

This monthly publication is prepared by the [Northern Health Healthy Communities](#) team to provide information and resources for local governments and community organizations to promote and support community health across Northern BC.

Share your opinion

Survey: Accessible BC Act Standards

Deadline: July 31, 2024

Help shape BC's Accessibility Standards and [provide your input](#) on the draft standards recommendations. The survey will take approximately 15 to 30 minutes to complete. Your answers to the survey will help inform how government can remove and prevent barriers that restrict people with disabilities from equally participating in the workforce and accessing services in the community. Indigenous organizations and partners, community organizations, or organizations representing an equity group can [apply](#) for up to \$2500 to host a small group roundtable using a provided conversation toolkit.

Resources (toolkits, reports, websites)

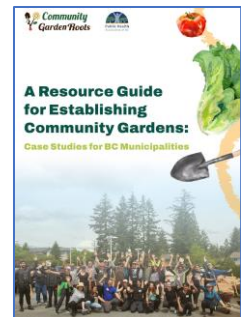
2024 BC Provincial Heat Alert & Response Systems (HARS) Guide (BC Heat Committee)

The updated [BC Provincial Heat Alert and Response System guide](#) is a resource to support the province-wide implementation of the heat alert and response system in BC. The HARS guide is a useful tool for local governments and emergency management partners that plan for and respond to heat events.



A Resource Guide for Establishing Community Gardens: Case Studies for BC Municipalities (Community Garden Roots; Public Health Association of BC)

Check out the new [Resource Guide for Establishing Community Gardens in BC](#). Explore diverse garden models, funding strategies and governance examples from municipal gardens across BC. Learn more about creating vibrant green spaces and fostering community engagement.



Designing Sun Safety: Shade Lookbook (BC Cancer)

Shade is important for keeping us safe from both skin cancer and heat-related illnesses. BC Cancer's new [Shade Lookbook](#) is a useful tool for local government staff to create shade in public areas.



Skill up today, transform your tomorrow (Government of Canada)

All your life and work experiences make you wiser. They shape you and your interests and build your strengths. With the right resources and funding, developing your unique skillset is easier than you might think. Check out the [Skill up today, transform your tomorrow](#) resources and share widely with your community members.

Events and learning opportunities

Advancing climate equity through place-based collaboration (Tamarack Institute)

Date: August 7, 2024 @1-2pm PT

Register for a free [webinar](#) to learn about Tamarack's Community Climate Transitions network and how they have supported community-led climate action. Learn about the latest 10 Guide: Advancing Climate Equity Through Place-Based Collaboration and hear insights and case studies from communities across Turtle Island.

Connecting communities across generations: The power of an intergenerational approach (BC Healthy Communities)

Date: August 21, 2024 @11-12pm PT

Intergenerational programs unite the young, old, and in-between in ways that enrich participants' lives and help address community challenges. Register for a free [webinar](#) to learn more.

Funding opportunities

Food Systems Program Grant (First Nations Health Authority; Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council)

Deadline: July 4, 2024

The [Food Systems Program Grant](#) supports food sovereignty and food security efforts in First Nations and Indigenous populations throughout BC. Apply for up to \$5,000 to support food-related activities based on your community's unique needs.

PlanH Healthy Communities Grant (BC Healthy Communities)

Deadline: July 4, 2024

Learn more and apply for the [2024 PlanH Healthy Communities Grants – BC Healthy Communities](#). The Community Connectedness funding stream offers grants of up to \$5,000 each for projects that foster relationship-building among community members and create long-lasting social networks. The Healthy Public Policy stream provides grants of up to \$15,000 each for projects that seek to develop new or amend existing policies to improve the health and well-being of community members.

2024 International Overdose Awareness Day Grants (First Nations Health Authority)

Deadline: July 15, 2024

Is your organization planning an event, gathering or ceremony for [International Overdose Awareness Day](#)? The First Nations Health Authority is offering community-based grants of \$2,000 for First Nations communities and First Nations health service organizations that provide wellness and harm reduction services to First Nations people in BC.

Accessible Canada – National AccessAbility Week Funding (Government of Canada)

Deadline: July 17, 2024

This funding opportunity aims to support projects that increase awareness through National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) activities in 2025 and 2026. It will fund projects that improve understanding and knowledge of Canadians on accessibility and disability inclusion, reduce stigma and attitudinal barriers towards persons with disabilities, and share best practices and lessons learned related to NAAW activities within the disability community. Learn more and [apply](#) for up to \$200,000 for projects that increase awareness through National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) activities.

Enabling Accessibility Fund – small projects (Government of Canada)

Deadline: July 23, 2024

The [Enabling Accessibility Fund](#) provides funding for projects that make communities and workplaces across Canada more accessible for persons with disabilities. The small projects component will fund projects that create more opportunities for persons with disabilities to take part in community activities, programs and services, and access employment. Learn more and apply for up to \$125,000.

Anti-Racism Impact Grant (United Way BC)

Deadline: July 25, 2024

Does your organization have a program idea to cultivate a healthy, caring, and inclusive community? Learn more about and apply for [United Way BC's Anti-Racism Impact Grant](#). Eligible applicants include registered charities, non-profit organizations, and Indigenous governing bodies, including First Nations bands, Métis settlements, and Inuit governments or associations. Funding is available up to \$50,000 per organization.

The Intersectoral Action Fund (Government of Canada)

Deadline: July 25, 2024

The Public Health Agency of Canada is inviting organizations to apply to the [Intersectoral Action Fund](#) to support policy action on the social determinants of health and community resilience. Learn more about the advanced screening form and apply for community-based projects that promote health, equity, and well-being.

Event and Youth Initiatives Grants (Canadian Race Relationships Foundation)

Deadline: July 31, 2024

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation's National Anti-Racism Fund is once again calling for funding applications from organizations across Canada who are planning anti-racist events and youth initiatives in 2024-2025. Learn more and [apply](#) now.

ChildCareBC New Spaces (Government of BC)

Deadline: August 2, 2024

The [ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund](#) is instrumental in creating thousands of new licensed child care spaces throughout BC, improving access to child care for families who want affordable, quality care. The fund is an integral pathway for public sector child care providers to create accessible and inclusive child care spaces.

Local leadership for climate adaptation initiative (Federation of Canadian Municipalities)

Deadlines: August 7 & 14, 2024

The Government of Canada [announced](#) \$530 million in funding for the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation (LLCA) initiative, through the Green Municipal Fund. [Learn more](#) about the new funding streams to support your organization's local climate adaptation needs. Application dates vary.

Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding (DRIF) program (Government of BC)

Deadline: September 15, 2024

The new [Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding \(DRIF\) program](#) will support First Nation and local government projects that strengthen defences against natural and climate-driven hazards, such as floods, drought, extreme heat, and landslides.

Indigenous Food Security and Sovereignty Grants (New Relationship Trust)

Deadline: December 1, 2024

Get your application ready for the upcoming [Indigenous Food Security and Sovereignty Grant](#), which provides non-repayable funding contributions to First Nation communities, Indigenous organizations, businesses, and entrepreneurs in BC that want to develop, expand, or strengthen their Indigenous food systems.

#GreenMyCity Program (Green Cities Foundation)

Deadline: Ongoing

Apply for a [#GreenMyCity grant](#) to support the restoration and revitalization of any publicly owned land, including parks, community gardens, sports fields, playgrounds, and public open spaces. Garden clubs, associations, neighbourhood groups, service clubs, and school/youth groups are encouraged to apply.

Community Gaming Grants (Government of BC)

Deadline: Ongoing

[Community Gaming Grants](#) provide \$140 million annually to not-for-profit organizations throughout BC, to support their delivery of ongoing programs and services that meet the needs of their communities. Learn how to apply for up to \$125,000 to meet the needs of your community.

Homelessness Community Action Grants Program (Social Planning and Research Council of BC)

Deadline: Ongoing

Learn more about the [Homelessness Community Action Grant Program](#) and apply for one-time funding for local planning and collaborative initiatives that better respond to the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Northern Healthy Communities Fund (Northern Development Initiative Trust)

Deadline: Ongoing

Is your community nearby an LNG Canada or Coastal GasLink project? Apply for the [Northern Healthy Communities Fund](#) to help your community adjust to the economic growth expected to occur as a result of major economic development projects.

Rural Transit Solutions Fund (Government of Canada)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund seeks to help Canadians living in rural and remote areas get around their communities more easily for their day-to-day activities and connect with other communities nearby. From on-demand services to publicly owned ride shares, and volunteer community car-pooling, funding will help rural, remote, Northern, and Indigenous communities to develop and offer new public transit options to their residents. Apply for grants of up to \$50,000 through the [Planning and Design Projects stream](#).

Secondary Suite Incentive Program (BC Housing)

Deadline: Open until funding is exhausted

Do you know any homeowners who want to help create affordable housing? The [Secondary Suite Incentive Program](#) provides money to help homeowners develop a new secondary suite on their property to be rented out for below market value for at least five years. Homeowners who qualify will receive up to 50% of the cost of renovations, up to a maximum of \$40,000.

Transit Minor Betterments Program (Government of BC)

Deadlines: Ongoing

Public transit enables people to access jobs, education and participate in their communities. It also plays a social role in transporting people who may experience transportation challenges due to distance, medical, financial, or physical limitations. [Apply](#) for up to \$100,000 through the [Transit Minor Betterments Program](#) for minor transit-supportive projects that improve the transit experience, such as bus stop shelters and lighting, accessibility improvements, and signage or wayfinding support. Local governments, First Nations communities or organizations, and non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2025.

Northern Health Stories

2024 World No Commercial Tobacco Day

The goal of World No Commercial Tobacco Day (WNCTD) 2024 is to protect children from the influence of the tobacco industry. Children can be hurt by the tobacco industry in two main ways:

- By being the target of tobacco ads, or
- Through child labour on tobacco farms where children are exposed to harm.

By raising awareness, we can help create a future where our children and youth are free from commercial tobacco and vapour products....[continue reading](#).

Smoky times: How communities can help young families with wildfire smoke

People in Northern BC are learning to live with wildfire smoke. Each year, spring and summer bring lingering smoke for weeks (and sometimes months) in many communities. It's important that we plan year-round to protect our communities, even before the smoke rolls in....[continue reading](#).

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