

Rural and Remote Indigenous Food Action Grant: Supporting Community Food Security and Food Sovereignty in Northern BC

Earlier this year, Northern Health collaborated with First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) to create the [Rural, Remote and Indigenous Food Action Grant](#). The grant supports community food action and [Indigenous food sovereignty](#) with the goal of improving community [food security](#) within the Northern Health region. The grant received a great deal of attention. We received 71 applications and invested over \$200,000 into 6 projects.

One of the successful applicants, Indigenous Food Sovereignty Association (ISFA), received funding to support the purchase of new farming equipment as well as the expansion of an outdoor kitchen for [Tea Creek Farms](#).

“This funding will contribute to long-term food security projects in our local communities. One of the mandates of the IFSA is to help communities create long term food sovereignty initiatives that will be lasting and resilient. With solid funding in 2022 we will be able to train, teach and plan with communities on their own food sovereignty goals. We will also be working closely with at least one of our First Nations partners in 2022 in their community to develop fallow land for long-term food production.



Photo credit: Tea Creek

The equipment purchased for farm expansion and community work in 2022 is projected to last at least 20-30 years under good maintenance. This equipment will provide long term benefits on a year-to-year basis and will be used continually through the years to cultivate food security for the north.” ~ Peter Kok & Jacob Beaton, Tea Creek Farms

Applications are now open from November 1 to 30. The funding will support up to 6 projects. Learn more details at the [Rural, Remote and Indigenous Food Action Grant](#) webpage.

Share Your Opinion

Call for Youth Storytellers! (Paid Opportunity)

Deadline: November 18, 2022

The [Young Canadians Roundtable on Health](#), in partnership with The Sandbox Project, [Healthy Debate](#) and the [Healthy Communities Initiative](#), are looking for youth ages 12 to 25 for the continuation of the project called “In Their Own Words - Reflections by Youth on the Pandemic.” Stories will be published on Healthy Debate to amplify youth voices and generate awareness of the youth pandemic experience to fellow Canadians.

Resources (toolkits, reports, websites)

Harm Reduction and the Overdose Crisis Resource

As a follow-up to the Union of BC Municipalities, the Community Action Initiative (CAI) is sharing new resources for local government elected officials. This [resource](#) will support conversations that elected officials are having with communities about harm reduction and the overdose crisis.

Northern BC Healthy K to 12 Schools Newsletter: Issue 3 Fall 2022

The Northern BC [Healthy K to Schools Newsletter](#) provides an informative range of health topics and links to resources for school staff, students, and families. In this issue, learn about mental wellness, food allergy awareness, teaching tools, and much more. It is best viewed in an electronic format. Contact Northern Health's [Healthy Schools Nursing Lead](#) if you have questions or ideas for future newsletter topics.



Funding Opportunities

Reaching Each and Every One: A Community Sport Intervention Deadline: November 10, 2022

The overarching goal of [Reaching Each and Every One: A Community Sport Intervention](#) is to support community level projects that remove barriers and increase recreational sport access, participation, and retention rates for underrepresented groups, in particular, Black, Indigenous racially diverse, 2SLGBTQQIA+, low-income and newcomer populations, as well as people living with disabilities. Local governments, community organizations, and not for profit groups which deliver recreational sport programs are encouraged to apply.

Farm to School BC Grants Deadline: November 13, 2022

Farm to School BC grant season has returned for the 2022-23 school year, opening on Monday, October 3, 2022. In support of school communities launching farm to school projects, Farm to school BC offers two grant options and a Grant Writing Workshop webinar on October 20. Visit the [Farm to School webpage](#) to register and learn more.

Indigenous Cultural Safety and Cultural Humility Training

Deadline: November 25, 2022

[Funding](#) is available for local governments and First Nations in BC to provide emergency management personnel with cultural safety and humility training, to partner with and assist Indigenous communities during emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

FireSmart Community Funding & Supports

Deadline: December 31, 2023

The [FireSmart Community Funding & Supports program](#) provides funding to local governments and First Nations in BC to increase community resiliency by undertaking community based FireSmart planning and activities that reduce the community's risk from wildfire.

Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant

Deadline: January 16, 2023

The British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program offers funding to local governments, Indigenous community governments, and non-government organizations to support road safety projects. The goal of the program is to prevent injuries for vulnerable road users such as people who walk, cycle or wheel in our communities. Indigenous community governments are invited to submit applications for the road safety projects that best suit their needs. Grant projects are funded between \$5,000 and \$20,000 depending on the project. Visit [Vision Zero BC](#) to apply.

ChildCare BC New Spaces Fund

Deadline: January 2023

The [ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund](#) provides funding to create new licensed child care, helping families access, affordable, quality, and inclusive child care as a core service they can depend on, while strengthening communities throughout British Columbia.

Northern Healthy Communities Fund

Deadline: Ongoing

Eligible local governments, First Nations and non-profit organizations that provide supports and services to people in expanding communities near the Coastal Gaslink and LNG Canada projects can apply for project funding through the [Northern Healthy Communities Fund](#).

First Nation Adapt Program

Deadline: Ongoing

This program provides [funding](#) to First Nation communities, Indigenous organizations, and band or tribal councils located below the 60th parallel to assess and respond to climate change impacts on community infrastructure and disaster risk reduction.

Indigenous Climate Health Action Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Indigenous Climate Health Action Program (ICHAP) funds climate action projects that are community driven and focus on health and wellness outcomes. ICHAP is now accepting [expressions of interest](#) for projects starting spring 2023 onward.

Reaching Home – BC Rural and Remote Homelessness Strategy

Deadline: Ongoing

The [BC Rural and Remote Homelessness Strategy Funding](#) is available to communities who are not currently part of an existing Reaching Home funding program, to support projects that reduce and prevent homelessness. Eligible projects can run between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

Northern Health Stories

3 things you need to know about flu season

As of October 11, flu season has officially kicked off. Here's what you need to know when getting your flu shot this year....[continue reading](#).

Calling all volunteers! Entertainment returns to NH long-term care facilities

Many of our long-term care and assisted living facilities are on the lookout for entertainment volunteers. If you have an entertaining skill or talent you'd like to share with our residents, please apply at www.nhvolunteer.ca.....[continue reading](#).

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – A message from Nicole Cross, VP Indigenous Health

September 30 has been declared Orange Shirt Day, in recognition of the past harms and atrocities inflicted on Indigenous children in residential schools across the country. To commemorate the day, the Indigenous Health department worked with newly

appointed Vice President of Indigenous Health, Nicole Cross | Noxs Ni'isYuus, to share her three key sentiments and reflections on reconciliation....[continue reading](#).

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