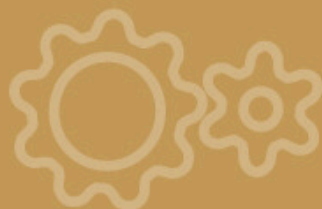


FEDERAL **Funding** **Opportunities** **and Resources**

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This guide is designed to keep you updated on current federal funding opportunities and resources of particular interest to regional organizations.

If you require assistance with a funding application, please reach out to an RDN team member.

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Arts, Culture and Heritage

<p>Digital Museums Canada</p>	<p><u>Digital Projects</u> Funding of up to \$250,000 to develop an online project from the ground up, with the support of a web development agency.</p> <p><u>Community Stories</u> Funding of \$25,000 to use DMC’s website building platform for content development and digital storytelling.</p>
<p>CBC</p>	<p><u>Absolutely Canadian</u> Supports the creation of entertaining regional/local programming outside of news and information. Through this program, your local CBC station can provide mentoring, business expert resources and funding to support the production of new documentaries, music or comedy.</p>
<p>Canadian Heritage (PCH) Culture, History and Sport - <i>Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage</i></p>	<p><u>Local Festivals</u> Supports recurring festivals that present the work of local artists; local artisans; local heritage performers or specialists; and local First Nations, Inuit, and Métis cultural carriers.</p> <p><u>Community Anniversaries</u> Provides funding to local groups for non-recurring local events, with or without a minor capital project, that mark the 100th anniversary or greater in increments of 25 years (e.g., 125th, 150th) of a significant local historical event or personality.</p> <p><u>Legacy Fund</u> Provides funding for community-initiated capital projects, intended for community use. Recipients may receive up to 50% of eligible project expenses up to a maximum of \$500,000.</p>
<p>PCH Culture, History and Sport</p>	<p><u>Canada Cultural Spaces Fund</u> Funding for the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage culture and creative innovation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • renovation projects • the acquisition of specialized equipment • planning, design and feasibility studies related to arts and heritage cultural spaces.

<p>PCH Culture, History and Sport - <i>Celebrate Canada</i></p>	<p>The Celebrate Canada program provides funding for activities organized on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21). • Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day (June 24). • Canadian Multiculturalism Day (June 27). • Canada Day (July 1).
<p>PCH Culture, History and Sport</p>	<p>Commemorate Canada Funding for initiatives that commemorate historical figures, places, events and accomplishments of national significance. Initiatives must highlight a 25th, 50th, 75th, 100th or subsequent anniversary in 25-year increments.</p>
<p>PCH Development of Official-Language Communities Program - <i>Community Life Component</i></p>	<p>Cooperation with the Community Sector This subcomponent supports engagement by community organizations and strengthens their ability to act while encouraging innovation and excellence. (Project and core funding)</p> <p>Community Cultural Action Fund This subcomponent supports and strengthens the cultural, artistic and heritage expressions of official language minority communities.</p> <p>Dedicated Fund for the English-Speaking Communities of Quebec This subcomponent supports engagement by community organizations and strengthens their ability to act while encouraging innovation and excellence. (Project funding)</p>
<p>PCH Culture, History and Sport</p>	<p>Museums Assistance Program (MAP) Supports heritage institutions and workers in the preservation and presentation of heritage collections. It also promotes professional knowledge, skills and practices related to key museum functions.</p>
<p>Veterans Affairs Commemorative Funding Programs</p>	<p>Community Engagement This funding supports organizations undertaking remembrance initiatives including commemorative activities or the development of commemorative materials.</p> <p>Community War Memorial Community War Memorial funding supports the construction, restoration or expansion of a community war memorial.</p>



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Children, Women, Families and Seniors

<p>Canada Post</p>	<p><u>Canada Post Community Foundation</u> Supports projects that help foster a better future for children, including social services, arts and culture.</p>
<p>Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) New Horizons for Seniors Program</p>	<p><u>Community-based projects</u> (up to \$25,000) Supports projects that are designed by seniors and for seniors and funds initiatives that empower seniors in their communities and contribute to improving their health and well-being.</p> <p><u>Community-based projects</u> (up to \$5,000) Funding for information technology (IT) equipment upgrades (such as computers, tablets); provides capital support for current or new activities; and promotes volunteering to increase an organization's capacity.</p>
<p>Women and Gender Equality Canada</p>	<p>Learn more about the various <u>funding programs</u> from Women and Gender Equality Canada, which support advancing equality with respect to sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression through the inclusion of people of all genders, including women, in Canada's economic, social and political life.</p>
<p>Justice Canada</p>	<p><u>Funding</u> is available to community organizations to assist victims of crime, people with lower incomes, families and young people. Justice Canada also support projects that help Canadians understand the law and access the justice system in both official languages.</p>

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Youth

<p>ESDC</p>	<p><u>Canada Summer Jobs</u> Provides wage subsidies to support employers from not-for-profit organizations and the public sector, as well as private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees, to create quality summer work experiences for youth aged 15 to 30 years.</p>
<p>ESDC</p>	<p><u>Student Work Placement Program</u> Provides wage subsidies to employers that offer quality student work placements to post-secondary students across Canada.</p>
<p>Public Safety Canada</p>	<p><u>Crime Prevention Action Fund</u> Provides funding that supports evidence-based crime prevention initiatives in communities that address known risk and protective factors associated with crime among vulnerable groups of the population, especially children and youth from 6 to 24 years.</p>
<p>PCH Culture, History and Sport</p>	<p><u>Youth Take Charge</u> Funding for projects that aim to strengthen youth (aged 7 to 30) attachment to Canada through engagement. They support youth-led projects that include activities in 1 or more of 4 thematic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arts and culture • civic engagement and youth service • economic activities • history and heritage

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Community Action

<p>Air Canada</p>	<p><u>Sponsorship and Community Investments</u> Supports communities where it operates to be healthy, financially strong and dynamic. The Air Canada Foundation offer in-kind and monetary support for charitable causes, events or organizational sponsorships.</p>
<p>Canada Water Agency</p>	<p><u>EcoAction Community Funding Program</u> Provides support to nonprofit and non-government organizations for communities to take on local action-based projects that produce measurable, positive effects on the environment and to build the capacity of communities to sustain these activities in the future.</p>
<p>Farm Credit Canada (FCC)</p>	<p><u>FCC AgriSpirit Fund</u> Supports capital projects for rural communities (less than 150,000 people).</p> <p><u>FCC Community Funding</u> Helps to enhance communities where FCC employees and customers work and live. Eligible organizations can apply for up to \$10,000.</p>
<p>PCH Enhancement of Official Languages</p>	<p><u>Appreciation and Rapprochement</u> Promotes a greater appreciation of linguistic duality and a rapprochement between Canadians from both linguistic groups.</p> <p><u>Support for Interpretation and Translation</u> Supports organizations who wish to encourage participation in both official languages at public events and increase the number of documents that are available in both official languages.</p> <p><u>Promotion of Bilingual Services</u> Encourages organizations to provide services in English and in French and to share their best practices in this area.</p>

<p>PCH Development of Official-Language Communities Program - <i>Community Life Component</i></p>	<p><u>Cooperation with the Community Sector</u> Supports engagement by community organizations and strengthens their ability to act while encouraging innovation and excellence. (Project and core funding)</p> <p><u>Dedicated Fund for the ESC of Quebec</u> Supports engagement by community organizations and strengthens their ability to act while encouraging innovation and excellence. (Project funding)</p> <p><u>Strategic Fund</u> Enhances the vitality of official language minority communities through major projects and strategic initiatives designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve community living spaces (meeting places, cultural programs and events, community radio and others) • impact several communities, preferably in more than one province or territory • develop new areas of intervention • encourage the concerted effort and cooperation of several partners
<p>PCH Development of Official-Language Communities Program - <i>Infrastructure Projects</i></p>	<p><u>Community Spaces Fund</u> Provides an opportunity for OLMCs to build, renovate and modernize multipurpose spaces in which various services and activities will be accessible to them.</p>

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Economic Development

Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions (CED-Q)

Economic Development Initiative Official Languages

Aims to foster the economic development of OLMCs. The funding may serve to kickstart innovative or entrepreneurial projects, solidify partnerships or diversify economic activities in these communities.

Examples of funded projects include:

- development of strategies (intelligence, studies, diagnoses or action plans)
- networking and business contacts (generally for organizations that support entrepreneurship)
- information, consulting and support services
- recruitment or use of specialized resources (to promote official languages in Quebec's French-speaking business community)

Diversify Your Economy

Promotes the regions and fosters the development of local economies. Specifically, it is intended to:

- help boost spending by tourists from outside Quebec
- increase the presence of international organizations
- strengthen economic activity in the regions by supporting local business projects
- generate investments and economic spin-offs through the acquisition of community economic facilities

Access the full list of **CED-Q** funding programs



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ONLINE RESOURCES

The following tools can help you assist individuals and organizations in your community that are searching for funding, information and support.

Agriculture	<u>AGPAL Service and Program Finder</u>	This tool helps farmers and agri-businesses find relevant resources by gathering agricultural information including programs, services, market intelligence, research and more.
Arts	<u>Canada Council for the Arts</u>	Funding for individual artists, groups and arts organizations, as well as individuals who have specialized training — though not necessarily in an academic setting — and are recognized as professionals by other artists in the field of practice.
Benefits for Canadians	<u>Benefits Finder</u>	Includes information on employment insurance, dental coverage, child benefits, pensions, student aid, and many other benefits.
Businesses and Entrepreneurs	<u>Business Benefits Finder</u>	Includes over 1,500 programs and services to help businesses and nonprofits grow.
	<u>Business Development Bank of Canada</u>	Lists BDC financing, venture capital and consulting services available to entrepreneurs.
Culture, History and Sport	<u>PCH all programs</u>	Includes Canada's culture, identity, history and sport funding opportunities available to Canadian artists, athletes and organizations.
	<u>Canadian Heritage Information Network</u>	CHIN offers valuable resources for heritage preservation including how-to guides for digitizing and managing collections as well as self-paced online courses, webinars and workshops. <u>The Digitizing Intangible Cultural Heritage: A How-To Guide</u> could be helpful to organizations working to digitize local history.

Environment	<u>Environment and natural resources</u>	Includes financial support for environmental projects and for participation in impact assessments.
Health	<u>Public Health Agency and Health Canada</u>	This site lists all open and past funding calls available from the Public Health Agency and Health Canada.
Health and Well-being	<u>Health Canada</u>	Health Canada is responsible for helping Canadians maintain and improve their health. This site provides a wealth of information on healthy living, product safety and recalls, nutrition, drugs and health products, and more.
Jobs, Skills Training and Social Development	<u>Employment and Social Development Canada</u>	Explore close to 90 funding opportunities that fund projects aimed at supporting jobs, training or social development in Canada.
Seniors	<u>Programs and services for seniors</u>	Help ensure seniors in your community are safe and secure in their later years by learning about programs, services and information available to them.
Youth	<u>Leadership and Cultural Programs</u>	This site presents information on work experiences, internships, park activities and language immersion programs for youth in Canada.
	<u>Federal Student Work Experience Program</u>	Students can apply for summer work with the federal government in a wide variety of fields across Canada. Students work in offices and laboratories, on ships and farms, at historical sites and national parks, among many other locations in more than 300 cities and towns across Canada.