



Welcome to the British Columbia Social Economy Funder Database!

It can be confusing and overwhelming to find funding and financing for social enterprises. This database is designed to help social enterprises and funders/financers find each other more easily. The document below is organized by geography, and you can quickly jump from the Table of Contents to a listed funder by clicking their name. You can also use CTRL+F to search by keyword. A live version of this database can be found on the enterprising nonprofits' website at: [www.bit.ly/SEfunders](http://www.bit.ly/SEfunders).

This database is one result of a research project<sup>1</sup> designed to capture the scope and characteristics of social economy funders in BC and Alberta. Across BC, 80 organizations were identified as possible funders addressing the local social economy; in Alberta, 47 organizations were contacted. Another 42 organizations were identified with national delivery mandates. The data collected will be integrated into ongoing research on mapping the social economy in BC and Alberta, providing valuable information to practitioners, academics and policy makers with the aim to strengthen the social economy in Western Canada.

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<sup>1</sup> Project A8: "Creating a Database of Social Enterprise Capital Providers in BC and Alberta (2010)"

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## GREATER VANCOUVER & FRASER VALLEY

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Building Opportunities with Business</b>
Areas Served:	Inner-city Vancouver
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans
Name of Fund(s):	BOB Loan Program
Description of Fund:	The Building Opportunities with Business Loan Program seeks to increase the availability of loan capital for establishing, expanding, modernizing and improving small and medium-sized businesses in Vancouver's Inner-city, including the downtown eastside neighbourhood. It does this by encouraging partner financial institutions to make their services available to businesses that are providing community benefits such as employment to local residents, procurement from local business and growth and/or diversification of the business environment in the DTES and Inner-city.
URL:	<a href="http://www.buildingopportunities.org">http://www.buildingopportunities.org</a>
Expected Return:	1-5%
Other Support Services:	technical training capacity building organizational development research and education advocacy and promotion networking enterprise development
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.buildingopportunities.org/businessdevelopment/loans-program.asp">http://www.buildingopportunities.org/businessdevelopment/loans-program.asp</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.buildingopportunities.org/businessdevelopment/loans-program.asp">http://www.buildingopportunities.org/businessdevelopment/loans-program.asp</a>
Process Time:	1-3 months

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Central City Foundation</b>
Areas Served:	Greater Vancouver
Types of Funding Provided:	Capital Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Project Grants
Description of Fund:	CCF provides small capital grants for equipment, construction and renovation for organizations working to enhance the lives of people in need in Vancouver's inner city.
URL:	<a href="http://www.centralcityfoundation.ca">http://www.centralcityfoundation.ca</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	technical enterprise development We provide space, at below-market rents, in our mixed use buildings in Vancouver's inner city.
Legal form of funded organizations:	Charitable Organization Not-for-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.centralcityfoundation.ca/guidelines.html">http://www.centralcityfoundation.ca/guidelines.html</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.centralcityfoundation.ca/guidelines.html">http://www.centralcityfoundation.ca/guidelines.html</a>
Process Time:	6 weeks

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>West Vancouver Community Foundation</b>
Areas Served:	Greater Vancouver
Types of Funding Provided:	Technical Assistance Grants Operational Grants Capital Grants
Name of Fund(s):	We currently have 40 named funds.
Description of Fund:	The West Vancouver Community Foundation grants to not-for-profit organizations and projects where there is a direct benefit to the people of West Vancouver. Priority is given to projects where the emphasis is on health, education, the arts, social services and West Vancouver's physical environment.
URL:	<a href="http://www.westvanfoundation.com">http://www.westvanfoundation.com</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	research and education
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization

Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.westvanfoundation.com">http://www.westvanfoundation.com</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.westvanfoundation.com">http://www.westvanfoundation.com</a>
Process Time:	6 -8 weeks

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Community Futures South Fraser</b>
Areas Served:	Greater Vancouver
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans
Name of Fund(s):	Business Loan Program
Description of Fund:	Repayable business loans
URL:	<a href="http://www.southfraser.com">http://www.southfraser.com</a>
Expected Return:	6-15%
Other Support Services:	technical training networking
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.southfraser.com">http://www.southfraser.com</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.southfraser.com">http://www.southfraser.com</a>
Process Time:	8 weeks

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>United Way of the Fraser Valley</b>
Areas Served:	Fraser Valley
Types of Funding Provided:	Operational Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Essential Social Services Grants Impact Grants
Description of Fund:	
URL:	<a href="http://www.uwfv.bc.ca">http://www.uwfv.bc.ca</a>
Expected Return:	

Other Support Services:	technical training networking
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	Fraser Valley services only, non religious Essential Social Services - as above Impact Grants - As above AND preventative addressing Housing & Homelessness, Poverty Reduction or Ensuring children 0 - 6 Succeed
Application Process:	Application via web. Committee review and recommendations. Board decision
Process Time:	Approximately 4 months

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Vancity Credit Union - Community Business Banking</b>
Areas Served:	Greater Vancouver Greater Victoria
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans
Name of Fund(s):	Start-up lending for social enterprises Expansion lending for social enterprises Mid term lending (for organizations past two years)
Description of Fund:	We have a range of creative capital solutions for start-up, expanding and mature social enterprises. We offer loans, lines of credit, mortgages, letters of credit, construction financing – all with creative terms particularly suited to the needs of social enterprises.
URL:	<a href="http://www.vancity.com">http://www.vancity.com</a>
Expected Return:	1-5%, 6-15%
Other Support Services:	technical training capacity building organizational development research and education advocacy and promotion networking enterprise development And we support the enp program.
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization

	For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="https://www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/CommunityBusinessBanking/">https://www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/CommunityBusinessBanking/</a>
Application Process:	<a href="https://www.vancity.com/MyBusiness/BusinessFinancing/CommunityBusinessLoans/">https://www.vancity.com/MyBusiness/BusinessFinancing/CommunityBusinessLoans/</a>
Process Time:	For start-ups, three weeks; for growth and mature, two weeks.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Vancity Credit Union - Granting Programs</b>
Areas Served:	Greater Vancouver Greater Victoria
Types of Funding Provided:	Technical Assistance Grants Operational Grants Capital Grants Sector grants
Name of Fund(s):	Vancity Community Project Grants Vancity Social Enterprise Portfolio Program Vancity Social Enterprise Leadership Bursary Fund BC Social Enterprise Fund
Description of Fund:	Vancity Community Project Grants - Maximum \$10,000 to support the operations of social enterprises and co-operatives ; Vancity Social Enterprise Portfolio - support for 3-5 social enterprises through multi-year grants and technical advice aimed at growth of the enterprises; Vancity Social Enterprise Bursary Fund - technical assistance grants for operators of social enterprises to build enterprise skills and knowledge; BC Social Enterprise Fund - a collaborative funding program supporting 2-3 second stage social enterprises with grants and coaching (BC Social Venture Partners/Vancity); Strategic partnership grants to support sector building.
URL:	<a href="http://www.vancity.com">http://www.vancity.com</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	technical training capacity building organizational development research and education advocacy and promotion

	networking enterprise development
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization Not-for-Profit Co-Operative We have supported a very limited number of for-profit co-operatives.
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="https://www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/Grants/">https://www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/Grants/</a>
Application Process:	<a href="https://www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/Grants/">https://www.vancity.com/MyCommunity/NotForProfit/Grants/</a>
Process Time:	8-12 weeks

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>BC Social Venture Partners</b>
Areas Served:	Greater Vancouver
Types of Funding Provided:	Technical Assistance Grants Operational Grants
Name of Fund(s):	BC Social Enterprise Fund BC Social Venture Partners
Description of Fund:	We provide grants of 1-3 years duration in the range of \$20-\$100K
URL:	<a href="http://www.bctsvp.com">http://www.bctsvp.com</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	technical training capacity building organizational development research and education enterprise development
Legal form of funded organizations:	Charitable Organization Not-for-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.bctsvp.com">http://www.bctsvp.com</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.bctsvp.com">http://www.bctsvp.com</a>
Process Time:	1-4 months

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation</b>
Areas Served:	Greater Vancouver Vancouver Island & Islands (excluding Victoria) Greater Victoria
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans
Name of Fund(s):	First Citizens Fund Conventional Loan Fund Regeneration Fund Loan
Description of Fund:	TACC provides loans and business services to Aboriginal entrepreneurs for new businesses or the expansion of existing businesses.
URL:	<a href="http://www.tacc.ca">http://www.tacc.ca</a>
Expected Return:	6-15%
Other Support Services:	organizational development advocacy and promotion
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.tacc.ca">http://www.tacc.ca</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.tacc.ca">http://www.tacc.ca</a>
Process Time:	3 weeks

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## VANCOUVER ISLAND

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Victoria Foundation</b>
Areas Served:	Victoria
Types of Funding Provided:	Grants
Name of Fund(s):	<a href="http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/web/grantingprograms/intro">http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/web/grantingprograms/intro</a>
Description of Fund:	<a href="http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/web/grantingprograms/overview">http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/web/grantingprograms/overview</a>
URL:	<a href="http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/web/">http://www.victoriafoundation.bc.ca/web/</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	Capacity Building

Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	See Websites
Application Process:	See Websites
Process Time:	

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>United Way of Greater Victoria</b>
Areas Served:	Greater Victoria
Types of Funding Provided:	Operational Grants Capital Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Investment & Innovation Funding Stream Sustainability Funding Stream Youth Grants Today Fund
Description of Fund:	The Impact areas that we fund are focused in three specific areas and build social economy when the individuals served are able to address and in some cases resolve the issues around the three impact areas Family & Community Well Being Housing for Homeless, Low Income, Working Poor Mental Health & Addictions
URL:	<a href="http://www.uwgv.ca">http://www.uwgv.ca</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	training capacity building organizational development research and education advocacy and promotion networking enterprise development
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	Please go to <a href="http://www.uwgc.ca">http://www.uwgc.ca</a> Click on Community Impact & download Funding Information Package
Application Process:	See above
Process Time:	2.5 months

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## SOUTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Southern Interior Development Trust</b>
Areas Served:	Southern BC
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans Equity
Name of Fund(s):	
Description of Fund:	SIDIT's funding programs are specifically targeted toward investments in self sustaining projects that support the ten mandated themes as defined in legislation.  Funding made to support eligible projects in the form of loan or equity investment is subject to principal and interest repayment, security terms and conditions as SIDIT deems applicable and market based terms, fees and rates.
URL:	<a href="http://www.sidit-bc.ca/">http://www.sidit-bc.ca/</a>
Expected Return:	
Other Support Services:	
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.sidit-bc.ca/loan_funding.html">http://www.sidit-bc.ca/loan_funding.html</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.sidit-bc.ca/loan_funding.html">http://www.sidit-bc.ca/loan_funding.html</a>
Process Time:	

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Columbia Basin Trust</b>
Areas Served:	Southern BC
Types of Funding Provided:	Grants
Name of Fund(s):	
Description of Fund:	<a href="http://www.cbt.org/Funding/?Programs">http://www.cbt.org/Funding/?Programs</a>
URL:	<a href="http://www.cbt.org/">http://www.cbt.org/</a>
Expected Return:	
Other Support Services:	Capacity Building
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative

	Not-for-Profit Co-Operative
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.cbt.org/Funding/?Programs">http://www.cbt.org/Funding/?Programs</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.cbt.org/Funding/?Programs">http://www.cbt.org/Funding/?Programs</a>
Process Time:	

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## NORTHERN BC

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Gwaii Trust Society</b>
Areas Served:	Haida Gwaii, Queen Charlotte Islands
Types of Funding Provided:	Program Grants
Name of Fund(s):	<a href="http://www.gwaiitrust.com/programs/programs.html">http://www.gwaiitrust.com/programs/programs.html</a>
Description of Fund:	
URL:	<a href="http://www.gwaiitrust.com/index.html">http://www.gwaiitrust.com/index.html</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.gwaiitrust.com/programs/index.html">http://www.gwaiitrust.com/programs/index.html</a>
Application Process:	
Process Time:	Approximately 1 month

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Coast Sustainability Trust</b>
Areas Served:	Haida Gwaii, Queen Charlotte Islands, Central Coast
Types of Funding Provided:	Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Community Matching Fund
Description of Fund:	<a href="http://coastsustainabilitytrust.com/guidelines.php">http://coastsustainabilitytrust.com/guidelines.php</a>
URL:	<a href="http://coastsustainabilitytrust.com/">http://coastsustainabilitytrust.com/</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization

Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://coastsustainabilitytrust.com/guidelines.php">http://coastsustainabilitytrust.com/guidelines.php</a>
Application Process:	
Process Time:	

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Tribal Resources Investment Corporation</b>
Areas Served:	Northern BC
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans
Name of Fund(s):	First Citizens' Fund
Description of Fund:	<a href="http://www.tricorp.ca/">http://www.tricorp.ca/</a>
URL:	<a href="http://www.tricorp.ca/">http://www.tricorp.ca/</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.tricorp.ca/">http://www.tricorp.ca/</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.tricorp.ca/">http://www.tricorp.ca/</a>
Process Time:	<a href="http://www.tricorp.ca/">http://www.tricorp.ca/</a>

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Community Futures Development Corporation of the North Cariboo</b>
Areas Served:	Cariboo, Chilcotin Coast
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans
Name of Fund(s):	Business start up and sustainability loans Loans to not-for-profits
Description of Fund:	Community Futures provides loans to not-for-profits to fund project cash flow, capital expansion and viable social enterprises.
URL:	<a href="http://cfquesnel.com">cfquesnel.com</a>
Expected Return:	6-15%

Other Support Services:	technical training capacity building organizational development enterprise development
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.cfquesnel.com/Loans.aspx">http://www.cfquesnel.com/Loans.aspx</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.cfquesnel.com/Loans.aspx">http://www.cfquesnel.com/Loans.aspx</a>
Process Time:	15-30 days

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Community Futures Development Corporation of 16-37</b>
Areas Served:	Northern BC
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans
Name of Fund(s):	Business Development Fund Fish Funds 1&2 Forest Fund Entrepreneurs With Disabilities Fund Youth Fund
Description of Fund:	Loans normally to \$150,000. Special approval and syndication for larger loans.
URL:	<a href="http://www.1637cfdc.bc.ca">http://www.1637cfdc.bc.ca</a>
Expected Return:	6-15%
Other Support Services:	technical networking
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	Case by case. Please see web site.
Application Process:	Application For Financing on web site.

Process Time:	Case by case.
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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Community Futures Cariboo Chilcotin</b>
Areas Served:	Cariboo, Chilcotin Coast
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans
Name of Fund(s):	Regular Loan Fund
Description of Fund:	Loans available to individuals, partnerships, societies, corporations or co-operatives. Eligible projects must meet the test of viability and environmental sustainability. Equity contributions and security by the applicants must be deemed acceptable by the loan committee. Flexible repayment terms to be determined by the loan committee.
URL:	<a href="http://www.cfdccariboo.com">http://www.cfdccariboo.com</a>
Expected Return:	6-15%
Other Support Services:	organizational development advocacy and promotion networking business mentorship
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.cfdccariboo.com">http://www.cfdccariboo.com</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.cfdccariboo.com">http://www.cfdccariboo.com</a>
Process Time:	determined by the time to collect the required information from the applicant.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Haida Gwaii Community Futures</b>
Areas Served:	Northern BC
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans Equity & Equity-like Capital
Name of Fund(s):	Loan Fund Equity Fund

Description of Fund:	We provide loan and equity investments for Social Enterprises that are viable businesses creating employment, addressing local social and community challenges and enhancing overall community vitality. They provide a blended return on investment, financial and social, with excess surpluses reinvested in the community.
URL:	<a href="http://www.haidagwaiifutures.ca">http://www.haidagwaiifutures.ca</a>
Expected Return:	6-15%
Other Support Services:	technical training capacity building organizational development research and education networking enterprise development
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	See Description of Fund (above)
Application Process:	Idea, business plan and, if approved, financing
Process Time:	It varies with applicants readiness but 1-2 months is average

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Northern Development Initiative Trust</b>
Areas Served:	Northern BC Cariboo, Chilcotin Coast
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans Technical Assistance Grants Operational Grants Capital Grants Direct business (job creation) incentives
Name of Fund(s):	Economic Diversification Infrastructure Feasibility Studies Marketing Initiatives Community Halls and Recreation Facilities Industry Attraction

Description of Fund:	Northern Development provides funding to municipalities, regional districts, registered non-profit organizations, and First Nation bands for projects that support economic development and regional diversification. A full list of funding opportunities is available from the Northern Development website.
URL:	<a href="http://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca">http://www.northerndevelopment.bc.ca</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant), 1-5%, 6-15%
Other Support Services:	technical training capacity building research and education advocacy and promotion networking marketing collateral development supporting investment attraction
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization Local governments, First Nation bands
Eligibility Criteria:	Applicants should visit the Northern Development website for eligibility criteria for each of the funding programs offered.
Application Process:	Applicants should visit the Northern Development website for specific application processes for each of the funding programs offered.
Process Time:	2 days to 2 months depending on project complexity and due diligence requirements

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA - WIDE

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Vancity Capital</b>
Areas Served:	Northern BC Cariboo, Chilcotin Coast Thompson Okanagan BC Rockies Vancouver Coast & Mountains (excluding Vancouver) Greater Vancouver Vancouver Island & Islands (excluding Victoria)

	Greater Victoria
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans
Name of Fund(s):	Vancity Capital - Social Enterprise
Description of Fund:	We support social enterprises and social purpose businesses, who work hard to create positive social and environmental impacts through their operations. Our clients include non-profits, co-operatives, aboriginal ventures and businesses with significant social or environmental objectives. Our financing generally comes in the form of subordinated debt and stretch debt. Deals can take many forms and range from \$50,000 to \$10 million depending on the cash flow of your organization. We complement rather than replace your day-to-day banking services, so we can help even if you already have a primary lender or a banker.
URL:	<a href="https://www.vancity.com/MyBusiness/BusinessFinancing/GrowthCapital/SocialEnterprise/">https://www.vancity.com/MyBusiness/BusinessFinancing/GrowthCapital/SocialEnterprise/</a>
Expected Return:	6-15%
Other Support Services:	none
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	We look for social enterprises that can show: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* strong and balanced management skills</li> <li>* earnings and cash flow that support repayment</li> <li>* viable markets capable of sustaining earnings</li> <li>* commitment of key participants and partners</li> <li>* community support</li> <li>* multiple returns on investment, such as social or environmental benefits</li> </ul>
Application Process:	The first step is to call us so we can discuss the viability of your proposal. Next, we'll ask you for supporting documentation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* a business plan describing in detail the operations you wish to finance</li> <li>* complete financial statements and detailed projections</li> <li>* evidence of community support and/or key partnerships</li> </ul> If you need help preparing a business plan or financial projections, please call us. We'll get you started or refer you to other sources of support. Even if you only want to discuss your ideas, we'd love to hear from you. Don't be shy. We encourage innovation.
Process Time:	2-4 months

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation</b>
Areas Served:	Northern BC Cariboo, Chilcotin Coast Thompson Okanagan BC Rockies Vancouver Coast & Mountains (excluding Vancouver) Greater Vancouver Vancouver Island & Islands (excluding Victoria) Greater Victoria
Types of Funding Provided:	Technical Assistance Grants Operational Grants
Name of Fund(s):	
Description of Fund:	
URL:	<a href="http://www.hctf.ca">http://www.hctf.ca</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	technical research and education
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization Governments
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.hctf.ca/Application/HCTF_FAQ.html">http://www.hctf.ca/Application/HCTF_FAQ.html</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.hctf.ca/Application/Application.html">http://www.hctf.ca/Application/Application.html</a>
Process Time:	6 months

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Vancity Community Foundation</b>
Areas Served:	Vancouver Coast & Mountains (excluding Vancouver) Greater Vancouver Vancouver Island & Islands (excluding Victoria) Greater Victoria
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans

	Operational Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Vancity Community Foundation core granting program Vancity Community Foundation loans (limited)
Description of Fund:	VCF is a public foundation that makes grants to charitable organizations, with a focus on affordable housing and homelessness, community asset building and non-profit social enterprise. At Vancity Community Foundation, we take very seriously our role as a catalyst for positive change in communities. We have worked with hundreds of community organizations to effect such change, as we believe that together, more becomes possible.
URL:	<a href="https://www.vancity.com/AboutUs/OurBusiness/Subsidiaries/VancityCommunityFoundation/">https://www.vancity.com/AboutUs/OurBusiness/Subsidiaries/VancityCommunityFoundation/</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant), 1-5%
Other Support Services:	technical capacity building organizational development advocacy and promotion networking enterprise development
Legal form of funded organizations:	Charitable Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	Applications to the Foundation are by invitation, so please contact us for advice. You will be provided with a list of pre-requisites for applying to the Foundation for social enterprise funding. Please also look at VCF's website for further guidelines: <a href="https://www.vancity.com/AboutUs/OurBusiness/Subsidiaries/VancityCommunityFoundation/FundingLendingGuidelines/">https://www.vancity.com/AboutUs/OurBusiness/Subsidiaries/VancityCommunityFoundation/FundingLendingGuidelines/</a>
Application Process:	<a href="https://www.vancity.com/AboutUs/OurBusiness/Subsidiaries/VancityCommunityFoundation/FundingLendingGuidelines/">https://www.vancity.com/AboutUs/OurBusiness/Subsidiaries/VancityCommunityFoundation/FundingLendingGuidelines/</a> Once a social enterprise has been invited to make an application to the Foundation, a program specialist will guide you through the application process before submitting your application to a committee for review.
Process Time:	2 months

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Community Futures Network of British Columbia</b>
Areas Served:	There are 34 different Community Futures offices spread across rural BC. Each location offers a wealth of resources for small businesses. Contact the office for specific details.

	<a href="#">Check Website Listing</a> (Please note that we have detailed listings for the following locations: <a href="#">North Cariboo</a> , <a href="#">South Fraser</a> , <a href="#">16-37</a> , <a href="#">Cariboo Chilcotin</a> , <a href="#">Haida Gwaii</a> )
Types of Funding Provided:	Business Loans
Name of Fund(s):	
Description of Fund:	Community Futures (CF) is a program, funded in western Canada by Western Economic Diversification Canada. Community Futures are non-profit organizations, guided by volunteer boards of directors and staffed with business professionals. Together community volunteers and staff are actively engaged in helping to develop and implement community-based economic development and diversification strategies. These strategies result in the growth within our rural communities; one idea at a time.
URL:	<a href="http://www.communityfutures.ca/provincial/bc/index.html">http://www.communityfutures.ca/provincial/bc/index.html</a>
Expected Return:	6-15%
Other Support Services:	technical training capacity building organizational development enterprise development
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	See Website
Application Process:	See Website
Process Time:	3 months (2 month application process)

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>BC Arts Council</b>
Areas Served:	Northern BC Cariboo, Chilcotin Coast Thompson Okanagan BC Rockies Vancouver Coast & Mountains (excluding Vancouver) Greater Vancouver Vancouver Island & Islands (excluding Victoria) Greater Victoria

Types of Funding Provided:	Operational Grants *note: Grants exclude capital expenditures
Name of Fund(s):	Operating Project Special Project Scholarship
Description of Fund:	The BC Arts Council has the following four over-arching goals: Foster Artistic Excellence; Strengthen Community Engagement; Support the Unique Role of Aboriginal Artists and Communities; and Enhance Financial and Other Services.
URL:	<a href="http://bcartscouncil.ca">bcartscouncil.ca</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	training capacity building organizational development
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization un-incorporated ensembles and for-profit publishers
Eligibility Criteria:	Please see our website at <a href="http://bcartscouncil.ca">bcartscouncil.ca</a>
Application Process:	Please see our website at <a href="http://bcartscouncil.ca">bcartscouncil.ca</a>
Process Time:	2-3 Months

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Renewal2 Social Investment Fund</b>
Areas Served:	Northern BC Cariboo, Chilcotin Coast Thompson Okanagan BC Rockies Vancouver Coast & Mountains (excluding Vancouver) Greater Vancouver Vancouver Island & Islands (excluding Victoria) Greater Victoria
Types of Funding Provided:	Equity & Equity-like Capital
Name of Fund(s):	
Description of Fund:	Equity investments into triple bottom line companies.
URL:	<a href="http://www.renewal2.ca">http://www.renewal2.ca</a>
Expected Return:	16-50%
Other Support Services:	enterprise development

Legal form of funded organizations:	For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	on website
Application Process:	on website
Process Time:	3 months

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Enterprising Non-Profits / enp</b>
Areas Served:	Northern BC Cariboo, Chilcotin Coast Thompson Okanagan BC Rockies Vancouver Coast & Mountains (excluding Vancouver) Greater Vancouver Vancouver Island & Islands (excluding Victoria) Greater Victoria
Types of Funding Provided:	Technical Assistance Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Enterprising Non-Profits Grant Program
Description of Fund:	The enp funding program provides matching grants to non-profit organizations in BC that are interested in starting or expanding a business. The grants objectives are to enhance their programs or services, and/or as a way to stabilize and diversify their funding base. enp program funding enables organizations to conduct planning activities related to the development or growth of a business venture.
URL:	<a href="http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca">http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	technical training capacity building organizational development research and education advocacy and promotion networking enterprise development
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization Not-for-Profit Co-Operative

Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca/primary-links/enp-granting-programs">http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca/primary-links/enp-granting-programs</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca/primary-links/enp-granting-programs">http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca/primary-links/enp-granting-programs</a>
Process Time:	8 weeks - grant rounds every 6 months

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## CANADA-WIDE

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Canadian Alternative Investment Cooperative</b>
Areas Served:	Canada
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans
Name of Fund(s):	Social Enterprise Financing Mortgages for Community-Based Projects Social & Affordable Housing Initiatives
Description of Fund:	CAIC invests in groups working for positive social change and community economic development in Canada that lack access to traditional financing. We are particularly interested in projects that promote alternative economic structures and acts as a catalyst to structural change. When making an investment, CAIC takes into consideration both the social benefit of a project and its business soundness. A project will not be considered unless it meets our criteria for both attributes. CAIC provides loans & equity investments to groups, organizations & cooperatives assisting in the economic development of disadvantaged people or communities and whose objectives are considered to be of social benefit by CAIC's board of Directors. The organization may be a corporation or a co-operative. The investment may be debt or equity, secured or unsecured. CAIC is supportive of community loan funds and is interested in partnering with organizations that provide the necessary business skills and technical support to ensure successful social enterprises.
URL:	<a href="http://www.caic.ca">http://www.caic.ca</a>
Expected Return:	1-5%
Other Support Services:	none
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.caic.ca/applications.html">http://www.caic.ca/applications.html</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.caic.ca/applications.html">http://www.caic.ca/applications.html</a>

Process Time:	3 months (2 month application process)
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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation</b>
Areas Served:	Canada
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans Technical Assistance Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Tenacity Works CDI Advisory Services Grant Fund
Description of Fund:	Tenacity Works gives loans from \$15,000 to \$50,000 to create new or to provide additional financing for worker and multi-stakeholder co-operatives. CDI Advisory Services Grants - provides assistance to groups who want to start new co-ops, or who need help to manage existing ones. This component is managed jointly by the Canadian Co-operative Association and the Conseil Canadien de la Coopération. The CWCF is one of the delivery partners, as are the regional organizations associated with CCA and CCC. Grant up to \$1,500 are available.
URL:	<a href="http://www.canadianworker.coop">http://www.canadianworker.coop</a>
Expected Return:	0% (return of capital only)
Other Support Services:	technical training capacity building organizational development research and education advocacy and promotion networking enterprise development
Legal form of funded organizations:	For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative
Eligibility Criteria:	Tenacity Works <a href="http://www.canadianworker.coop/tenacity-works/eligibility">http://www.canadianworker.coop/tenacity-works/eligibility</a> CDI Advisory Services - 1) Pre-feasibility study The following 2 elements which together are called the "project plan": 2) Creation/enhancement of a plan for business development 3) Creation/enhancement of a plan for organizational development. (Where the regional office would not provide later-stage services, the services provided would include preparation of proposal(s) for later-stage funding, in lieu of b and c above. Later-stage services would include business planning and organizational development, leading up to the launch of the new co-op or expansion / enhancement of an existing co-op)

Application Process:	Tenacity Works - <a href="http://www.canadianworker.coop/tenacity-works/apply">http://www.canadianworker.coop/tenacity-works/apply</a> CDI Advisory Services Grant - <a href="http://www.canadianworker.coop/funding/cdi/application-forms">http://www.canadianworker.coop/funding/cdi/application-forms</a>
Process Time:	Tenacity Works Loans - 3 months. CDI Grants - 2-3 weeks

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Carthy Foundation</b>
Areas Served:	Canada
Types of Funding Provided:	Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Environmental Granting Program
Description of Funds:	<p>Funded initiatives will focus on market-based mechanisms, or urban ecology and ecological design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Market-Based Mechanisms</b> Initiatives that investigate, develop and promote innovative tools, strategies and policies with potential to harness market forces in achieving environmental goals.</li> <li>• <b>Urban Ecology &amp; Ecological Design</b> Initiatives that support optimal ecological function within urban settings. These will include projects that investigate and promote innovations in areas such as urban environmental policy, habitat and connectivity and sustainable urban design.</li> </ul>
URL:	<a href="http://www.carthyfoundation.org/index.htm">http://www.carthyfoundation.org/index.htm</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.carthyfoundation.org/whatwefund.htm">http://www.carthyfoundation.org/whatwefund.htm</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.carthyfoundation.org/howtoapply.htm">http://www.carthyfoundation.org/howtoapply.htm</a>
Process Time:	3 to 6 months.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Suncor Energy Foundation</b>
Areas Served:	Canada
Types of Funding Provided:	Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Grants

Description of Funds:	Suncor is committed to supporting the communities that have contributed to our success. Investments made by Suncor and the Suncor Energy Foundation are primarily focused on the communities in which we operate. Support is also provided to non-profit organizations at the regional, provincial/state and national level.
URL:	<a href="http://www.suncor.com/en/community/297.aspx">http://www.suncor.com/en/community/297.aspx</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	
Legal form of funded organizations:	Charitable Organization Non-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.suncor.com/en/community/724.aspx">http://www.suncor.com/en/community/724.aspx</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.suncor.com/en/community/679.aspx">http://www.suncor.com/en/community/679.aspx</a>
Process Time:	

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Business Development Bank of Canada</b>
Areas Served:	Canada
Types of Funding Provided:	Loans Equity
Name of Fund(s):	<a href="http://www.bdc.ca/en/business_solutions/default.htm">http://www.bdc.ca/en/business_solutions/default.htm</a>
Description of Fund:	At BDC, we're ready to meet the needs of entrepreneurs at any stage of their business development. We work with enterprises in all industries, through all economic cycles and help them in their development projects, both local and global.
URL:	<a href="http://www.bdc.ca/en/home.htm">http://www.bdc.ca/en/home.htm</a>
Expected Return:	Dependent on Type of Funding
Other Support Services:	Capacity Building Technical Assistance Organizational development Research and education
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative For-Profit Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.bdc.ca/en/business_solutions/default.htm">http://www.bdc.ca/en/business_solutions/default.htm</a>
Application Process:	<a href="https://www.bdc.ca/en/no_navigation/financing_request.htm?bPrint">https://www.bdc.ca/en/no_navigation/financing_request.htm?bPrint</a>

	<a href="#">Mode=1</a>
Process Time:	2 months to notification of success, 3.5 months to first installment of grant

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Co-Op Development Initiative</b>
Areas Served:	Canada
Types of Funding Provided:	Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Grants
Description of Funds:	The Co-operative Development Initiative (CDI) is a government of Canada program delivered in partnership with the co-operative sector. CDI is designed to help people develop co-ops and to research and test innovative ways of using the co-operative model. CDI will make the co-op option more readily available to Canadians, to respond to their present-day challenges.
URL:	<a href="http://cccm.coopscanada.coop/en">http://cccm.coopscanada.coop/en</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	Technical Assistance Organizational Development Knowledge Management & Infrastructure Partnership Development
Legal form of funded organizations:	For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://cccm.coopscanada.coop/en/innovative-co-op-projects/guidelines-forms">http://cccm.coopscanada.coop/en/innovative-co-op-projects/guidelines-forms</a>
Application Process:	
Process Time:	

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation</b>
Areas Served:	Canada
Types of Funding Provided:	Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Grants
Description of Funds:	<a href="http://www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en/granting">http://www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en/granting</a>
URL:	<a href="http://www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en">http://www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en</a>

Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en/granting/granting-faq">http://www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en/granting/granting-faq</a>
Application Process:	<a href="http://www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en/granting/applying-for-a-grant/application-process">http://www.mcconnellfoundation.ca/en/granting/applying-for-a-grant/application-process</a>
Process Time:	

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Co-operators Foundation</b>
Areas Served:	Canada
Types of Funding Provided:	Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Community Development Fund Co-operative Development Program
Description of Funds:	<a href="http://www.cooperators.ca/en/aboutus/sustainability/2_8_5.html">http://www.cooperators.ca/en/aboutus/sustainability/2_8_5.html</a>
URL:	<a href="http://www.cooperators.ca/en/aboutus/sustainability/2_8_5.html">http://www.cooperators.ca/en/aboutus/sustainability/2_8_5.html</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization For-Profit Co-Operative Not-for-Profit Co-Operative
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://cccm.coopscanada.coop/en/innovative-co-op-projects/guidelines-forms">http://cccm.coopscanada.coop/en/innovative-co-op-projects/guidelines-forms</a>
Application Process:	
Process Time:	

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Tides Canada</b>
Areas Served:	Canada
Types of Funding Provided:	Grants
Name of Fund(s):	Grants

URL:	<a href="http://tidescanada.org/information-for-charities/information-for-grant-seekers/">http://tidescanada.org/information-for-charities/information-for-grant-seekers/</a> <a href="http://tidescanada.org/create-a-new-charitable-project/">http://tidescanada.org/create-a-new-charitable-project/</a>
Expected Return:	-100% (i.e. grant)
Other Support Services:	Capacity Building Leadership Development Financial Management
Legal form of funded organizations:	Not-for-Profit Organization Charitable Organization
Eligibility Criteria:	<a href="http://tidescanada.org/projects/how-we-work-faq/">http://tidescanada.org/projects/how-we-work-faq/</a>
Application Process:	
Process Time:	

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#### **Other Possible Canada-wide Funders**

*These funders have been identified by our working group as possible Social Economy Funders. However, we were not able to gather and/or verify any detailed information on their programs.*

[Aboriginal Business Canada](#)

[Canadian Million Dollar Round Table Charitable Foundation](#)

[Canadian Trust Friends of the Environment Foundation](#)

[Canadian Women's Foundation](#)

[Catherine Donnelly Foundation](#)

[CEDTAP](#)

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