur program for youth 10 youth in Alma and Opitciwan. Programming will include skill building workshops, wellness workshops, opportunities to learn from community leaders and arts-based workshops.

NISTAMÏKWAN

nistamïkwan will coordinate and deliver a series of four workshops centered around tewêhikan (drum) teachings in a 2S safe space. These workshops will include drum making, waking and feasting, care teachings and a song sharing circle for 15 youth in Montreal.

SOUTHERN QUEBEC INUIT ASSOCIATION

SQIA will provide a "busy box" package filled with items for 30 Inuit youth in Montreal. Boxes can include items such as snacks, tea and mugs, coloring books, art supplies, books, journals, puzzle games, hygiene products, and a list of resources.

STRONGSPIRIT2SIRCLE

StrongSpirit2Sircle will offer online Zoom gatherings and medicine packages to 50 2SLGBTQ+ youth. Peer circles are geared toward building community and creating safe spaces for youth to strengthen networks/relationships.



Saskatchewan

BATTLEFORDS CONCERN FOR YOUTH

Battlefords Concern for Youth Inc will coordinate, prepare and deliver 600 connection kits that will focus on the following: cultural programming, life skills, and physical activity.

FUTURE ARTISTIC MINDS

FAM will provide art packages to 25 youth artists in Saskatoon. The supplies that have been identified by the youth artists will be delivered to their home. FAM will connect with the youth on various social platforms to help support them.

INSPIRE GIRL GROUP

Inspire Girl Group is partnering with Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation to offer a 6 week program for 24 Indigenous youth on developing leadership skills, self-esteem, coping strategies and other skills.

KAHKEWISTAHAW FIRST NATION

Kahkewistahaw First Nation's Youth Group will purchase and distribute sports equipment and art supplies to 200 youth to help keep youth engaged and active.

KANIYASIHK CULTURE CAMPS

Kâniyâsihk Culture Camps will engage youth in Ministikwan Lake to create digital resources, blogs and videos sharing 4 cultural activities.

TRUE NORTH AID

True North Aid will support the distribution of backpacks and school supplies to 900 youth in Canoe Lake Cree First Nation, Clearwater River Dene Nation and LaLoche.

OFFICE OF THE TREATY COMMISSIONER - YOUTH IN SERVICE

OTC host digital engagement meetings for their youth members and youth advisory council that will allow members to continue their understanding of what it means to be a treaty person. 33 Youth will create short videos sharing their experiencing working with OTC.

Multi-Provincial

A'NOWARA OWIRA DOULAS

A'nowara Owira Doulas will run online programming sessions, including the delivery of workshop supplies for 50 youth in Akwesasne. Workshop topics include prenatal and postpartum yoga classes, prenatal book club, cooking classes, prenatal talking circles, birth speech workshops, placenta teaching and traditional medicine workshops. They will also supply moontime products and small care baskets (with tea and self-care items) to participants and the community.

SAVAGE SOCIETY

Savage Society would like to engage 10 indigenous youth artists and provide them a budget to support their elders and indigenous seniors in isolation. Youth will purchase food for Elders and engage them over the phone/online. Youth artists will additionally plan community engagement sessions, public art projects and share cultural teachings.