

CREATION COMMUNITY  
GRANTS

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ANNUAL IMPACT  
REPORT

2022/2023



# ARTIST CREDITS

The CREation team would like to extend a huge thank you to the Indigenous youth artists whose work is featured throughout this report! As a part of our program, we contract youth artists to design artwork that can be used for program promotion.



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## CREATION GRANTING PROGRAM

### What is CREation?

The CREation Community Grants Program is a multi-level funding program that supports strengths-based, community-focused and youth-led projects taking place in communities across Canada. CREation aims to empower and support Indigenous youth to take ownership over the wellness of their peers. This program helps increase available resources for both incorporated organizations and grassroots collectives that seek to create impactful community change and enhance the wellness, resiliency, and engagement of Indigenous youth. CRE provides capacity-building for youth-led organizations in the form of innovative mentorship, educational resources, and workshops.

CREation was designed with two purposes:

1. to support Indigenous and reconciliation-focused grassroots groups and organizations; and
2. in response to Call to Action 66, to understand how governments, corporations, and foundations can better fund programming that supports Indigenous youth.







## CREATION GRANTING PROGRAM

The CREation Granting Program reaffirms CRE's commitment to grassroots and community-level responses to service gaps and barriers by empowering Indigenous youth and communities to take ownership over their own wellness. It helps CRE to achieve its purpose by providing Indigenous youth leaders with the skills, resources and opportunities to cause positive change in their community, and supports the ongoing development and formalization of Indigenous-led community groups. Through creating networks of Youth leaders and projects, CREation allows CRE to support programming in more communities than we can reach ourselves, and reaffirms our commitment to empowering distinctions-based programming across the country.

As one of only a handful of national Indigenous funders, our focus is on decreasing barriers for community programs and projects, and uplifting emerging youth leaders. Our program answers significant funding gaps around qualified donee requirements, as we are uniquely situated to fund grassroots groups and initiatives. Because our team is comprised of staff with previous program delivery experience, we also are able to provide supports that enable youth leaders to navigate barriers in program implementation and to build the skills so that they are better able to navigate funding landscapes in the future.





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# 2022/2023 ADVISORY CIRCLE

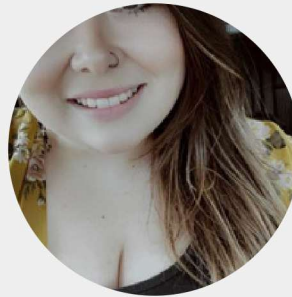
The CREation Granting Program is governed and led by an Advisory Circle of young Indigenous leaders. The Advisory Circle meets six times a year to provide guidance, strategic direction and priority setting for the CREation Program. Advisory Circle members also sit as a part of Review Circles, where they make funding recommendations. Advisory Circle members are from regions across the country, and have expertise in community programming, youth engagement, evaluation and community priorities. They function as a vital part of CREation, and help to make sure that funding decisions and our program model are grounded in community and by youth voices.



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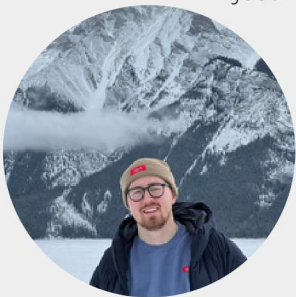
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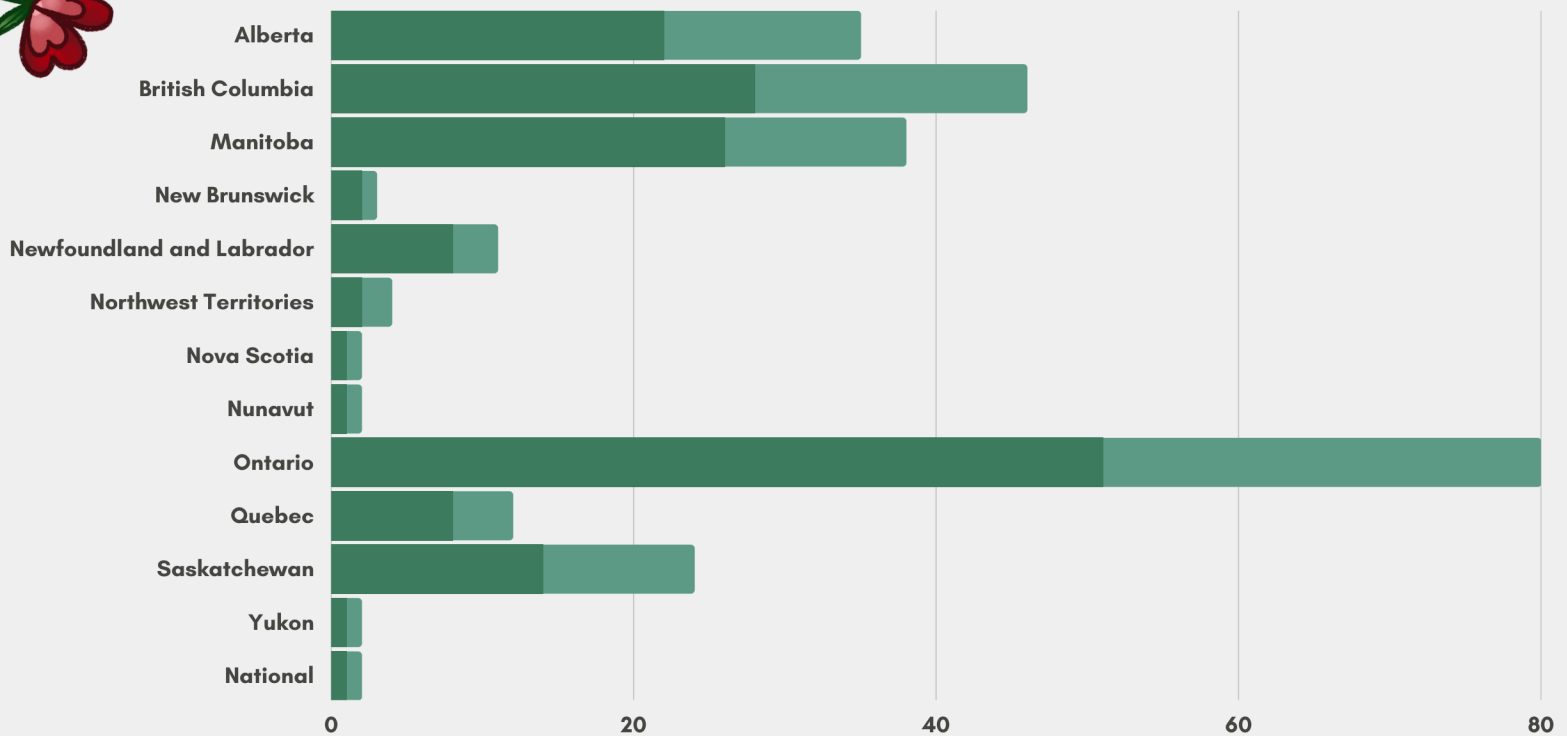


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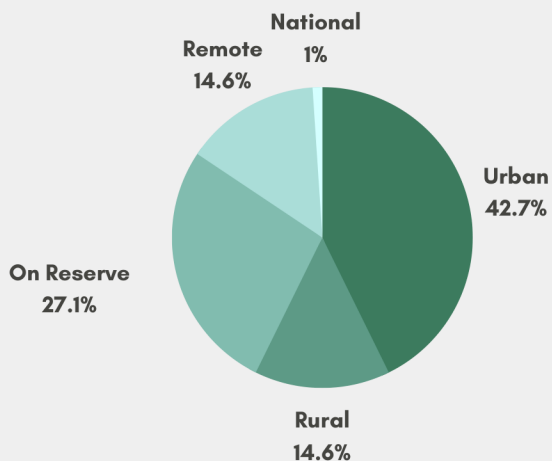
## IMPACT INTRODUCTION

This year, CREation released \$2,226,000 in funding to 96 projects. We received over 160 applications, representing a funding request of \$4,522,835. While we received the steepest increase in applications from British Columbia and Alberta, we worked with the Advisory Circle to balance out funding needs across regions, and to prioritize mobilizing funding into communities we hadn't previously funded projects in.

2022/2023 Funding Requests and Grantees by Province



2022/2023 Grants by Community Type



This year, we focused heavily on doing outreach and engagement in on-reserve communities, which resulted in larger numbers of applications. Going forward, we will continue to prioritize applications from remote and on-reserve communities.





"CRE has empowered a group of young women with confidence and skills that will not only ensure our language will survive but has made our futures bright with possibilities. We are grateful for the belief and support in our self-determined path to revitalize our language. This grant has brought us closer to Elders in our community and to other community members who have seen us online. Community members recognize our logo and say they see our work and like it. When we wear our logo people ask us about our work! We feel more confident in our writing and media skills. We feel proud of our work and inspired for our futures."

jehjeh Media, Tla'Amin Nation, (Powell River) qathet Regional District B.C.

## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMING

Throughout the year, CREation runs workshops focused on increasing the skills and resources that youth have access to around program development, delivery, evaluation and organizational leadership. This past year, we ran **46 Capacity Building and Relationship Building Sessions** with over **500 youth participants**.

## RELATIONSHIP BUILDING PROGRAMMING

Relationship Building Programming centers on providing youth opportunities to network, learn from each other and build connections. We ran Grantee Panels, where youth project leaders came together to talk about their projects and things they had learnt, as well as small workshops that focused on grantees sharing skills with each other. This past year, we ran **6 Relationship Building Sessions** with over **350 youth participants**.

## ANNUAL GRANTEE GATHERING

In October 2023, the CREation team hosted it's second online Grantee Gathering. Grantees participated virtually in workshops and programming such as: Building Connections to the Land, Running Arts-based Programming, Grantee Panels and Networking Sessions.

## MULTI-YEAR IMPACT

**Over \$5.2 million in funding** has been mobilized to youth-led organizations and grassroots groups. CREation has given out **308 grants to 215 unique grantee groups** (led by 885 youth leaders) to run community projects.

Projects have been run in all 13 Provinces/Territories and to date have **reached over 97,000 Indigenous youth and community members directly**, and over 99,000 indirect (digital engagement) youth participants.





# CREation YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM

## Impact Overview

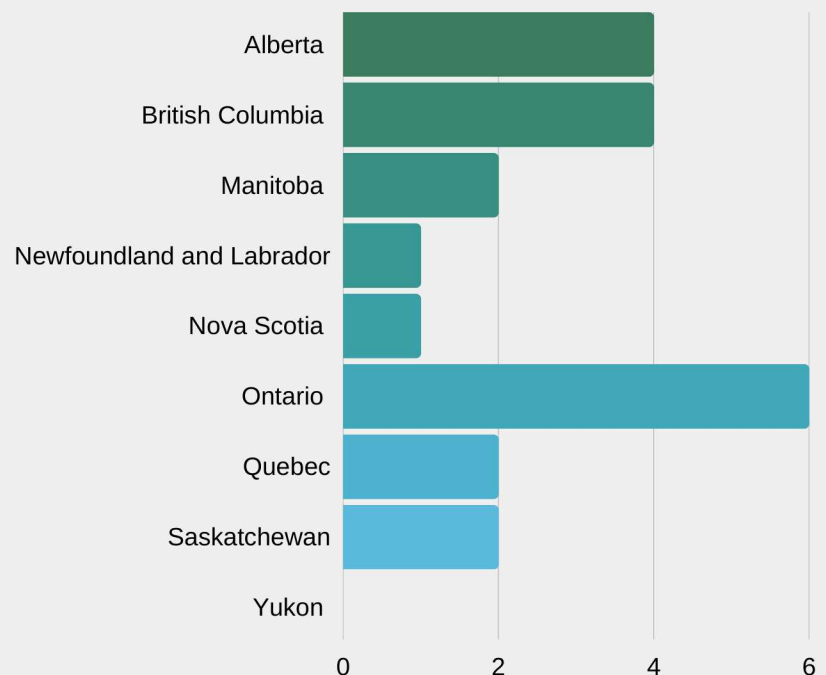
The Youth Empowerment Stream is a staged funding intake that provides **Sprout (\$2,500)** and **Blossom (\$5,000)** grants to emerging micro-projects.

- The focus of this stream is to fund new and emerging micro-projects that focus on increasing the resilience, engagement and wellness of youth.
- Across the 4 application rounds, CRE received 25 proposals from 8 Provinces and Territories representing a request for \$119,585 in funding

### The Youth Empowerment Stream provided \$96,750 in funding to 21 groups in 3 Provinces and Territories

- The majority of funded groups were in Ontario, followed by Alberta and British Columbia.
- 52% of grantees are supporting youth in urban communities, 19% in on reserve communities, 14% in remote communities and 19% in rural communities.
- The 21 funded groups will collectively reach 3,500 Indigenous youth.
- 66% of projects focused on Youth & Community Wellness, 29% on Arts & Culture and 5% on Innovation & Change.

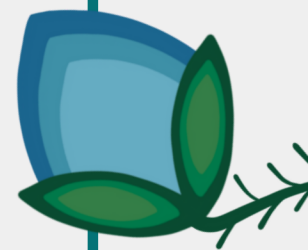
#### Where are grantee projects taking place?





# CREation SMALL PROJECT STREAM

## Impact Overview



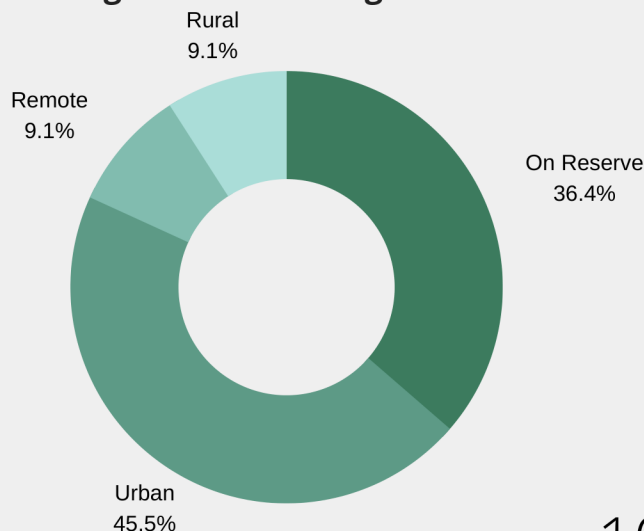
**In November 2022, we launched the Small Project Stream to support groups who are growing and expanding their projects. Grants of \$15,000 were provided to support youth-led and youth-focused initiatives.**

- CRE received 21 proposals from 6 Provinces and Territories, representing a request of \$309,700.
- 67% 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.
- 67% of applicants had an annual budget of less than \$50,000, with 71% of those having a budget of less than \$15,000.

### **The Small Project Funding Stream provided \$160,000 in funding to 11 groups in 4 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.
- 45% of funded projects were focused on Youth and Community Wellness, and 27% of funded projects focused on Intergenerational Relationship Building
- The 11 funded groups will collectively reach 5,760 youth and over 2,750 community members.

#### **What types of communities are grantees working in?**





# CREation MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING

## Impact Overview

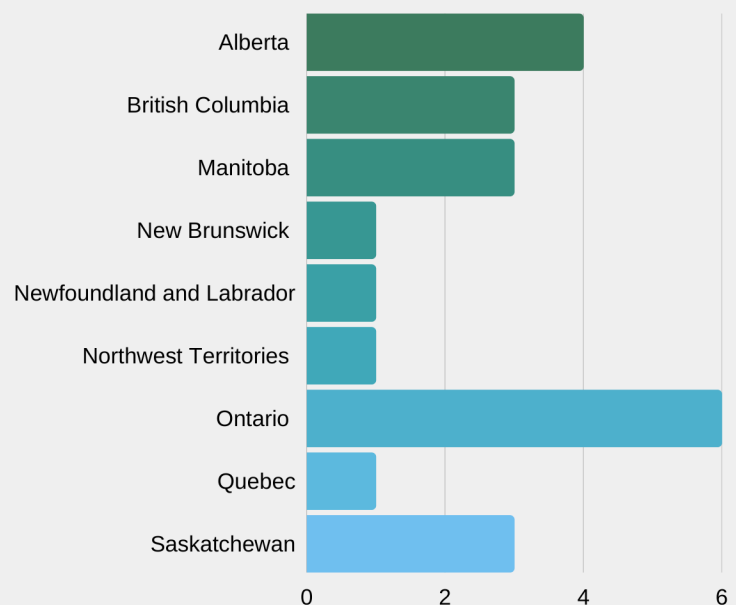
**The Medium Project Funding Stream provided funding of up to \$30,000 to Indigenous youth-led projects creating impactful community change and increasing the wellness, resiliency and engagement of Indigenous youth.**

- CRE received 36 applications from 8 Provinces and Territories, representing a request of \$1,060,200
- 81% of applicants had an annual budget of less than \$100,000, with 69% of those having a budget of less than \$50,000.

## **The Medium Project Funding Stream provided \$625,000 in funding to 22 groups in 9 Provinces and Territories**

- Projects funded had a wide range of focus areas, including:
  - Youth and Community Wellness (11 projects)
  - Resiliency Building (2 projects)
  - Innovation and Change (1 project)
  - Intergenerational Relationship Building (2 projects)
  - Arts and Culture (6 projects)
- 36% of grantees are supporting youth in urban centers, 32% are working on reserve, 18% are serving remote communities and 13% of grantees are supporting youth in rural locations.
- The 22 funded groups will collectively reach 1,600 youth and 1,000 community members

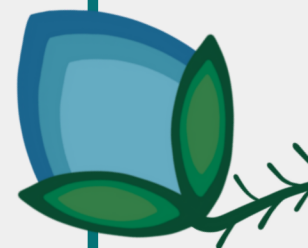
### Where are grantees running programs?





# CREation **LARGE PROJECT FUNDING**

## Impact Overview



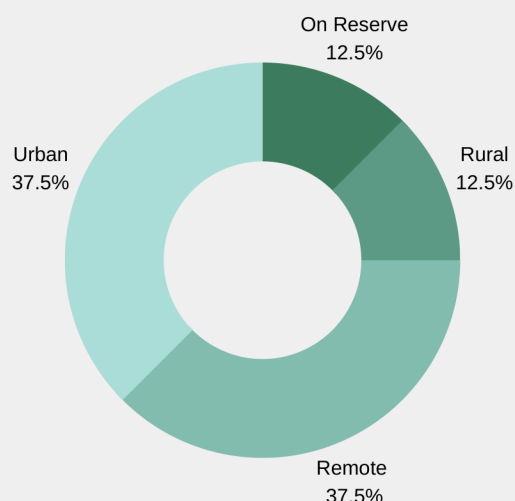
**The Large Project Funding Stream provided funding of up to \$100,000 to Indigenous youth-led projects creating impactful community change and increasing the wellness, resiliency and engagement of Indigenous youth.**

- Applications were only open to incorporated non-profits and registered charities, or grassroots groups with a trustee organization
- The focus of this stream was on providing substantial funding to groups that were looking to enhance their capacity to run programs/services, adapt to emerging needs and/or to expand their work.
- CRE received 22 proposals from 9 Provinces and Territories, representing a need of over \$1,666,000 in funding.

### **The Large Project Stream provided \$591,000 in funding to 8 groups in 5 Provinces and Territories**

- 50% of grantees had operational budgets of less than \$250,000
- Projects were funded in British Columbia, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, Ontario and the Yukon
- 63% of funded groups were focused on Youth and Community Wellness
- The 8 funded groups will collectively reach 544 youth and 300 community members through stable, long-term services.

#### **What types of communities are projects taking place in?**





# CREation LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

## Impact Overview

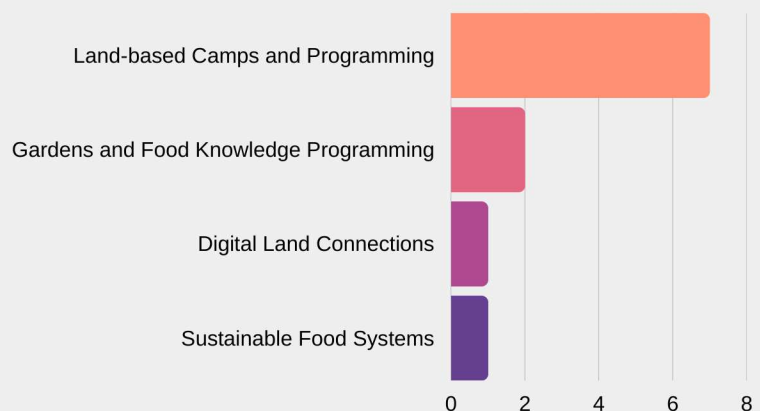
The Land and Food Sovereignty Stream provided funding of up to \$25,000 to Indigenous youth-led projects that increased opportunities for youth to participate in land-based programming, learn about food and medicines and engage with knowledge keepers.

- Each year, the CREation Advisory Circle determines 2-4 Emerging Needs Streams. These streams are different from other streams in that they have a targeted focus and funding goal that is based on community needs. Land and Food Sovereignty was identified as one of these focused streams.
- Projects were asked to identify one of the following focus areas: *Community Gardens and Food Knowledge Programming*, *Digital Land Connections*, *Land-based Camps and Programming*, or *Sustainable Food Systems*
- CRE received 23 proposals from 7 Provinces and Territories, representing a need of over \$579,350 in funding

**The Land and Food Sovereignty Stream provided \$275,000 in funding to 11 groups in 5 Provinces and Territories**

- Projects were funded in Alberta (2), British Columbia (2), New Brunswick (1), Ontario (4) and Saskatchewan (2)
- 55% of grantees are running programs on reserve, 9% are supporting youth in rural locations, 27% are working in urban centers, and 9% are serving remote communities.
- Funded groups will collectively reach 700 youth and 1,100 community members.

### What types of projects did we fund?

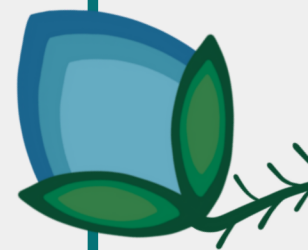






# CREation DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING

## Impact Overview



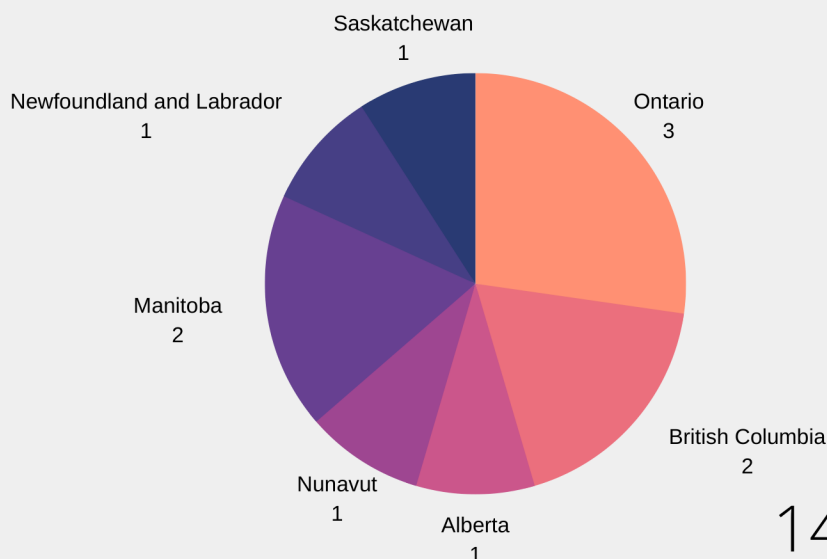
The Digital Sharing and Storytelling Stream provided funding of up to \$20,000 to Indigenous youth-led projects and groups non-profits that are using technology to digitally share stories, knowledge and experiences.

- Each year, the CREation Advisory Circle determines 3-4 Emerging Needs Streams. These streams are different than other streams in that they have a targeted focus and funding goal that is based on community needs. Digital Sharing and Storytelling Stream was identified as one of these focused streams.
- Projects fell under one of the following focus areas: *Building Our Capacity*, *Creating New Platforms*, *Sharing Our Knowledge and Perspectives* or *Telling Our Stories*.
- CRE received 19 applications for funding, representing a request for \$379,000 in funding

**The Digital Sharing and Storytelling Stream provided \$220,000 in funding to 11 groups in 7 Provinces and Territories**

- 36% of grantees were in urban areas, 36% on reserve, 18% in rural communities and 9% in remote communities.
- 73% of grantees focused on *Telling Our Stories*
- Funded groups will collectively reach 15,000 youth directly and an additional 12,000 through digital engagement.

### Where did we fund projects?



# CREation EDUCATION AND TRAINING

## Impact Overview

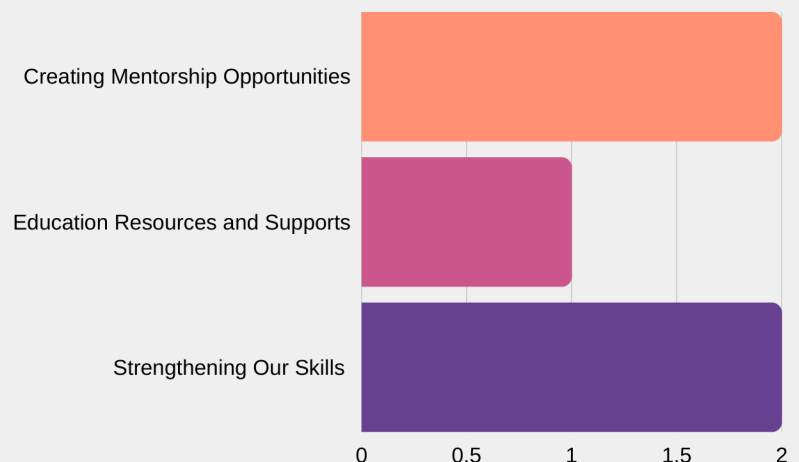
The Education and Training stream will provide funding of up to \$20,000 to Indigenous youth-led groups, non-profits and school groups running programs and initiatives that focus on supporting Indigenous youth to enhance their skill-building and stay engaged in educational spaces.

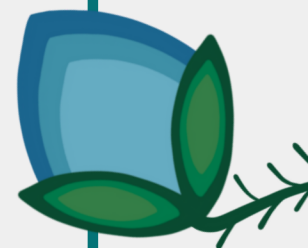
- Each year, the CREation Advisory Circle determines 3-4 Emerging Needs Streams. These streams are different than other streams in that they have a targeted focus and funding goal that is based on community needs. The Education and Training Stream was identified as one of these focused streams.
- Projects fell under one of the following focus areas: *Building a Student Community (Post-Secondary)*, *Building a Student Community (Elementary and Highschool)*, *Creating Mentorship Opportunities*, *Education Resources and Supports* or *Strengthening Our Skills*
- CRE received 6 applications for funding, representing a request for \$119,000 in funding

**The Education and Training Stream provided \$99,500 in funding to 5 groups in 3 Provinces and Territories**

- 60% of grantees were running projects in urban areas.
- Projects were funded in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.
- Funded groups will collectively reach 200 youth directly, and an additional 100,000 through digital engagement.

### What types of projects did we fund?





# CREation SHARED STRUGGLE AND SOLIDARITY

## Impact Overview

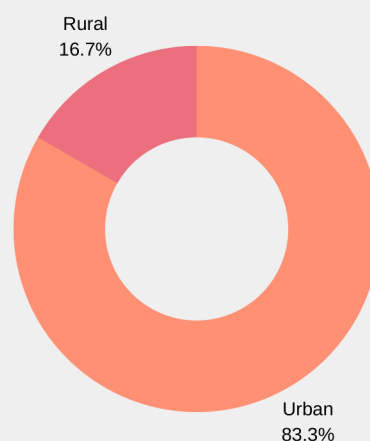
**The Shared Struggle and Solidarity Stream provided funding of up to \$25,000 to projects that aimed to strengthen solidarity between BIPOC youth and provide relationship-building opportunities to strengthen community connections.**

- Each year, the CREation Advisory Circle determines 2-4 Emerging Needs Streams. These streams are different than other streams in that they have a targeted focus and funding goal that is based on community needs. Shared Struggle and Solidarity was identified as one of these focused streams.
- Projects were asked to select a focus area from the following list: *Sharing Knowledge and Culture*, *Learning History and Lived Realities*, *Reclaiming and Rebuilding*, or *Changing Systems*
- CRE received 11 proposals from 6 Provinces and Territories, representing a need of over \$290,000 in funding

**The Shared Struggle and Solidarity Stream provided \$150,000 in funding to 6 groups in 3 Provinces.**

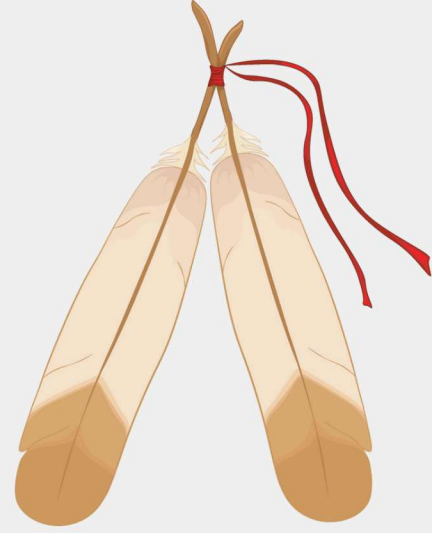
- Projects focused on Sharing Knowledge and Culture (4 projects), Reclaiming and Rebuilding (1) and Learning History and Lived Realities (1)
- Funded groups were in Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan.
- Funded groups will engage over 460 youth and 325 community members.

### What types of communities are grantees reaching?





## 2022/2023 Grantees



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Alberta

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Nova Scotia

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British Columbia

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Nunavut

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Manitoba

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Ontario

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New Brunswick

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Québec

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Newfoundland and  
Labrador

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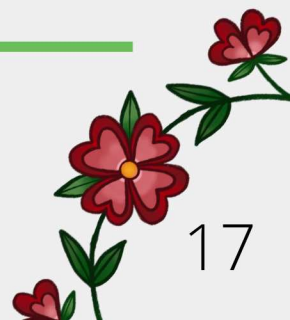
Saskatchewan

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Northwest Territories

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Yukon





# 2022/2023 Grantees in **ALBERTA**

## **ALBERTA COMMUNITY TOGETHERNESS SOCIETY**

FORT MCMURRAY, GRAND PRAIRIE  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Alberta Community Togetherness Society will provide ongoing, accessible and responsive support services for youth struggling with addiction and mental health challenges. Activities include mental health coaching, narrative counselling approach and workshops on assertiveness and goal setting.

## **INSPIRING INDIGENOUS YOUTH SUCCESS CONFERENCE**

RED DEER  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Inspiring Indigenous Youth Success Conference is an urban-Indigenous-youth-focused conference meant to bring Indigenous youth together and engage them with local Indigenous leaders. It will help youth visualize potential futures. Workshops and speaker sessions, youth will also build their capacities and skills.

## **MIYOPIMATISOWIN**

KEHEWIN CREE NATION  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

miyopimatisowin will run a 5-day-long day camp to focused on land-based programming. This will connect knowledge keepers, elders, and youth. Youth will learn to live off the land, and how to respectfully plant and harvest. They will also learn about traditional medicine preparations.

## **EMPOWERING CREE- METIS YOUTH ATHLETES IN TREATY 8**

PEAVINE METIS SETTLEMENT  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Empowering Cree-Metis Youth Athletes in Treaty 8 Through Culture Based Sports Programming will host 12 workshops focused on cultural teachings, mental health, and wellness. They will also be teaching youth how to play hockey to promote physical wellbeing.

## **MIYO-PIMÂTISIWIN**

SADDLE LAKE CREE NATION  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

miyopimatisowin will offer a culture camp to allow local youth to reconnect with their culture. Youth will have the opportunity to learn about hunting( safe practices, understanding the land, hunting protocols, how to clean and tan hide). They will also learn about ribbon skirts, and the traditional knowledge around them. Every day, there will also be having pipe ceremonies to start and end activities.

## **MORNING SKY HEALTH & WELLNESS SOCIETY**

FROG LAKE FIRST NATION  
-LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY-

Morning Sky Health and Wellness Society will teach the youth of Frog Lake First Nation the benefits of living off the land, and how the land has been providing for their community since time immemorial.

## **FORWARD YOUTH INITIATIVE**

FROG LAKE FIRST NATION  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Forward Youth Initiative will organize and host a Round Dance. Youth will work with community members, and receive informal mentoring from leaders at the Frog Lake First Nation's school to build capacity and organize key parts of a Round Dance. This will engage youth in physical activity, spiritual wellness, cultural connections, intergenerational learning, and leadership development.

## **MIYO-PIMÂTISIWIN CULTURAL CAMP**

SADDLE LAKE CREE NATION, SMOKEY  
LAKE  
-LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY-

miyo-pimâtisiwin Cultural Camp is a 4-day camp that will provide traditional ways and teachings to 15 Indigenous youth from Saddle Lake and Smokey Lake.

## **OPERATION RECLAMATION**

EDMONTON  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Operation Reclamation is a project designed to help reclaim northern Indigenous art, renew the pieces, and redistribute them within northern communities. This project is needed because art preservation is an integral part of Indigenous culture, history, and revitalization.



# 2022/2023 Grantees in **ALBERTA**



## **NAKODA AV CLUB**

MÎNÎTHNÎ

-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

Nakoda AV Club will work with Elders to reconnect and reclaim the ways their community used to harvest and use Ochre. Consulting with Elders and Knowledge Keepers is an essential part of their project as it will help ensure they harvest Ochre according to proper protocols, and with ceremony and sustainability in mind.

## **NAPI FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION**

PINCHER CREEK

-EDUCATION AND TRAINING-

Napi Friendship Association will host a monthly gatherings where mentors with diverse skillsets and youth are brought together to share their experiences and skills. They will host 10 sessions, and sessions will include: visiting a sacred site, careers in trades, a post-secondary job and education fair, and 5 cultural sessions with elders and local knowledge keepers.

## **STONEY HEALTH SERVICES**

MORLEY

-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

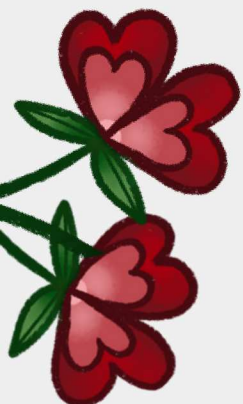
Stoney Health Services would like to do 10 workshops on drug/alcohol awareness, and 10 land-based traditional practices working with a knowledge keeper to strengthen youth's skills with regards to hunting and gathering.

## **URBAN SOCIETY FOR ABORIGINAL YOUTH**

CALGARY

-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING-

Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth's IndigiTRAILS app is an augmented reality app that utilizes GPS location services to allow community members to access art and experiences in real-life locations. The IndigiTRAILS: Trivia youth leaders will work together to develop 10 trivia questions to integrate into the app. As part of this, they will also launch a new trail on the IndigiTRAILS app.



*Miyopimatisowin, Medium Project Funding.  
Photo courtesy of Jordan Gadwa*





# 2022/2023 Grantees in **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

## **DZE L K'ANT FRIENDSHIP CENTRE SOCIETY**

HOUSTON, SMITHERS  
-LARGE PROJECT FUNDING-

Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Society has two project sites. In Houston, they will give youth the chance to focus on their mental wellness, while learning about their culture through workshops. In Smithers, they will expand their programming to continue engaging Indigenous youth physically, culturally, emotionally and socially into Winter 2023.

## **DZE L K'ANT FRIENDSHIP CENTRE SOCIETY**

SMITHERS, SKEENA-BULKLEY REGION  
-EDUCATION AND TRAINING-

Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Society, through their Mentorship Action Plan, will introduce potential career opportunities to Indigenous youth through exploratory workshops. These sessions include practical examples of tasks, skills and knowledge, as well as building partnerships between youth and industry professionals as mentors.

## **DZE L K'ANT FRIENDSHIP CENTRE SOCIETY**

WET'SUWET'EN AND GITXSAN  
TERRITORIES, SMITHERS, TELKWA,  
HAZELTON  
-LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY-

Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Society will give youth the opportunity to connect with nature by bringing Elders and youth together on the land. Youth will have the opportunity to attend 3 Medicine and traditional food walks, 2 day-long rafting trips, and 1 overnight raft excursion.

## **GREASY BANNOCK THEATRE**

VANCOUVER  
-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

Greasy Bannock Theatre will run weekly improv classes for youth and Elders in their community. Over the course of seven months, Participants will learn about acting and script-writing, and will create a skit together to perform at a public show for their community. Both youth and Elders will hold space for each other, eat together and play improv games together.

## **JEHJEH MEDIA**

TLA'AMIN, HOMALCO, KLAHOOSE,  
KOMOX  
-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING-

jehjeh Media will teach youth how to create their own podcasts. Activities include 4 preliminary training sessions, 10 months of continued mentoring sessions, bi-weekly production meetings and both pre- and post-show meetings. The goal is to help youth produce 10 podcast segments that will aired over the course of 10 months.

## **JEHJEH MEDIA**

TLA'AMIN, HOMALCO, KLAHOOSE,  
KOMOX  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

jehjeh Media is actively revitalizing and normalizing their ʔayʔajuθəm language in their 4 sister Nations! This grant will allow them to further expand their language-learning resources and create illustrated language flashcards. To develop the cards, they will host workshops to design the images, research sessions for language consultations, and sharing sessions to receive feedback from their livestream audience.

## **SAULTEAU FIRST NATION**

BRITISH COLOMBIA  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Saulteau First Nations will host teaching Circles with youth and elders. They will also organize harm reduction workshops and workshops to assist their community in transitioning out of covid. They will provide a safe space for youth to overcome challenges they face. They also hope to host a weekend full of presenters to empower their nation's youth.

## **SPILLING LABRADOR TEA UNDER CEDAR TREES**

VICTORIA  
-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING-

Spilling Labrador Tea Under Cedar Trees will hold in-person & virtual interviews with Indigenous youth in so-called Canada and around the world. They will give youth opportunities to talk about colonialism from their perspectives and cultural contexts. They hope to interview Indigenous youth from countries in both the global north and global south.

## **TAKLA NATION CHIL'KEH YOUTH GROUP**

TAKLA LANDING  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

The Chil'keh youth group will lead equine therapy workshops, to teach youth about horsemanship. The project aims to be a mode of land-based healing, as youth will self-reflect through the land and horses. Elders and Knowledge Keepers will also be invited to host workshops to share cultural knowledge.



2022/2023 Grantees in

# BRITISH COLUMBIA



## TAKLA NATION CHIL'KEH YOUTH GROUP

TAKLA LAKE  
-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

Takla Nation Chil'keh Youth Group will connect Takla youth with other First Nations' youth by inviting them to join a kayak journey over the summer, so they have the opportunity to travel and camp on Takla Lake. They would like to invite students and their chaperones from Gitanmaax, Nadleh, Fort St James, and the island.

## TAKLA NATION CHIL'KEH YOUTH GROUP

TAKLA LANDING  
-LARGE PROJECT FUNDING-

Takla Nation Chil'keh Youth Group will bring their summer students on a four-day guided kayak trip travelling around the perimeter of Takla Lake to connect with Elders and Knowledge Keepers from around the lake. At each location, they will film their activities for other youth who can't attend the kayak trip. They would also like to host a "Coming Home" ceremony for residential school survivors.

## TAKLA NATION CHIL'KEH YOUTH GROUP

TAKLA LAKE  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Takla Nation Chil'keh Youth Group will continue to run their Meals on Wheels program. Youth will gather twice a week to deliver hot meals to Elders in the community. Once a week, the youth will also gather to share a meal together. This provides a safe space for youth and Elders to share cultural knowledge as well as sharing food.

## THE MCCREARY CENTRE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA  
-EDUCATION AND TRAINING-

The McCreary Centre Society's Young Indigenous Research Team aims to support Indigenous youth in acquiring the research and leadership skills they need to take on more leadership roles in the field of health research and policy. A team of Indigenous youth will meet each month to work on Indigenous-led and Indigenous centered community research projects while developing their research skills.

## THE MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN

BRITISH COLUMBIA  
-EDUCATION AND TRAINING-

The Moose Hide Campaign creates educational resources in the form of videos and lesson plans. They aim to use this grant to create 5-6 lesson plan-style resources, create a Moose Hide Campaign picture book for children, and run a land-based healing camp where students will learn about healthy masculinity, mental health, healing paths and the MMIWG2+ epidemic.

## TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC

TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc plan on using the funding to create seasonal appropriate land-based learning activities including working with Knowledge Keepers and Elders. berry harvesting, cooking on the land, and hide tanning. The focus of all their activities will be on land-based learning.

## TRAPLINE

KAMLOOPS  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

TRAPLINE will run 6 workshops on films and filmmaking in 6 schools in and around Kamloops. They will share films created in past workshops to inspire and encourage youth. Afterwards, youth will be encouraged to use their video, animation and audio workstations to get a hands-on introduction to filmmaking gear and philosophies for each media format.

## UNIQUE GET TOGETHER SOCIETY

VANCOUVER  
-YOUTH EMPOWER STREAM-

Unique Get Together Society's Warrior Program is dedicated to providing experiences for young men that focus on traditional knowledge, and teach young men valuable leadership and survival skills. The Warrior Program is guided by youth voices, and will create a safe space for participants to rebuild their cultural and personal pride through story telling and skill sharing.

## YOUTH WARRIOR NATION

HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATION, ST'AT'IMC  
NATION  
-LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY-

Youth Warrior Nation will run a land-based cultural exchange between nuučaahuł youth and youth from the St'at'imc Nation. It aims to address food security by providing critical training in safe and responsible hunting and harvesting methods, traditional fishing practices, and inter-community knowledge-sharing.



# 2022/2023 Grantees in **MANITOBA**

## **ANISHIATIVE INC.**

WINNIPEG, FRASERWOOD  
-LARGE PROJECT FUNDING-

Anishiative Inc. aims to connect youth to the land by gathering youth together for 10 months. These youth will be responsible for planning and creating an intergenerational learning space for reclamation, preservation, and connection. They have a goal of building a classroom and cultivating land that is accessible and all-inclusive for future generations.

## **ANISHIATIVE INC.**

FRASERWOOD  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Anishiative Inc. would like to host land-based training for a group of up to 50 youth, to teach them about traplines, fishing, hunting, and understanding. This will help youth build a relationship with the land, with the support of Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

## **ANISHIATIVE INC.**

WINNIPEG  
-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING-

Anishiative Inc.'s Bizindan project will be an online video series consisting of 12 5-minute episodes. Activities include 3 planning and preparation sessions, 12 interview sessions, 4 editing sessions, and one final session which will include a live event and screening.

## **BISON ON THE RED**

WINNIPEG  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Bison on the Red will bring youth on a 4-week canoe camp along the Red River in Manitoba. They will provide land-based and water-based programming for youth to learn survival skills, and traditional teachings, like how to live off the land, strengthening their endurance, and identifying plants and medicines from the land.

## **CAID JONES: DEBUT ALBUM CREATION**

WINNIPEG  
-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

Caid Jones has a goal to professionally record, mix and finalize their debut album. This process will also involve creating a recognizable artistic brand, shooting music videos, getting professional headshots and pictures, sharpening live performances, establishing a website, and running social media ad campaigns.

## **COMMUNITY204**

WINNIPEG  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

CommUNITY204 will purchase a second boat to expand the Drag the Red grassroots initiative. The boat will be used to drag the bottom of the Red River in search of evidence relating to MMIWG2S cases and other missing persons cases. A second boat will increase the number of searches, will serve as a backup boat in case of mechanical issues, and will also allow them to extend their reach with northern communities.

## **ON THE LAND**

MANITOBA  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

On The Land will produce a podcast where Indigenous people both young and old can share the stories of their lives, struggles and life-lessons. It will feature various guests, including students, educators, Elders, hunters, etc. These stories will help other Indigenous youth navigate through their own struggles.

## **NISICHAWAYASIHK NEYO OHTINWAK COLLEGIATE**

NELSON HOUSE  
-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

Nisichawayasihk Neyo Ohtinwak Collegiate will incorporate more traditional teachings into their high school's Junior Chief and Council's programming. They will provide all students with wellness gifts, and host a ribbon skirt and ribbon shirt workshop led by an artist and an Elder through their after-school program.

## **SABE PEACEWALKERS**

WINNIPEG  
-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

Sabe Peacewalkers will hire a consultant to help their team develop a 5-year strategic plan based on the needs of their community. This will enable them to create more training opportunities for staff, so they can ensure all team members are thoroughly trained in harm reduction and conflict resolution. They will also purchase more essential equipment, like smudge kits, bus tickets, first aid supplies, warm clothing, and safety vests.





# 2022/2023 Grantees in **MANITOBA**



## **SAGKEENG YOUTH GROUP**

SAGKEENG  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Sagkeeng Youth Group's Clean Energy Greenhouse aims to build a greenhouse for their community to promote healthy lifestyles, grow fresh fruits and vegetables, provide food security, and help build connections to the land. Workshops will be offered on topics like gardening, harvesting, and building tables and shelves.

## **SASHER**

SWAN RIVER, WINNIPEG  
-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING-

Sasher will create, develop, and deploy a National Indigenous Youth networking and social media website called "Sasher".

## **WATERWAYS CANADA**

PEGUIS FIRST NATION, FISHER RIVER  
CREE NATION  
-LARGE PROJECT FUNDING-

Waterways Canada is hosting a Canoe program in collaboration with the local school and Child-and-Family services to introduce land-based education to youth and community members. The program will include day-clinics, multi-day back country trips and day-camp-style activities, depending on input from the community.



*"It is of the utmost importance to uphold the inherent right to self-determination of our kin. Giving our youth participants the space to decide the next steps and direction of the program was a much more meaningful and prosperous experience for them and us."*

-Building Our Bundle,  
Youth Empowerment Stream

*"It is so valuable to learn to work on a diverse team and learn about one another along the way. Having a common goal to bring hope and healing to a community is extremely rewarding!"*

-Inspire Our Nation,  
Youth Empowerment Stream





# 2022/2023 Grantees in **NEW BRUNSWICK**



## **WOLASTOQY NATION**

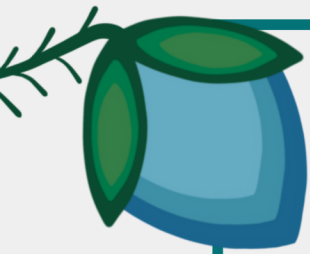
MATAWASKIYE, NEQOTKUK, BILIK, SITANSISK, WELAMUKOTUK, WOTSTAK  
-LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY-

Wolastoqey Nation in New Brunswick will support youth in strengthening Wolastoqey identity by giving them opportunities to connect with land and food. The youth will go onto the land for traditional harvesting activities. They will learn from Elders and Knowledge Keepers who can give them the tools and information they need to be confident to put their teachings into practice.



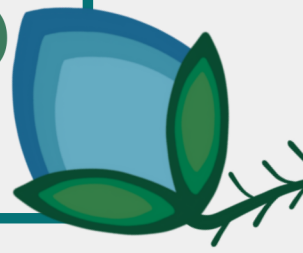
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2022/2023 Grantees in

# NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



## FIRST LIGHT FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

ST. JOHN'S  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

First Light Friendship Centre will give Indigenous youth access to traditional instruments, teachers, Elders, and oral teachings through a series of workshops, drum circles, and dance circles.

## KIKMANAQ YOUTH COUNCIL

GANDER  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Kikmanaq Youth Council will run a series of workshops on creating woven baskets and learning the cultural history behind the practice. These workshops will also provide youth with opportunities to connect with each other.

## KIKMANAQ YOUTH COUNCIL

GANDER  
-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING-

Kikmanaq Youth Council will host sessions where youth will learn to play traditional instruments, and learn teachings related to each instrument. They will also host storytelling sessions. Some sessions will teach youth the process and protocols for storytelling, and others will focus on recording stories from Elders to preserve them for future generations.

*"My advice to another youth would be to not get so caught up in planning that you forget to learn yourself. Sometimes when myself and my team are so caught up in making sure other participants are all doing okay (fed, learning, comfortable, etc.), we forget to take in the culture and teachings ourselves. Its important to pause and enjoy yourself as well!"*

-Kikmanaq Youth Council,  
Youth Empowerment Stream



*"There is a want and need to learn our traditional ways and its been such an honor to bridge that gap."*

-Anonymous Grantee,  
Medium Project Funding



# 2022/2023 Grantees in **NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**

## **ARCTIC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

INUVIK  
-LARGE PROJECT FUNDING-

Arctic Youth Development Agency will build a wellness camp to provide their community with a long-term, and sustainable on-the-land location to use for healing and wellness activities. This camp will provide their organization and surrounding communities with a safe space to gather, learn, build community, reconnect to the land, and heal together,

## **SIDEDOOR MINISTRIES**

YELLOWKNIFE, INGRAHAM TRAIL  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

SideDoor Ministries will bring Indigenous youth from Yellowknife on a week-long land-based cultural experience in Akaitcho Bay. They will be accompanied by SideDoor Ministries staff, and 3 Elders/Knowledge Keepers. In the camp, youth will learn to familiarize themselves with the land, as well as learn traditional skills like harvesting, drum-making, fish-scale art, and beading.



*Inspire Our Youth, Youth Empowerment Stream  
Photo courtesy of Kaitlyn Cey*



# 2022/2023 Grantees in **NOVA SCOTIA**



## **SCHOOLSPLUS- HRCE**

COLE HARBOUR  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

SchoolsPlus- HRCE will host workshops, information sessions, and circle/teaching sessions for the Indigenous youth at their school. Each session will feature a different Indigenous guest speaker who will teach the youth about Indigenous arts, skills, traditional music and plant medicines. The goal is to build capacity, solidarity, and to help youth development a collective vision for the future.



*"I had an incredible experience being empowered in my own leadership by going through the granting process with CRE. Our entire team has benefited greatly from all of the knowledge, workshops and empowerment CRE has offered to us."*

-Inspire Our Nation,  
Youth Empowerment Stream



*"Always prepare for the unexpected  
- a back up plan is important if  
things don't work out."*

-Anonymous Grantee,  
Medium Project Funding



# 2022/2023 Grantees in **NUNAVUT**

## **INUA MEDIA**

IQALUIT  
-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING-

Inua Media will empower individuals and communities to tell their stories on their terms through quarterly publications, a variety of knowledge-sharing events with Indigenous experts in the world of journalism and media, and a 2-day in-person panel, with the second day being an on-the-land feast with a focus on one-on-one conversations. They will also offer a space to help folk edit, translate and complete their work.



*miyo-pimâtisiwin, Medium Project Funding.  
Photo courtesy of Terri Cardinal.*





# 2022/2023 Grantees in **ONTARIO**



## **4RS YOUTH MOVEMENT**

SAULT STE MARIE  
-LARGE PROJECT FUNDING-

4Rs Youth Movement is receiving core funding to support their organization and staffing, and to support their capacity to run projects and programming over the course of a full year.

## **ANISHINABE THUNDERBIRD SUNDANCE**

AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION  
-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

Anishinaabe Thunderbird Sundance will work with Indigenous youth who have experienced challenges related to mental illness, addiction and violence, mentoring them to be helpers in the group, in their families, and in their communities.

## **A'NOWA:RA OWIRA DOULAS**

AKWESASNE  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

A'nowa:ra Owira Doulas will create and host a workshop series on menstrual cycles from an Indigenous perspective. As part of their project, they will also create menstruation care packages for their participants.

## **AUNTIE'S PLACE**

TORONTO  
-SHARED STRUGGLE AND SOLIDARITY-

Auntie's Place is a podcast that highlights conversations about the history of Black and Indigenous communities, the ongoing realities that both communities face, and how both communities can support and build solidarity with one another.

## **BKEJWANONG FAMILY WELL-BEING PROGRAM**

BKEJWANONG FIRST NATIONS  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Bkejwanong Family Well-Being Program will host Walapalooza, a 2 day concert showcasing the talents of local youth. Youth will also be able attend workshops from various local artists during Walapalooza.

## **ENDAAYAAN AWEJAA**

NIPISSING FIRST NATION  
-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING-

Endaayaan Awejaa will create 20 videos for Indigenous youth to watch and learn about mental health, addiction, cultural teachings, entrepreneurship, and more! They will also hold bi-monthly giveaways, bi-monthly in-person self-care workshops and sessions about cultural teachings, and bi-monthly Q&A sessions.

## **FINDING OUR POWER TOGETHER**

BARRIE  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Finding Our Power Together will run their Building Our Bundle program, a hybrid spiritual and mental health program for Indigenous youth to learn skills, access cultural teachings, and build connections with each other.

## **FINDING OUR POWER TOGETHER**

TORONTO  
-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

Finding Our Power Together will host six-week sessions so Indigenous youth can connect with one another and the world. These sessions will help them explore weekly topics focused on developing self-help skills for facing mental health challenges, developing leadership capacities, and engaging in peer-to-peer communication through a cultural relational approach.

## **HOPE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

KITCHENER  
-SHARED STRUGGLE AND SOLIDARITY-

Hope for Community Development will provide engaging and educational experiences for youth, in an effort to share knowledge about cultural heritage, and to foster neighborhood pride and belonging. Over the course of 8 months, youth will get to cook together, share stories and culture, and develop their leadership skills together.



# 2022/2023 Grantees in **ONTARIO**

## **INDIGI-CONNECT**

OSHAWA

-SHARED STRUGGLE AND SOLIDARITY-

Indigi-Connect will create an afterschool program where youth can access supports such as one on one sessions with an Elder, crafts supplies, cultural programming and an overnight camp. This will provide youth a safe space to build stronger relationships between each other and connect to their cultures.

## **LAND FIRST INITIATIVE**

SHESHEGWANING FIRST NATION

-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Land First Initiative will run land-based programming for Indigenous youth in their community. They will create a community garden, and undergo training to receive safety tickets to ensure that their youth participants are well taken care of.

## **MANITOU YOUTH GROUP**

RAINY RIVER FIRST NATIONS

-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Manitou Youth Group will run youth-facilitated sessions to give youth a chance to talk in a safe space. This will be a flexible space to give youth a chance to talk about whatever is on their minds. Some sessions will be guided by community members, and topics will range from healthy communication to health and wellness to identity.

## **MINOGIN GITIGAANEHS SOCIETY**

THUNDER BAY, LONDON, TORONTO

-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Minogin Gitigaanehs Society will host sessions to bring Elders and youth in their community together. This will give them a chance to pass on traditional knowledge and practices, like finding medicines on the land, understanding seedlings, and language learning and revitalisation.

*"One piece of advice that we'd give to other youth is that it doesn't matter how many barriers you face, you have to keep trying."*

-Youth4Youth,  
Youth Empowerment Stream

## **MINOGIN GITIGAANEHS SOCIETY**

THUNDER BAY, LONDON

-LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY-

Minogin Gitigaanehs Society's Akiwii Kikionowinan is a six-season land-based and digital-archival project to help youth learn skills and Anishinaabemowin words related to growing food. Participants will also connect digitally with Elders, and language speakers.

## **NATIVE YOUTH SEXUAL HEALTH NETWORK**

TORONTO

-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Native Youth Sexual Health Network will make their programming available completely online, so it is accessible to everyone on turtle island. They will share their series on sexual health awareness, which also includes facilitation training and sexual health toolkits for Indigenous youth.

## **N'GINAAJIW - MY SPIRIT IS BEAUTIFUL**

TORONTO

-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

N'Ginaajiw will host weekly drop-in Zumba or dance fitness classes for 10 weeks. The funding will go towards a Zumba training course for the facilitators, honorariums and the rental of a dance studio.



# 2022/2023 Grantees in **ONTARIO**



## **NIMKII YOUTH COLLECTIVE**

NIMKII AAZHIBIKOONG  
-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

Nimkii Youth Collective aims to purchase and install a high-tech water filtration system to provide clean, potable drinking water at Waaseyaabwin Teg, the studio and communal gathering place at Nimkii Aazhibikoong, the off-grid land-based language and culture camp where they live and host activities and events.

## **PADDLING THE WATERWAYS COLLECTIVE**

SERPENT RIVER FIRST NATION  
-LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY-

Paddling the Waterways Collective will bring their people back onto their lands and waterways. Part of the project will involve reseeding Manoomin - wild rice, as a way of giving back to the waterways.

## **REVITALIZING OUR SUSTENANCE**

SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER  
-LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY-

Revitalizing Our Sustenance will provide Haudenosaunee youth with skills, knowledge, and experience in building a traditional mini longhouse. The longhouse will be surrounded by Haudenosaunee food systems, and will give youth an opportunity to learn about pre-contact ways of living, with the hopes of giving them a deeper sense of Haudenosaunee identity.



Youth4Youth Canada, Small Project Funding.  
Photo courtesy of Taliah Lyons.

## **REVITALIZING OUR SUSTENANCE**

SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER  
-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELING-

Revitalizing Our Sustenance will create a podcast with the purpose of centering Indigenous knowledge. Speakers will include current and retired Indigenous athletes as well as Indigenous health practitioners, academics, and dietitians.

## **SAFE WATER STUDIOS**

OMEMEE  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Safe Water Studios will build on their current workshops to provide more access to knowledge around music production, promotion and culture. They will work with developing Indigenous artists and musicians to help provide the resources and guidance they need to take the next steps with their art.





# 2022/2023 Grantees in **ONTARIO**

## **SAGAMOK ANISHNAWBEK**

SAGAMOK ANISHNAWBEK  
-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING-

Sagamok Anishnawbek will create a series of digital stories about community Elders, produced by youth. Activities include workshop facilitation and mentoring sessions, information booths at community events, and access to online training workshops.

## **SHAWISH- THE VIRTUAL INDIGENOUS MARKETPLACE**

NATIONAL  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM

Shawish is a virtual Indigenous marketplace whose mission is to help Indigenous businesses thrive across North America. The last CRE grant helped them build their website, and they are now requesting funds to go towards marketing. The funding will allow them to reach 100 vendors by the end of the year

## **TEMISKAMING NATIVE WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**

KIRKLAND LAKE, NEW LISKEARD  
-LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY-

Temiskaming Native Women's Support Group's Seed Keepers Seed Bank Initiative was developed parallel to the KOTC Community Food Forest Project, to support the long-term needs of the community. They will provide access to local, regionally adapted seeds and an annual calendar of educational workshops to get people out on the land.

## **THE MAAMWI NOOJMADAA PROJECT**

WIKWEMIKOONG  
-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

The Maamwi noojmadaa "Let's Heal Together" Project will host a two-day event where youth from communities in around Manitoulin Island will have the opportunity to attend wellness and empowerment workshops, access land-based teachings, and listen to guest speakers and Knowledge Keepers at the Rising Youth Gathering in August 2023.

## **WHITE OWL NATIVE ANCESTRY**

KITCHENER, WATERLOO, CAMBRIDGE,  
GUELPH  
-LARGE PROJECT FUNDING-

White Owl Native Ancestry's Land-Based Youth Group aims to create ongoing opportunities for youth to build relationships to the Land, to each other, the wider community and to themselves through a series of workshops and activities related to their existing land-based programming. This will help support youth participating in their White Owl Garden Internship program.

## **YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP NETWORK**

NATIONAL  
-SHARED STRUGGLE AND SOLIDARITY-

Young Women's Leadership Network will host a series of facilitated workshops and gatherings, to help participants develop knowledge on anti-oppression, the impacts of racism, colonialism, and the intersection of systems of oppression. Participants will also explore how to transform their knowledge into action, to rebuild and reclaim together.

## **YOUTH4YOUTH CANADA**

OTTAWA  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Youth4Youth will launch a new project, their Kisac Cultural Workshop series, a series of 5 cultural workshop for Indigenous youth in their community. They aim to give youth an opportunity to strengthen their Indigenous identity, learn from Elders and community members, and allow youth to gain experience to pass on teachings to future generations.

## **YOUTH4YOUTH CANADA**

OTTAWA  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Youth4Youth's Talk Overdose project aims to educate high-school-aged youth about opioids, with the hope of reducing stigma and saving lives. Activities include circulating brochures, producing 2-3 educational videos, hosting workshops in schools, and fundraising.

## **YOUTH4YOUTH CANADA**

OTTAWA  
-SMALL PROJECT FUNDING-

Youth4Youth will run a second installment of their Kisac Cultural Workshop series. These cultural workshops bring youth from different parts of the city together to access teachings and knowledge that they otherwise wouldn't have a chance to learn.



# 2022/2023 Grantees in **QUÉBEC**



## **CONNECTING OUR ROOTS**

MONTREAL, TORONTO  
-SHARED STRUGGLE AND SOLIDARITY-

Connecting Our Roots aims to build a sense of community and break down barriers in urban and remote BIPOC communities. Activities include a Bear Moon feast, the creation of a drop in space for the spring/summer, care packages, the serving of hot meals, donation drives, land-based events, and hosting a vendors' market.

## **GRAND RIVER STUDIOS**

CHISASIBI  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Grand River Studios aims to build a Music Studio in their community that can act as a creative space to run workshops, studio sessions, and execute projects. This will provide youth a safe space to express themselves, become interested in the arts, and inspire them to create.

## **INUKROCK CLIMBS CLUB**

INUKJUAQ, NUNAVIK  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Inurock Climbs Club will upgrade their indoor and outdoor rock climbing facility. They will also host a week-long climbing leadership camp in the summer of 2023.

## **MUSKRAT COLLECTIVE**

NATIONAL  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Muskrat Collective will run training sessions and social events to help youth prepare to attend and successfully engage with the UN's climate conference. The training sessions will cover topics like policy engagement, communications and media relations, safety, and healing justice.



Muskrat Collective, Youth Empowerment Stream.  
Photo by Nhattan Nguyen.







# 2022/2023 Grantees in **SASKATCHEWAN**

## **ART IS HEALING**

SUCKER RIVER CREE NATION  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Art Is Healing will host a series of arts-based workshops to help youth find a creative outlet to express themselves. Workshop sessions include: painting, drawing, jigging, beading, basics of videography, basics of photography, hide-tanning, moccasin making, and fish scale art. At the end of the project, they will host a two-night camp and an exhibition to celebrate the participants' art and creations.

## **FUTURE ARTISTIC MINDS**

SASKATOON  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Future Artistic Minds will rebrand and relaunch their website. They will also start an online shop to help support their organization, and hire more youth entrepreneurs to join their team.

## **ILE A LA CROSSE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE**

ILE A LA CROSSE  
-EDUCATION AND TRAINING-

Ile a la Crosse Friendship Centre's Educating for a Brighter Future project will offer youth practical education in the following areas: facials, waxing, pedicures, manicures, ATV training, WHMIS and TDG training. Youth will be given tool kits to immediately start offering services and the skills to operate equipment to gain employment.

## **ILE A LA CROSSE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE**

ILE A LA CROSSE  
-LAND AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY-

Ile a la Crosse Friendship Centre will give youth the opportunity to congregate at a cultural site for on-the-land learning. They will learn traditional ways of life, cultural teachings, Michif language, and medicinal plant and food gathering and preparation. Youth will gain knowledge, build positive relationships with Elders and Knowledge Keepers, build a support system, and learn how to survive with limited access to technology.

## **INSPIRE OUR NATION**

SASKATOON, AHTAHKAKOOP CREE NATION, MAKWA SAHGAIEHCAN CREE NATION  
-MEDIUM PROJECT FUNDING-

Inspire Our Nation plans on hosting a 10 month leadership program on their reserve. They will help youth with enhancing their public speaking skills, hosting events and conferences in their communities, strengthening their identity, developing life skills like cooking, and building and strengthening relationships with community members, Elders, and peers.

## **INSPIRE OUR NATION**

MAKWA SAHGAIEHCAN CREE NATION, AHTAHKAKOOP CREE NATION  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

Inspire Our Nation will host Celebration Days, a community athering, where they will bring in speakers, catering and facilitate time for participants to connect with each other.

## **INSPIRE OUR NATION**

AHTAHKAKOOP CREE NATION, MAKWA SAHGAIEHCAN CREE NATION, UNITY, MOOSE JAW, BIG RIVER, AIRDRIE  
-SHARED STRUGGLE AND SOLIDARITY-

Inspire Our Nation will plan launch parties for 6 8-week-long programs run by local community leaders. The girls who attend will take on leadership roles and help design the August 2023 Inspire Girl Camp. This project aims to empower young girls to create lasting friendships, develop their gifts and talents, improve self-confidence, and promote mental health strategies.

## **RED TENT OF THE PRAIRIES**

SASKATCHEWAN, MANITOBA  
-DIGITAL SHARING AND STORYTELLING-

Red Tent of the Prairies's Indigenous Birth Project's purpose is to give indigenous women access to traditional cultural knowledge and protocols related to child-birth. They will host recorded online cultural exchanges, and conduct a research project. They will also document and transcribe traditional knowledge to create an online knowledge-exchange community.

## **ST. FRANCES LAND BASED CLUB**

SASKATOON, OKEMASIS CREE NATION, OPASKWAYAK CREE NATION  
-SHARED STRUGGLE AND SOLIDARITY-

St. Frances Land Based Club is a school club created to connect nehiyawak youth to the land. They will partner with three schools to expand the knowledge and experience base of all students from those Cree elementary schools.





# 2022/2023 Grantees in **SASKATCHEWAN**



## **THE SEVENTH FIRE SINGERS**

SASKATOON  
-YOUTH EMPOWERMENT STREAM-

The Seventh Fire Singers is a women's weekly drum circle. With this project, they will focus on healing through learning songs and teachings from various Knowledge Keepers. Activities include opening prayers, talking circles, designing and painting drums, making medicine pouches, practicing songs, and a celebration where a final performance will be held. This program will offer a space to revitalize women's teachings that have been lost.

*"Our project faced significant challenges in 2022 with shortfalls in fundraising and increased demand for our support for Indigenous youth. The CREation grant provided us with a flexible opportunity to provide additional supports to the youth we work with."*

-Muskrat Collective,  
Youth Empowerment Stream



Inspire Our Youth, Youth Empowerment Stream.  
Photo courtesy of Kaitlyn Cey

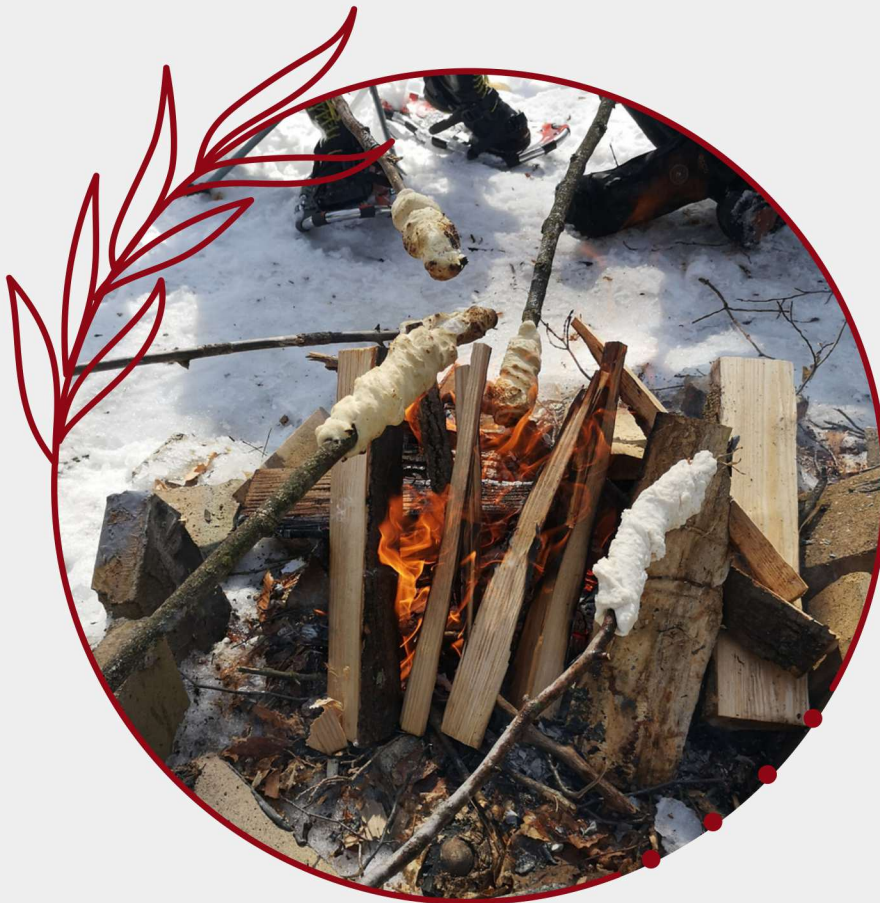


# 2022/2023 Grantees in **YUKON**

## **YOUTH OF TODAY SOCIETY**

YUKON  
-LARGE PROJECT FUNDING-

Youth of Today Society will provide youth with a safe place to express themselves and be part of a Yukon-wide community. Using their Creative House Studios and Live-cast platform, they will invite youth from around the Yukon to share their voice, talents and life journeys.



*White Owl Native Ancestry Association, Large Project Funding.  
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