

Civil Society Fund

The Civil Society Fund (CSF) supports projects that expand civil society's capacity to address social challenges in Alberta.

Civil society plays a critical role in the well-being of Albertans and contributes significantly to Alberta's economy. The goal of the CSF is to build the capacity of civil society in targeted areas, improving how civil society organizations function and work together to address pressing social challenges.

Year 3 Projects

Funding for the third year of the CSF (2022-23) is being provided to 41 civil society organizations across the province.

Organization - City of Lead Applicant	Project Title & Description	Grant Amount	Geographic Scope
Alberta Council for Global Cooperation - Edmonton	Improving Digital Infrastructure for Community Impact Project will develop websites for community organizations to enable them to raise awareness about their organizations, engage their communities, and gain support.	\$175,000	Provincial
Alberta Parent-Child Assistance Program Council - Edmonton	Increase the Capacity of Alberta Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP) to Mitigate Future Instances of FASD Project will develop strategies for data collection in Indigenous communities with PCAP programs to mentor and advocate for underserved pregnant and postpartum women. Project will also develop a virtual onboarding toolkit to ensure successful knowledge translation for new staff and programs across Alberta.	\$100,000	Provincial
Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services - Calgary	Common Database System for Alberta Sexual Assault Organizations Project will develop a case management database to improve efficiencies for four sexual assault centres in Alberta. The database will enable collaboration and coordination, streamline administrative tasks, and improve data collection and reporting practices.	\$75,000	Regional
Bashaw and District Support Services Association - Bashaw	Bashaw Regional Community Initiative – Rural Alberta Wellness Initiative Project strengthens collaboration between rural regions to implement innovative Wellness Strategies that will promote individual and rural community stability, well-being and success.	\$200,000	Provincial
Bezanson Agricultural Society - Bezanson	Creating Sustainability for the Bezanson Community and Area Project will identify revenue generating streams to contribute to the Bezanson Agricultural Society's financial stability and resilience. Project will also facilitate collaboration between the organization, local businesses, and non-profits.	\$50,000	Local
Calgary Affordable Housing Foundation - Calgary	Collaborative Campaign for Investment in Affordable Housing Project will combine community donor investments with committed government funding to enable shovel-ready affordable housing projects to advance to construction.	\$250,000	Provincial
Calgary Seniors' Resource Society - Calgary	Transforming Capacity for Community Impact Project will develop an online platform to improve outcomes tracking and impact assessment of organizational programs. Project will contribute to the organization's digital transformation.	\$121,000	Regional

Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter - Calgary	"Men &" Project will provide men access to relevant digital resources to improve their relationships with their families, communities, and colleagues.	\$150,000	Provincial
Calgary Young Women's Christian Association (aka YW Calgary) - Calgary	Calgary ShelterLink Collaborative Project will develop a digital platform to increase coordination and collaboration among service providers working in the Domestic Violence sector in Calgary by providing access to real-time program occupancy data.	\$200,000	Provincial
Camp L.G. Barnes Society - Gull Lake	Camp L.G. Barnes Relaunch Project will develop a comprehensive database of organizations supporting adults with disabilities in Alberta to enable increased collaboration and promote awareness of Camp L.G. Barnes services.	\$150,000	Provincial
Camrose Open Door Association (aka The Open Doors) - Camrose	Adult and Youth Navigation Program Project will provide comprehensive and integrated services to Albertans experiencing mental health or addictions challenges by helping them access local and provincial supports and resources.	\$150,000	Provincial
Canadian Artists Against Poverty - Calgary	CAAP Sustainable Livelihood Project (CSLP) Project will provide skill development and employment opportunities for vulnerable artists to help them become financially sustainable.	\$50,000	Provincial
Chinook Arch Library Board - Lethbridge	Digital Literacy Clinics for Rural Southwest Alberta Project will provide digital literacy clinics and loanable Wi-Fi Hotspot devices to improve digital literacy and internet access in rural Southwest Alberta.	\$175,000	Local
CUPS Calgary Society - Calgary	Development of CUPS' Sustainable Fundraising Strategy Project will develop a Sustainable Fundraising Strategy to strengthen the organization's capacity to meet its funding needs and contribute to its financial sustainability.	\$100,000	Regional
The Fort Macleod Historical Association - Fort Macleod	First Nations Gallery Update Project will update the First Nations Gallery to better reflect First Nations representation and advance the Truth and Reconciliation movement.	\$22,000	Regional
Happy 50+ Association - Calgary	Enhancing the Sense of Community of Chinese Seniors in a Post-COVID Age Project will provide resources and social activities to seniors to increase their sense of community and promote healthy aging and well-being.	\$50,000	Provincial
Infinity Safety Awareness - Edmonton	R Community Project will provide behaviour-based health and safety orientations, webinars, and events to raise awareness about mental health issues impacting elders, men, and women.	\$50,000	Local

Jasper Place Wellness Centre - Edmonton	Recovery in Transition Project will provide recovery-focused transitional housing for vulnerable individuals in Edmonton and surrounding areas to help improve residential treatment outcomes and break the cycle of homelessness.	\$200,000	Regional
John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights - Edmonton	Celebrating, Educating & Acting on Rights and Anti-Racism in Rural Alberta Project will provide anti-racism and anti-oppression education and training to community leaders, organizations, and youth in rural communities to promote anti-racism action at the local level.	\$100,000	Local
Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta - Calgary	Empowering Youth through Mental Health and Financial Literacy Supports Project will provide youth with financial literacy and mental health programming to increase their financial literacy skills and understanding of the interrelationship between financial well-being and mental health.	\$100,000	Provincial
Kingdom Life Ministries Calgary - Calgary	Service Delivery Capacity Build Project will facilitate digital transformation by enhancing digital technology and applications to increase virtual program delivery and enable information sharing across social serving organizations, particularly those serving new or marginalized Albertans. Project will also expand virtual services to new communities in Alberta to support economic and social recovery.	\$50,000	Provincial
Kinosayo Museum Society - Kinuso	Community Data Collection and Program Pilot Project will collect data from community groups such as seniors and Elders, youth groups, and local governing bodies to inform pilot programs that meet the educational, historical, and cultural needs of the local population. The pilot programs may become part of the museum's regular operations.	\$50,000	Provincial
Momentum Community Economic Development Society - Calgary	Talking Taxes: Empowering Treaty 7 Nations Project will utilize a collaborative approach between organizations to provide free tax clinics and resources on Siksika Nation to help members file their taxes and access benefits.	\$150,000	Provincial
Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative Ltd. - Edmonton	Spiral Up to Success Project will develop and implement a cross-sectoral pilot program focused on building employability skills and connections for immigrants and refugees experiencing barriers (e.g., disability) to employment.	\$300,000	Regional
Northwest Central Alberta FASD Services Network Society - Westlock	Transitional Mentorship for Indigenous Women Project will provide culturally appropriate supports and resources to incarcerated Indigenous women to ensure their successful transition back into their communities.	\$75,000	Provincial
Peer Mediation and Skills Training - Calgary	Youth Crime Prevention and Recidivism in Civil Society (Y CPR) Project will bring together community organizations to provide appropriate training and resources to youth offenders to ensure their successful reintegration into their communities and reduce recidivism rates.	\$360,000	Provincial

Red Deer Dream Centre Society - Red Deer	RDDC Community Collaborative Project will provide wrap-around services, utilizing a collaborative community-oriented model, to help individuals address their substance abuse issues and support their social recovery.	\$125,000	Local
Rise Calgary Resource Centres Society - Calgary	Basic Needs Fund (BNF): One Door to a Sustainable Marketplace Project will implement a centralized intake and data collection system for the BNF delivery agencies, creating a “one door access”. Project will also leverage up-to-date technology to create a live dashboard showing demand for services and effectively communicate personal impact stories of the BNF to donors.	\$200,000	Local
Rocky Mountain Adaptive Sports Centre - Canmore	Partnership for Inclusion in Adaptive Mountain Sports and Recreation Project will provide increased opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation activities for guests at William Watson Lodge. Project will also enable RMA to develop a fundraising program to create an adaptive program facility for all Albertans and Canadians living with disabilities.	\$250,000	Provincial
Safe Haven Women’s Shelter Society - Taber	Safe Families Intervention Team Taber Program Project will strengthen collaboration between community and government organizations to provide services to all family members exposed to family violence.	\$50,000	Local
Scientists in School Ltd. - Calgary	Bringing Vital STEM Enrichment to Youth in Rural and Remote Communities Project will provide Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) classroom workshops to youth attending schools in rural, remote and small population centres across Alberta to close learning gaps and support future STEM careers.	\$150,000	Regional
Southeastern Alberta Sexual Assault Response Committee (aka Sanare Centre) - Medicine Hat	Employee Recruitment and Retentions in High-Trauma Social Service Sector Project will pilot a replicable employee recruitment and retention program for high-trauma social service organizations to improve staff well-being, resiliency, and capacity.	\$200,000	Local
Streets Alive Family Support Association (aka Streets Alive Mission) - Lethbridge	Rapid Relapse Response (RRR) Project will provide two RRR beds in the community for individuals to use to become sober prior to beginning treatment for addiction.	\$150,000	Local
The Calgary John Howard Society - Calgary	Moving Furniture and Good for Good Project will develop a furniture and goods moving company as a social enterprise to help CJHS clients gain employment experience and enter the workforce.	\$175,000	Provincial
The Immigrant Education Society (TIES) - Calgary	Tools for Mental Wellness: Binaural Beats and Mindfulness Training Project will provide tools and resources to newcomers and vulnerable Albertans to strengthen their mental well-being and resilience.	\$350,000	Regional

<p>The Governors of the University of Calgary - Calgary</p>	<p>The Alberta Innovative Disabilities Program</p> <p>Project will provide community-based Complementary and Alternative Medicine services to individuals with disabilities to promote improvement in their overall health, quality of life, and economic participation.</p>	<p>\$350,000</p>	<p>Local</p>
<p>The Valley Zoo Development Society - Edmonton</p>	<p>Conservation Education Video Series</p> <p>Project will produce conservation education video programs for the Edmonton Valley Zoo to provide curriculum-based programs to individuals who are unable to attend in person due to financial, geographical, or accessibility issues.</p>	<p>\$125,000</p>	<p>Regional</p>
<p>Transitions Rehabilitation Association of St. Albert and District - St. Albert</p>	<p>Transitions Learning Sessions</p> <p>Project will provide specialized learning sessions for people living with developmental disabilities to build their confidence, promote independence, and community interaction.</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>	<p>Local</p>
<p>Westend Seniors Activity Centre - Edmonton</p>	<p>WESeniors CommuniBee: Creating More Buzz in our Communities</p> <p>Project will develop multilingual seniors-focused technology that integrates the organization's existing digital communications and fundraising platforms. It will support the transformations of service delivery for seniors, enable service coordination across organizations, and contribute to the financial sustainability of the organization.</p>	<p>\$250,000</p>	<p>Provincial</p>
<p>Y.E.S.S.S.: Youth Emergency Shelter Society of Edmonton - Edmonton</p>	<p>Youth Agency Collaborative (YAC)</p> <p>Project will develop a multi-agency, community-based program and service delivery model to improve service pathways for vulnerable youth in Edmonton.</p>	<p>\$75,000</p>	<p>Local</p>
<p>YouQuest Young Onset Dementia Association - Calgary</p>	<p>Transition Services Pilot</p> <p>Project will pilot services for care partners of individuals living with young-onset dementia diagnosis, and who are in the process of transitioning loved ones to long term care, to support effective-decision making.</p>	<p>\$47,000</p>	<p>Local</p>