

Healing Fund Project Summary: Spring 2019

At its Spring 2019 meeting, The United Church of Canada's Healing Programs Working Group met to consider applications for the Healing Fund and reviewed 25 proposals. At the end of the meeting, 12 proposals were approved for a total funding of \$150,000.

File Number	Organization and Location	Project Title and Description	Amount of Grant
6021901009	Laich-Kwil-Tach Treaty Society Campbell River, B.C.	<u>Lik'wala Revitalization: Adult Language Fluency</u> This project will help to increase fluency among six senior language apprentices through conversation, reading, and writing. We will encourage Elders who stopped speaking to reclaim their language. We will come together to create a larger language community that supports each learner in their journey to claim/reclaim their language.	\$15,000
6021901017	Women of the Blackfoot Confederacy Brocket, Alta.	<u>2nd Annual Intervention for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)</u> This project will address mental health, emotional well-being, and spirituality as part of healing and recovery from intergenerational trauma, as well as work to prevent MMIWG. It will encourage the reduction of substance use and a decrease in violence against women and girls by enhancing women's self-esteem and confidence, as well as building support networks.	\$15,000
6021901001	Circles for Reconciliation Winnipeg Man.	<u>National Expansion and Revision of Current Program</u> This project creates small circles of 10 participants that meet weekly for 10 weeks led by one Indigenous one non-Indigenous facilitator. Participants will learn the truth about residential schools, colonization, racism, reconciliation, and other topics in order to promote better relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.	\$15,000
6021901003	Wanbdiska Oyate Inc. Winnipeg, Man.	<u>Sundance of Women</u> This project supports a holistic model of recovery and healing. Dancers commit to support the well-being of themselves and others through fasting and dancing throughout four days of ceremony.	\$10,000
6021901018	Siyiyaya Reconciliation Project Sechelt, B.C.	<u>We Are All Healing: Carving Reconciliation and Honouring Survivors</u> This project celebrates shishálh culture through the creation of a reconciliation totem pole and three reconciliation masks to honour residential school and day school survivors. Three healing ceremonies for the nation will take place during which survivors are blanketed. Discussions about what reconciliation means, as well as other cultural activities and presentations, will take place.	\$15,000

6021901007	Wolf Lake First Nation Temiscaming, Que.	<u>Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration 2019</u> This celebration, presented in partnership with Wolf Lake First Nation and Kebaowek First Nation, will take place in Temiscaming, Que. on June 21, 2019. There will be educational booths, activities for all ages, a powwow, speakers, Indigenous vendors/artisans, and traditional food. Evening entertainment and a concert will take place.	\$3,000
6021901022	Northern Nishnawbe Education Council Sioux Lookout, Ont.	<u>Minogiin Kiitiganens—Gardens Growing Well</u> This experiential project for youth and Elders at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School will create an edible garden made of 50 species of boreal forest plants. Together, they will be plant the species and create weather-resistant labels in English, Ojibwe, and Oji-Cree.	\$14,475
6021901020	The Valerie, Ruth, & Pamela Dudoward Foundation Vancouver, B.C.	<u>Our Elders Are Listening</u> This two-day event for residential school and intergenerational survivors focuses on wellness. The event includes a panel of survivors as well as trauma-informed professionals to help educate the audience. There will be traditional food sharing and healing circles.	\$15,000
6021901024	The Oasis Society Victoria, B.C.	<u>Integrated Recovery and Holistic Wellness</u> This program will support Indigenous adults who suffer from a variety of issues. Participants will share in sustenance (a weekly gathering to share a home-cooked meal), nurture in nature (day-long retreats with Elders in nature), connect with family, and celebrate in ceremony.	\$15,000
6021901016	The Indigenous Health Centre of Tiohtia:ke Saint-Laurent, Que.	<u>The Indigenous Health Centre of Tiohtia:ke</u> The health centre will provide space for ceremonies such as moon ceremonies, teachings, and sweat lodges. This will improve the holistic health of our people by ensuring their spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional needs are met.	\$9,000
6021901014	The Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness Victoria, B.C.	<u>Reclaiming Identity and Spirit</u> This project will help connect participants to language and culture through a winter language camp with three language learning circles. They will provide accessible cultural supports through the development of programs, activities, and gatherings.	\$10,010
6021901008	Journey around the Circle Society Vancouver, B.C.	<u>Untitled</u> This project will bring residential school survivors, youth, elders, and ceremonial facilitators together to foster mentorship, cultural learning, and healing. They will carve a Coast Salish Welcome Figure to provide greater cultural awareness and promote bonding in a healthy group.	\$13,515
Total:			\$ 150,000