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Funding Sources for Food Security Initiatives

List is a current list of various funding streams that may help to support food security initiatives. This is not an exhaustive list. The Victoria Foundation has an extensive list of other funding sources listed on their website: <https://victoriafoundation.bc.ca/grants-funding/other-funding-sources/>

Source	Details	Eligibility	Deadline
INDIGENOUS SPECIFIC			
First Nations Wellbeing Fund	<p>Stream 1: Community projects \$35,000-105,000 to support projects that promote wellness and poverty reduction at the community level (ie. local food security initiatives such as community kitchens, community gardens, greenhouses etc)</p> <p>Stream 2: Planning Projects \$25,000-80,000 to support planning and community engagement activities to develop a plan (or begin discussions on a plan) that will assist in promoting well being and reducing poverty at the community level (ie. plans relating to food security, children & youth, mental health).</p>	- BC First Nations (either individually or in partnership), Nation/Tribal Governments	Due May 30, 2021
Community Foundations of Canada- Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund	The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) is an Indigenous-led effort to respond to urgent community needs while taking a long-term view on building community resilience. Funding is available from \$5000-30,000 and can be used to support sustainable access to food and strengthened local food systems.	Any Indigenous-led organizations: -community groups -registered charities -non-profit organizations -public bodies performing a function of government	Ongoing
New Relationship Trust	<p>NRT support initiatives that directly impact communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 Education Support and Projects - Up to \$5000 • Direct Support to Build Capacity – up to \$50,000 • Elders - Up to \$2500 • Youth - Up to \$2500 • Languages - Up to \$4000 	First Nations eligible	Check back May 2021

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrepreneur Support & Equity Matching • Nation/Tribal Councils 		
FEDERAL FUNDING			
Canada Healthy Communities Initiative	<p>Provides \$5000-\$250,000 in funding for communities as they create and adapt public spaces, and programming and services through small scale local infrastructure projects physical, social, digital) for public spaces to respond to ongoing needs arising from COVID-19 over the next two years. Three theme areas: safe and vibrant public spaces, improved mobility options, and digital solutions.</p> <p>Examples include: community gardens, purchase of hunting equipment or community freezer, initiatives for Indigenous centered knowledge sharing about community owned land, implementing wifi hotspots.</p> <p>Applicants can submit one application per intake round.</p>	local governments, charities, Indigenous communities, nonprofits	Round 2: Opens May 14 – June 25, 2021
Indigenous Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative	<p>Funds up to \$500,000 per year, multiple year funding available. Eligible activities categorized into two streams: Community readiness and pre-development support activities; and Supporting Indigenous agriculture and food systems projects.</p>	<p>-Indigenous Communities and governments</p> <p>-Indigenous for-profit and not-for-profit corporations, associations, cooperatives and institutions</p> <p>-Indigenous businesses, partnership and joint ventures</p>	<p>Due September 30th, 2022</p> <p>*currently experiencing a high demand. Please contact iafsi-isaaa@canada.ca prior to submitting.</p>
PROVINCIAL FUNDING			
Community Gaming Grants	<p>\$100-250k, funds expand upon <i>pre-existing programs</i> that have been in place for at least 1yr.</p> <p>Multiple streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts and Culture → community and agricultural fairs and festivals, Indigenous cultural events and activities. 	Not-for-profit organizations providing programs or services of direct benefit to the broader community.	<p>Arts and Culture: due Feb 1 – Apr 30</p> <p>Environment: due Jul 1-Aug 31</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment → ecosystem conservation, public education, climate action, promotion of agriculture/food production/local food systems, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation. Human and social services → food security, child and youth programs, Indigenous wellness. 		Human and Social Services: due Aug 1-Nov 30
Responsive Neighbourhood Small Grants	Provides grants of up to \$500 for projects that connect people socially or involve sharing skills or talents with each other (ie. community gardens, virtual workshops). Projects must stay within guidelines for physical distancing.	Individuals can apply for this grant Grant if you live in British Columbia. You must find out what your local NSG community's name is to ensure you are applying to the right place.	Ongoing
BC Indigenous Agriculture Development Program	Stream 1 is for Indigenous governments, communities, and organizations. Stream 2- Indigenous Entrepreneurs The program provides two steps of financial support to work with a B.C. Ministry of Agriculture pre-approved Qualified Business Consultant for planning and development.	open to any Indigenous government, community or organization, including a band or tribal council, government of a self-governing First Nation	Opens April 2021
PRIVATE/CHARITIES/ FOUNDATIONS			
True North Aid	True North Aid is Canadian charity dedicated to serving and supporting northern Indigenous communities on eight foundational stones of support: self-determination, reconciliation, water, food , health, housing, hope and education. True North Aid seeks to help provide and explore ways to promote and support food sustainability initiatives (food purchase, community garden supplies etc.) so Indigenous communities in Canada can thrive. Can apply under 3 streams: supplies, project aid and COVID-19 supports.	- northern communities (will consider rural and remote as well)	Ongoing
Saputo	Saputo partners with organizations whose core mission is to inform, motivate and pursue initiatives that help communities adopt healthy lifestyle habits through proper nutrition and physical activity.	-Non-profit organizations with a mission of promoting healthy living initiatives. -Projects must have definable and measurable social outcomes.	Ongoing

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TC Energy Build Strong	Invests in 4 focus areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety (ie. emergency preparedness resources) • Education (ie. youth environmental awareness programs that expose children to nature, encourage sustainable practices at home and promote the importance of the environment) • Environment (ie. protect and restore important wildlife habitats) • Community (ie. Food security, small infrastructure) 	Indigenous groups and foundations, non-profits, registered charities, associations and municipalities	Open Jan-November
SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS/CHILDREN/YOUTH			
Breakfast Club of Canada	Whether establishing a new school breakfast program or strengthening an existing one, we provide schools with the necessary funds, kitchen equipment, training, tools and food donations.	- schools, school boards, and community organizations seeking support for breakfast programs offered to school-aged children and youth during the school year.	Ongoing
Show Kids You Care	Show Kids You Care knows how important it is that kids have access to nutritious food in a safe environment each day and leads a national network of breakfast clubs, lunch programs, snack programs and summer meal programs . Funding continuous from year to year.	- provide continuing nutrition to pre k-high school - established programs operating and affiliated with a community organization (school, social service agency, registered charity). - include volunteer labour, and local donations of cash and food.	Ongoing
President's Choice Powerful Kids Eat Well Grant	Up to \$10,000 to help cover the costs associated with the purchase of food and consumable supplies for daily school food programs.	- publicly funded school - operate a meal program in the school at least four days per week; 30 weeks per year. - meals must include at least 1 serving of each the 3 food groups, based on the new version of Canada's Food Guide	Open April 1-May 14 2021
ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS (nutrition related)			
Tree Canada – Community Tree Grants	Up to \$3500 available for community-based projects such as those with educational institutions, First Nations communities, municipalities, community groups or gardens, food banks and community housing projects. We help fight food insecurity by planting fruit- and nut- bearing trees and shrubs in communities on publicly-accessible sites.		

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TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant	<p>The Foundation supports a wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary focus on environmental education and green space programs. Eligible projects include schoolyard greening, park revitalization, community gardens, park programming and citizen science initiatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indigenous groups/communities - Registered charities - Municipalities - Educational institutions 	<p>Open now- July 15</p>
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Opening soon:

Nutrition Link Services Society	<p>NLS supports provincial food and nutrition-related projects, awarding grants to registered charities and other not-for-profit organizations.</p>	<p>All applications must be for activities that contribute to NLS’s mission statement. "To support and sponsor food security projects through nutrition education and food skill building for vulnerable British Columbia residents". The activities described in the application must benefit British Columbians.</p>	<p>Opens July 2021</p>
<p>Island Health Community Wellness Granting Program</p>	<p>Provides funding for the development of new programming to address the health and wellness of the population in 1 of more of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Aging • Positive Mental Health • Social Connectedness/Family Connectedness (healthy early childhood development) • Healthy Eating • Physical Activity 	<p>local government, community non-profit organizations and Indigenous Nations, organizations and communities doing work related to health and wellness and population health</p>	<p>Opens Spring 2021</p>