

External / Third Party Funding for Active Transportation & Transit Infrastructure Projects

Spring 2025



1.1 Federal Funding Opportunities

Infrastructure Canada Active Transportation Fund

Application Timeline: Currently closed for all applicants

Capital Project stream 2025 application deadline: February 26, 2025 (April 9, 2025 for eligible Indigenous applicants)

Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure

- Planning stream: strategic planning, detailed costing and business cases, public engagement.
- Infrastructure/Capital stream: construction or enhancement of bike lanes and multi-use paths, sidewalks and footbridges, and nature trails. Other costs: public engagement and outreach, indigenous consultation.

Funding Available:

- Planning: maximum contribution of 100% up to \$50,000
- Capital: Up to \$50 million with a maximum contribution rate between 40-100% depending on recipient and project location. Within Indigenous communities 100% project funding is available.

Who Can Apply: Local Governments and First Nations including Indigenous Communities



Wayfinding signage along Bowen Island's cross-island multi-use path, guiding pedestrians and cyclists to key community destinations while enhancing trail accessibility and safety.

Canada Cultural Spaces Fund

Application Timeline: Rolling - restricted applications, funding limited

Eligible Projects: Planning/Infrastructure

To be eligible for funding from the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, your project must focus on:

- The construction and/or renovation of arts and/or heritage facilities, or creative hubs;
- The acquisition of specialized equipment; or
- The development of feasibility studies for the construction or renovation of arts and/or heritage facilities, or creative hubs.

Funding Available: Unknown – Reach out to a Canada Cultural Spaces Fund advisory before submitting.

Who Can Apply: Local Governments and First Nations including Indigenous Communities

Infrastructure Canada Rural Transit Solutions Fund

Capital application deadline: March 4, 2025 (April 8, 2025 for eligible Indigenous applicants)

Eligible Projects: Planning/Infrastructure

- Planning & Design: public engagement, needs assessments, feasibility or viability studies, surveys for transit solutions.
- Infrastructure/Capital: fleet, ride-share or on-demand services requiring the purchase of minivans, the construction of intermodal hubs, the installation of charging stations.

Funding Available: Planning: Up to \$50,000; Capital: Up to \$3m. 100% to an Indigenous recipient, 80% to a provincial statutory body (i.e. TransLink). A minimum of 10% of the funding available under the Rural Transit Solutions Fund is allocated to Indigenous projects being led by and for Indigenous populations and communities.

Who Can Apply: Local Governments and First Nations including Indigenous Communities

First Nation Adapt Program

Application Timeline: Rolling

Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure

Projects that mitigate the impact of climate change. The program can fund the following types of projects and activities:

- Risk assessments of climate change impacts
- Identification and assessment of adaptation options
- Small-scale implementation of adaptation actions (maximum \$250,000)
- Development of tools to support climate change adaptation planning
- Supporting community discussions on climate change adaptation

Project eligibility is open to interpretation and based on individual Nation needs

Funding Available: \$9.5 million annually

Who Can Apply: First Nation Communities and Organizations

First Nation Infrastructure Fund

Application Timeline: Rolling

Eligible Projects: Infrastructure

On reserve projects that are part of a First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan (FNIIP list) of 5 years community infrastructure plans.

Guidelines can be reviewed here: **First Nation Infrastructure Fund Guide**. Projects must fall under 8 categories (including planning and skill dev, roads and bridges, connectivity, structural mitigation etc.)

Funding Available: \$10 million per recipient per year for capital projects involving the retrofitting, construction, replacement, expansion, or purchase and installation of fixed assets or infrastructure.

Who Can Apply: First Nation communities and organizations and Local Governments (if primary beneficiary is a participating First Nation community or communities.

1.2 PROVINCIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program

Application Timeline: Annual program

- Rolling for eligible Indigenous applicants
- 2025 intake will open early September 2025

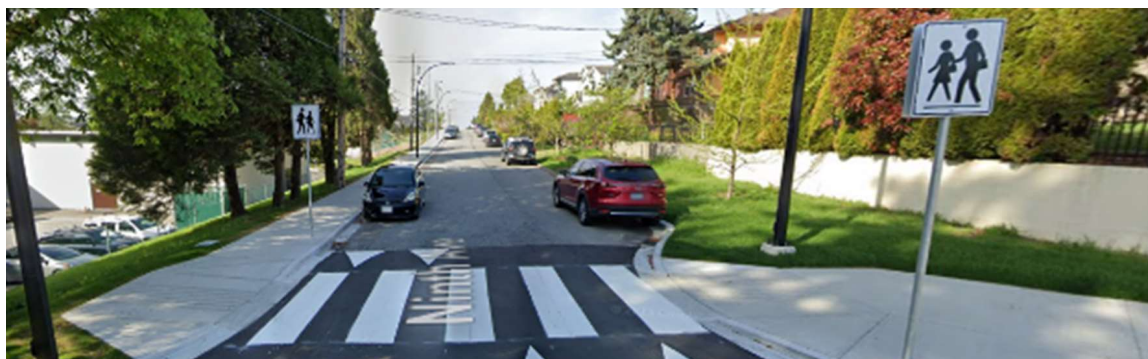
Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure

- Network planning stream (community must be under 25k population): consultant fees, public engagement.
- Infrastructure stream: traffic calming, sidewalks and other accessibility improvements, bike paths, and end of trip facilities (e.g., secure bike storage).

Funding Available: Planning and Infrastructure

- Network planning: 50% cost-share or \$50,000, whichever is lower.
- Infrastructure: The province cost-shares to a maximum of \$500,000, per project. The percent of eligible funding is determined based on the applicant's community profile.
 - » Indigenous communities or local government(s) working in partnership with an Indigenous community - 80%
 - » Population less than 15,000 – 70%
 - » Population between 15,000 to 25,000 – 60%
 - » Population over 25,000 – 50%

Who Can Apply: Local governments and First Nations



Improved pedestrian infrastructure along 9th Avenue and 21st Street in New Westminster, featuring new sidewalks, enhanced lighting, and upgraded crosswalks to promote safety and accessibility.

MOTT Transit Minor Betterment Program

Application Timeline: Rolling

Eligible Projects: Infrastructure

Funds minor transit supportive projects on MoTT right of ways that improve the transit experience, such as accessibility improvements (sidewalks and active transportation facilities that improve connections to bus stops), signage, and wayfinding.

Funding Available: Each project receives a max of \$100,000 funding

Who Can Apply: Local governments and First Nations



Langley City downtown cycling enhancements, featuring new protected bike lanes and improved road markings to support safer and more accessible active transportation.

1.3 OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ICBC Community Grants Program

2025 application deadline: February 21, 2025

Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure

Initiative must focus on road safety, target one or more BC communities, be planned and delivered from a BC office, benefit a significant number of residents.

Funding Available: Varies

Who Can Apply: Local governments and First Nations

BC Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program

Application Timeline: Current intake is closed – call for proposals typically occurs in the fall and closes in January.

Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure and programs

Roads NOT under MoTT jurisdiction, projects focused on improving safety of vulnerable road users, and projects that align with Vision Zero principles of road safety. Projects typically need to be completed within one year of the funding request. Projects are for the design and installation of low-cost infrastructural improvements to roadways.

Funding Available: Up to \$20,000

Who Can Apply: Local governments and First Nations



Aerial view of the multi-use path along Abernathy Way (224 St- 232 St) in Maple Ridge.

Green Municipal Funds – Adaptation in Action

Application Timeline: Funding is schedule to open with new application details Spring/Summer 2025.

Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure

Climate adaptation implementation projects designed to help communities adjust and respond effectively to the impacts of climate change.

Applicants will need to show that project includes components that focus on climate adaptation, some active transportation related examples include:

- Installing, retrofitting or upgrading green infrastructure (e.g., rain gardens, bioswales, and/or permeable pavement)
- FireSmart-aligned vegetative management or vegetation-based wildfire risk mitigation activities
- Enhancing municipal service levels to respond to climate risks

Funding Available: Grant for 60% of eligible costs, up to a max of \$1 million

Who Can Apply: Local governments and First Nations



Colourful wayfinding markers along Bowen Island's cross island multi-use path.

Trans Canada Trail Funding Program

Supporting trail operations across Canada in the development and enhancement of the Trans Canada Trail. Map of the Trans Canada Trail alignment through Metro Vancouver can be found [here](#).

Greenway Development Stream

Application Timeline: Current intake is closed – typically an annual program

Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure

Planning and construction projects along the Trans Canada Trail alignment that improve active transportation within the network via greenway development and improves safety among users.

Provides financial support for consultations, design, planning or studies, as well as construction phases (must be completed within 2 years of the original funding allocation year) – example projects (creation of bike lane, reconfiguration of an intersection, small scale trail improvements with new active transportation technologies).

Funding Available: The maximum contribution amounts for planning, design and construction phases are limited to:

- Total project costs between \$10,000 and \$25,000 Installing may be funded up to \$7,500.
- Total project costs between \$25,001 and \$75,000 may be funded up to \$15,000.
- Total project costs between \$75,001 and \$150,000 may be funded up to \$30,000.
- Total project costs over \$150,000 may be funded up to \$60,000.
- There is a maximum contribution of \$120,000 per project (if approved, payments made over two years).

Who Can Apply: Local governments and First Nations

Indigenous Communities Stream

Application Timeline: Rolling

Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure

Projects along the Trans Canada Trail alignment that amplify Indigenous presence, history, knowledge and culture and projects that support reconciliation.

- Preservation, revitalization and strengthening of Indigenous language through lexicon development (past example: Trans Canada Trail translation)

- Cultural expression and transmission through art along the Trail (past example: medicine trail)
- Community engagement and knowledge sharing (consultation about trail design or implementation, teachings along trail)
- Education, recognition and commemoration of the history and legacy of colonization and residential schools along the Trail (examples: interpretive signage, digital education, commemoration)

Funding Available: 35% of the eligible expenses. The maximum contribution for these types of projects is limited to \$20,000.

Who Can Apply: First Nation and Indigenous communities

Trail Support Program for First Nation, Metis and Inuit Communities

Application Timeline: Rolling

Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure

The Trails Support Program for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Communities is intended to assist Indigenous communities across the country in enhancing their trails. All Indigenous communities are eligible.

- Projects must be led by an Indigenous community
- Applicants are not required to be located along the Trans Canada Trail

Includes trail maintenance, management and planning, seasonal preparation or improvements on and near the trail, and may also include the integration of community-specific cultural and social elements along the trail.

Funding Available: Up to \$10,000 for trail planning or improvements. 100% of project costs are eligible and no additional contributions are required.

Who Can Apply: First Nation and Indigenous communities

Community Foundations - Indigenous People's Resilience Fund

Application Timeline: Currently closed - 2024 timeline to be announced soon.

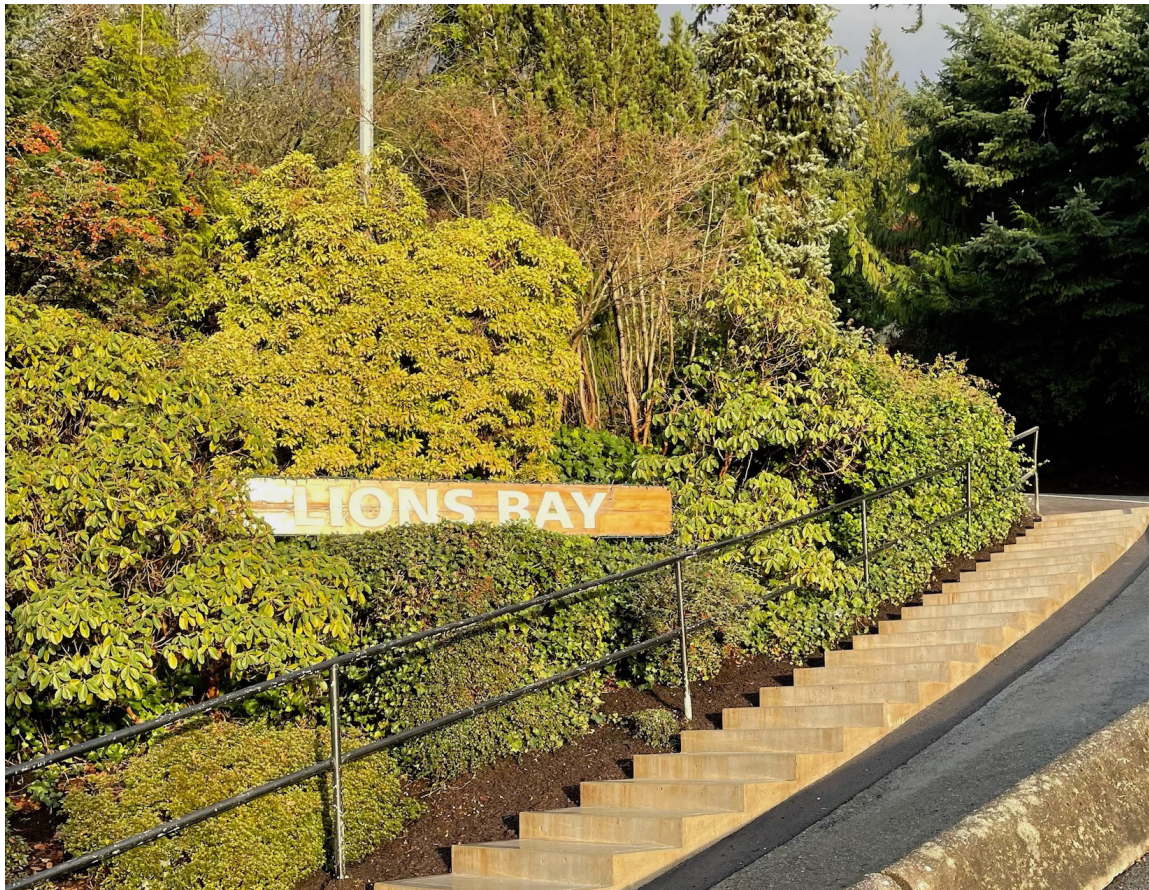
Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure

- Be Indigenous-led. Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund defines Indigenous-led as 51% of positions at all levels of an organization be Indigenous.
- Clearly address a pressing social inclusion or well-being need (transportation safety concerns may be considered)
- Serve Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis, Inuit); Be carried out in a short timeframe of 12 – 18 months

Example projects include training and financial support to areas where gaps in funding are needed to strengthen emergency health care efforts and health-related transportation services and community safety initiatives.

Funding Available: \$5,000 to \$35,000

Who Can Apply: First Nation and Indigenous communities



Pedestrian access at Lions Bay Avenue, enhancing connectivity to the bus loop with safer, more accessible stairs.

First Nations Wellbeing Fund

Application Timeline: Currently closed - typically an annual program. Will review received applications and will begin accepting applications on a rolling basis if further funding is available.

Eligible Projects: Planning and/or Infrastructure

- Stream 1: Community Projects: The intent of this funding stream is to support First Nations to undertake local projects to promote wellness and to reduce poverty at the community level. This stream may include projects that will assist First Nation members, such as:
 - » Cultural initiatives that will strengthen the community and support decolonization
 - » Initiatives that will promote well-being at the community or Nation level
 - » Training and skills building opportunities
- Stream 2: Planning Projects
 - » A key component of this funding stream is to provide resources to support dialogue within First Nations about how they wish to measure wellness within their community. Funding can be used for community engagement and the development of a First Nation Well Being Plan that addresses one or more pressing issues at the community level. Transportation, transportation related safety, and opportunities to increase rates of physical activity can be a focus areas and addressed through active transportation.

Funding Available:

- Stream 1: \$250,000
- Stream 2: \$50,000

Who Can Apply: First Nation communities

First Peoples Cultural Council – Heritage Infrastructure Program

Application Timeline: Currently closed

Eligible Projects: Infrastructure

Projects that focus on revitalizing and celebrating indigenous heritage through structures, landscapes, buildings and trails.

Funding Available: \$100,000 - \$250,000

Who Can Apply: First Nation communities and organizations

New Relationship Trust – Nation Building Grant

Application Timeline: Currently closed – annual intake opens each May

Eligible Projects: Planning

Projects that strengthen community capacity in reclaiming and rebuilding resiliency and self determination. Consulting fees, community engagement, supplies/equipment costs, capital materials, capacity development and training, other admin costs.

Active transportation planning documents, safety strategies, and trail feasibility studies are all likely eligible.

Funding Available: 1 year grant up to \$60,000. 2 year grant up to \$120,000

Who Can Apply: First Nation communities and organizations



Enhanced pedestrian safety at E Columbia St and Simpson St in New Westminster, featuring upgraded crosswalks and improved accessibility.

Telus Indigenous Communities Fund

Application Timeline: February 4 to March 4, 2025 (Spring); September 11 to October 9, 2025 (Fall)

Eligible Projects: Planning

Projects that focus on addressing a pressing social or well-being need and create measurable community outcomes such as, but not limited to:

- Accomplishing individual and community wellness and healing.
- Reviving cultural strength, knowledge and skills.
- Helping overcome geographical and economical barriers.
- Increasing social connections to help foster community engagement.

Funding Available: Up to \$50,000

Who Can Apply: First Nation and Indigenous communities and organizations

Non-First Nation and Indigenous-led organizations can apply if they demonstrate a clear and tangible relationship with an Indigenous organization and have documented support from an Indigenous-led organization or community.