

# BVCF Community Impact Grant

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the size range of the BVCF Community Impact Grant?

We are looking for a project with major community impact. There is no minimum size. The maximum amount funded will be \$205,000.00 for a single project and that is the preference. However, **an array of projects of smaller sizes awarded to various groups, totaling \$205,000.00, is possible.**

### What is the term of this grant?

This grant may be for a project that is already underway or in the planning or vision stages. The portion of the project that the BVCF supports will need to be completed by **June 30, 2024**. The project could be completed sooner.

### Who is eligible for a BVCF grant?

Eligible applicants include registered charities and qualified donees as identified under the *Income Tax Act*. Under special circumstances, partnerships may be arranged for groups that normally would not qualify for funding. Grants are not made to individuals or to businesses.

Please go to the CRA policy to find out about qualified donees: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/policies-guidance/qualified-donees.html>. **School boards** are also considered to be qualified donees.

Your group doesn't have to be based in the Bulkley Valley but the project must take place here.

### How can we apply?

Your group must first submit a brief Expression of Interest - deadline **May 13, 2022** - to determine if your project and organization qualify. The next step, which will take place in Summer of 2022, will be completion of a full application by qualifying organizations. Details for the full application will be sent out at that time.

## **What kinds of projects will BVCF support?**

We will support projects that enhance the quality of life in our communities. The BVCF area goes from Topley to Kitwanga including Granisle, Houston, Telkwa, Smithers, and the Hazeltons. For the Community Impact Grant, most of the benefit should be to Smithers. However, if other communities across the BVCF area receive value from the project it will be considered for funding.

A broad range of project ideas are welcome. Please review our Strategic Plan to learn about BVCF areas of community focus.

## **What expenses are eligible?**

BVCF will fund expenses that are directly required to carry out the project. For example, materials and supplies; equipment lease, purchase and maintenance; office supplies; fees for contract and professional services; staff wages; printing and communication; travel costs; and administrative costs associated with the project may be components of the project budget.

We will not cover your organization's regular operating expenses, salaries and wages; deficits; fund raising or endowment campaigns, or religious activities.

BVCF does not fund expenses that have been incurred prior to grant award. A detailed budget will be required at the full application stage.

## **More questions?**

Please contact the BVCF!

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