

## Vision Zero Grants support safer streets in Northern BC

The BC Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant program funds innovative projects that aim to improve safety for people who travel without a motor vehicle (vulnerable road users). Since 2021, successful BC Vision Zero applicants have used funding to improve road infrastructure and to launch education campaigns in their communities. Congratulations to the following communities that received funding:



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- **Hazelton:** Walk Safer information campaign
- **Kitimat:** Rectangular rapid flashing beacons crosswalk
- **Prince George:** Pedestrian controlled rectangular rapid flashing beacon
- **Prince Rupert:** Lions Club visibility program
- **Quesnel:** Bus shelter improvements
- **Saulteau First Nations:** Safe sledding hill and ice rink
- **Smithers:** Downtown Corridor Revitalization Plan and Cycle 16 underpass design
- **Telkwa:** Active Transportation Network Plan

Explore the Vision Zero [webpage](#) to learn more about these projects and future funding opportunities.

## For your information

### PlanH Healthy Community Grant recipients

Learn more about the [PlanH Healthy Community Grant Program](#) and the four successful communities in Northern BC that received funding for community connectedness and healthy public policy projects. Congratulations to the City of Fort St. John, Stellat'en First Nation, District of Stewart, and Gingolx Village Government.

## Resources (toolkits, reports, websites)

### COVID-19 resources and information

Find information about COVID-19 and how to protect yourself, your family, and your community. The [Northern Health COVID-19](#) and [COVID-19 information](#) pages have information about immunization clinics, testing and self-isolation, the community toolkit, and trusted contacts.

## **Disability and Physical Activity Program Evaluation Toolkit**

Learn ways to evaluate your disability and physical activity programs and initiatives by using this new [toolkit](#) (Canadian Disability Participation Project).

## **Financial help in pregnancy**

Does your organization support pregnant people and those with young families? This new [resource](#) (Vancouver Coastal Health) provides a list of programs and services providing financial support during pregnancy and post-partum.

## **Food allergy resources for back to school**

Peanut or nut aware day care or school? Not sure how to proceed? This [Peanut and Nut Aware Lunches and Snacks](#) resource (Northern Health) has you covered with easy lunch ideas and tips for preparing food safely. To learn more about strategies for allergy awareness, prevention, and management in schools, review [Resources Guide for Allergy Aware Schools](#).

## **Local Government Levers for Housing Affordability**

Discover ways to improve housing affordability by using this new [resource](#) (Community Social Planning Council).

## **Shaping Space: Culturally Responsive Public Spaces**

Learn ways to create culturally responsive public spaces for more equitable access using this new [resource](#) (Toronto Metropolitan University).

## **Understanding Northern Health**

Gain a better understanding of Northern Health's governance structure, services, processes, programs, and contacts by using this new [resource](#) (Northern Health).

## **Events and learning opportunities**

### **School Garden Mentorship Program**

**Dates: September 12 and 21, October 3 and 12, 2023**

Are you a K-12 educator who is creating a school garden or reviving an existing garden? Join the Farm to School BC after-school [online workshops](#).

### **Power and health equity workshops**

**Dates: September 13 and 20, 2023**

Explore the [Let's Talk: Redistributing power for health equity](#) resource in this interactive [webinar](#) (National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health).

### **Physical Activity Alliance of Northern BC Virtual Summit**

**Date: September 22, 2023**

Join the [Physical Activity Alliance of Northern BC](#) (PAANBC) Virtual Summit to hear about current Alliance activities and projects, to hear from community champions, and to learn about grant opportunities for physical activity projects in your community. Email [physicalactivity@unbc.ca](mailto:physicalactivity@unbc.ca) to register for this free event.

## **Funding opportunities**

### **Fresh To You Fundraiser for K-12 schools**

**Deadline: September 7, 2023**

Looking for a healthy fundraiser option this fall? Sign up for the [Fresh To You Fundraiser](#) to sell bundles of locally grown fruit and vegetables. Schools will receive a 40 per cent profit on all bundles sold.

### **Climate Change Adaptation Program**

**Deadline: September 22, 2023**

Planning a climate adaptation project? The Natural Resource Canada's Climate Change Adaptation Program is soliciting proposals for cost-shared projects that will make important contributions to advancing adaptation progress in Canada. Up to \$15 million in funding may be awarded through this [Call for Proposals](#).

### **IMAGINE Community Grants**

**Deadline: October 6, 2023**

Planning a project that focuses on mental wellness, community diversity, harm reduction, climate action, food security, active living, or community safety? Northern BC community organizations, schools, Indigenous organizations, and local governments can apply for up to \$10,000 through the Northern Health [Imagine Community Grant](#).

## **Youth Innovation Enabling Accessibility Fund**

**Deadline: October 10, 2023**

Do you know a dynamic youth who wants to demonstrate leadership and impact the lives of people with disabilities in their community? Learn more about the [Enabling Accessibility Fund \(EAF\) Youth Component](#), which provides up to \$10,000 for youth ages 15 to 30.

## **Telus Indigenous Communities Fund**

**Deadline: October 13, 2023**

Apply for up to \$50,000 for Indigenous-led social, health, and community programs through the [TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund](#).

## **Community Gaming Grants**

**Deadline: Application deadlines vary**

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

## **Climate Fund Finder**

**Deadline: Ongoing**

Planning a climate action project? Need financial support? Not sure where to start? The [Funding Finder](#) is the tool for you. By answering a few questions, you'll be on your way to learning which programs fit your program best. If you're still looking for project ideas, the Funding Finder can show you a range of possibilities to help spark your imagination.

## **Northern Healthy Communities Fund**

**Deadline: Ongoing**

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

## Provincial homelessness grants

### Deadline: Ongoing

Apply for a [Homeless Community Action](#) grant to help your organization better respond to needs of those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Funding supports community-based action including demonstration projects, partnerships, research, and other collaborative efforts.

## Rural Transit Solutions Fund

### Deadline: Ongoing

Apply for the [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) to help your local government or organization plan and design new or expanded transit solutions for your community.

## Northern Health Stories

### Wildfires and protecting your mental wellness

The wildfire season has gotten longer, with increases in fire frequency, duration, and severity. At the time of writing this story, according to BC Wildfire Service, there were 236 active wildfires in the Northern Health region of our province...[continue reading](#).

See the latest stories at [stories.northernhealth.ca](http://stories.northernhealth.ca)

## E-Brief information

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