



Lead Organization: Belfry Theatre Society

Project Name: Belfry Theatre Accessibility Initiatives

Location: Victoria

Grant Amount: \$20,153

The Belfry Theatre is expanding its accessibility programs (VocalEye, Free tickets and hearing assist devices) and partnering with other

organizations to create an Accessibility Hub including a common calendar of accessible arts programming. They also offered an Access 101 workshop online for people in their extended community, which you can see here:

[Workshop - Access 101 with Amy Amantea | The Belfry Theatre](#)

Lead Organization: Dance West Network

Project Name: Collective Access Screendance Residency

Location: Vancouver

Grant Amount: \$40,000

The Collective Access Screendance Residency aims to increase accessibility in arts and culture. This online cross-disability residency is bringing together people who love dance/movement and experience disability to co-create access-focused screendance (dance on film), grow skills and nurture leadership. Artists will co-create short dance films that centre dancers (and audiences) with myriad bodies, minds and senses. You can learn more here:

[Collective Access Screendance Residency — Dance West Network](#)



Organized by Interdependance Collective, in collaboration with Dance West Network. More info at <https://www.creativemoment.in/residency/#overview>



Lead Organization: Cherryville Community Food and Resource Society

Project Name: Reaching Cherryville Residents Living with Disabilities

Location: Cherryville

Grant Amount: \$12,123

The goal of this project is to enhance the quality of life for rural living adults with disabilities to support independent living within community. Project activities include the Cherryville Express which provides transportation for seniors and people with disabilities; monthly employment for a local resident living with disability; system navigation, information, referral, and peer support; information dissemination through monthly newsletters; and increasing lines of communication with residents living with disabilities in order to understand how the organization can be more inclusive and what services and resources are needed. You can see a posts about the project on the Cherryville Community and Food Resource Society's Facebook page here:

[Pilot Program to Reach People with Disabilities in Cherryville](#)

The Cherryville Express 

The next scheduled trip for the Cherryville Express is
Monday June 20th to Walmart
\$30.00-NOW \$15.00 per passenger

**If finances are a barrier, reach out to our team, we may be able to support!*
***This program is for seniors 55+, persons with disabilities and people who have no other way of transportation.**
 Cherryville passengers will be picked up at their place of residence
 To book your seat, call 250-547-0089



Services available at Walmart:	Near By Stores that you can walk to!
• Grocery	• Marks
• Pharmacy	• Rona
• Vision Care	• Dollar Store
• Phone Support	• Fabric Land
• ATM	• Pennington's
• Photo Centre	• Value Village
• Restaurant (Mary Browns Chicken)	• Home Sense
	• Tim Hortons

Lead Organization: Pedal Society

Project Name: Our Community Bikes Deaf Access
 Location: Vancouver
 Grant Amount: \$40,000

The goal of this project is to provide an access point for the deaf and hard of hearing community to obtain or maintain their access to bicycles as a form of transportation, learn basic bike mechanic skills, and become part of the cycling community. This is being accomplished through the hiring and training a deaf mechanic that works during regular shop open shifts, training a cohort of deaf volunteers to build skills in entry level mechanical tasks, and offering monthly deaf access programming. You can learn more about the Access Nights here: [Access Nights | Our Community Bikes | Vancouver](#)

DEAF ACCESS VOLUNTEER TRAINING
We are inviting deaf people to learn bike mechanics at Our Community Bikes
Tuesdays May 31 to July 5; 6:30-9:30pm
 Learn about bike tools, parts of the bike, how to strip bikes, and how to service wheels.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29	May 30	May 31 6:30-9:30pm	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4
June 5	June 6	June 7 6:30-9:30pm	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11
June 12	June 13	June 14 6:30-9:30pm	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25
June 26	June 27	June 28 6:30-9:30pm	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2
July 3	July 4	July 5 6:30-9:30pm	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9

Our deaf mechanic will lead the training in ASL.
SIGN UP BY EMAIL TO [INFO@OURCOMMUNITYBIKES.ORG](mailto:info@ourcommunitybikes.org)
 Confirm you can attend all 5 weeks & are deaf or hard of hearing. Let us know any specific access needs




Lead Organization: North Shore ConneXions Society

Project Name: Access4Rec
 Location: North Vancouver

Grant Amount: \$40,000

The Access4Rec project will assist people with disabilities to optimize their access to existing recreation and leisure opportunities in North Vancouver. The project has three main elements: increasing awareness of existing recreation and leisure programs through a broad campaign, skill development to access online leisure and recreation registration systems, and the development of bridging support (matching people to attend programs together to achieve sustainable and successful participation).

You can see posts about the project on the North Shore ConneXion's Instagram here:

[The Summit at North Shore ConneXions \(@thesummit_connexions\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Lead Organization: Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie Seniors Network

Project Name: Safety for Everyone: A Disability Inclusive Emergency Preparedness Template for BC Local Authorities

Location: Maple Ridge

Grant Amount: \$39,783

Safety for Everyone is unpacking the Functional Needs Framework for Emergency Preparedness and building a template to help BC communities develop Emergency Response Plans that address the needs of people with disabilities. You can learn more about the work of the Senior's Network here: [Mission and Purpose - Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Katzie, Seniors Network \(seniors-network.ca\)](#)



Lead Organization: Arts Council of the North Okanagan

Project Name: ART 4 ALL by Joining Hands

Location: Vernon

Grant Amount: \$10,525.94

The Vernon Community Arts Centre is hosting a series of initiatives under the heading ART 4 ALL organized by the Joining Hands program. The goal



is to offer adults with disabilities the opportunity to make, show and sell their artwork, having full participation as artists in the community. The project aims to eliminate barriers so participants can take with them skills that are applicable long term. Participants will have access to a variety of resources and quality education in an engaging environment so they can proudly show the community at large that art really is for all. You can see posts about the project on the Vernon Community Arts Centre's Instagram page at: [Vernon Community Arts Centre \(@vernonarts\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Lead Organization: Cerebral Palsy Association of BC

Project Name: Movement Therapy, Yoga, Dance

Location: Vancouver

Grant Amount: \$35,000

This program aims to provide ongoing movement therapy, adapted dance and adapted yoga for individuals with cerebral palsy. It was created out of necessity

during the pandemic and has been life changing for attendees. These programs are designed to provide options for different forms of movement to enhance physical fitness as well as socialize and be part of a community. The project funding provided an additional play element and expanded existing programs. You can learn more about the movement therapy program here:

[Movement Therapy – Cerebral Palsy Association of BC \(bccerebralpalsy.com\)](#)



Lead Organization: Coastal Research, Education, and Advocacy Network

Project Name: Art Therapy Sessions for Youth With Disabilities

Location: Victoria and Smithers

Grant Amount: \$34,512

Through a series of art therapy sessions, this project engages with race and disability as intersecting facets of identity and provides care for youth who may be struggling with verbal forms of expression, stress and negativity. You can learn about the workshops here:

[Tending to your Mental Health: Professional Guided Art-based Workshops for All \(Round Two!\) — Coastal Research, Education, and Advocacy Network \(CREAN\) \(creansociety.ca\)](https://creansociety.ca/events)



Lead Organization: Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA)

Project Name: Disability Journey Together

Location: Victoria

Grant Amount: \$39,255

ICA's year-long accessibility project aims to increase ICA staff capacity to support individuals with disabilities. The first goal was to bridge ICA clients with disabilities with the wider disability community and more resources and information on government disability benefits. The project also encouraged ICA frontline staff in direct services to increase their capacity to serve individuals with disabilities. You can see one of the info sessions here: [Disability Benefits Info Sessions - Zoom](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/disability-benefits-info-sessions)



Lead Organization: Powell River Brain Injury Society

Project Name: Our People Our Place A History Through Art

Location: Powell River

Grant Amount: \$15,100

This project is a mural installation with 6 focal panels, done in partnership with the Tla'amin First Nation. Clients of the Powell River Brain



Injury Society will be involved in the painting of the mural along with other members of the community. This will create a legacy that is inclusive of the local population of people living with brain injury and will enhance both personal and community pride. You can see an article on the project here: [gathet Living June 2022 issue - gathet Living \(prliving.ca\)](https://prliving.ca/gathet-Living-June-2022-issue)

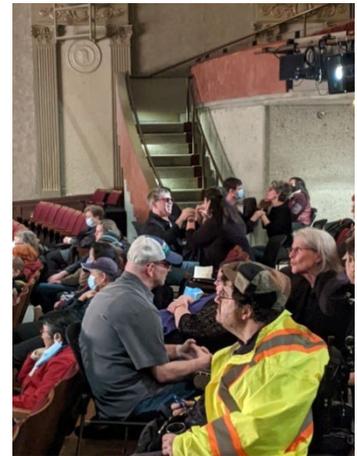
Lead Organization: Arts Club Theatre Company

Project Name: Accessibility & Community Building at the Arts Club

Location: Vancouver

Grant Amount: \$40,000

The funding for this project has been geared to creating access to performances and programs offered at the Arts Club. Every season there are many stage productions offered and workshops and programs that members from the public can attend. The desire was to open up these programs and workshops to equity-deserving people within the Deaf and Disability community. The Arts Club also recognized a need to have some workshops that were particularly curated for folks with various access needs so that they could participate equitably, learn about theatre and build community with each other as well as the Arts Club. You can see a promotion for one of the ASL interpreted performance here: [Kim's Convenience ASL Interpreted Performance - YouTube](#)



Lead Organization: Vancouver Island Human Rights Coalition (VIHRC)

Project Name: Disability Services Project

Location: Victoria

Grant Amount: \$34,816

This project has allowed VIHRC to hire a person with the lived experience of having a disability to make VIHRC's services more accessible, relevant,



and impactful for people with disabilities. This will strengthen the ability for people with disabilities to access and realize their human rights in a dignified, inclusive, and supportive manner. You can learn more about VIHRC's work here:

[Vancouver Island Human Rights Coalition \(vihrc.com\)](http://vihrc.com)

Lead Organization: Vines Art Festival Society

Project Name: Mobilizing Land

Location: Vancouver

Grant Amount: \$28,900



In this project, six emerging artists living with disabilities have been recruited and mentored by more established/experienced artists also living with disabilities. Artists were paid to perform at Vines Art Festival at the end of their mentorship and will continue receiving support from the Vines community for years to come. Vines also hosted a series of three conversations with disabled participants on how to improve the festivals' accessibility and support them in creating wise practices for other festivals to work with artists with disabilities. These exchanges will deepen the festival's ties to the disability community and create pathways for further relationships with disabled artists. You can learn about some of the Vine Festival's Accessibility features here: [FESTIVAL ACCESSIBILITY | Vines Art Festival](#)

Lead Organization: Victoria Society for Blind Arts and Culture

Project Name: Your Eyes My Vision

Location: Victoria

Grant Amount: \$22,100

“Your Eyes My Vision” seeks to encourage, facilitate and showcase “visual” art created by persons who are blind, through partnerships with sighted facilitators. Blind participants will receive support to create any kind of artwork they wish. The blind participant will be paired with a paid sighted facilitator who will be able to assist them in executing their vision. The art will be showcased virtually, as well as live if possible. You can watch an interview about the project here: [VocalEye Almost Live | Your Eyes, My Vision - YouTube](#)

