

## Heritage Community Investment Program (HCIP) Results - Project Accelerator Grants 2021

Project Accelerator grants provide up to \$10,000 in funding support to individuals, groups, and organizations undertaking small-scale heritage projects that tell Edmonton Stories.

### **Amal Mohamud**

#### **Flavors of Somali Edmonton Cuisine**

**Amount Awarded: \$7,384**

**Project Summary:** Amal will film and produce a ten-episode documentary video series that showcases Somali Edmonton cuisines. This series will showcase popular Somali dishes as demonstrated by a local Somali Chef – Chef Nur.

### **Ana Ruiz Aguirre**

#### **YEG, Inked**

**Amount Awarded: \$10,000**

**Project Summary:** The historical record pertaining to the local tattoo industry is limited, illustrating a gap in knowledge. With the goal of addressing this gap, I will write a research-based essay examining the history of tattooing as a cultural practice in Edmonton and document my process through photography. I will publish two versions of this essay (in English and Spanish) and a selection of photographs in Beyond the Gallery – Laberinto Press' upcoming bilingual anthology.

### **Beaver Hills Biosphere Reserve Association**

#### **Establishing a Photo Laureate and Historian Laureate**

**Amount Awarded: \$10,000**

**Project Summary:** The Beaver Hills Biosphere Reserve Association (BHBRA) is applying to become the first Canadian Biosphere to establish Historian Laureate and Photo Laureate positions. This unique effort would assist and further our efforts of capturing and telling the rich and diverse natural and cultural stories of the biosphere. This effort will help to ensure every Edmontonian is aware of and connected to this place.

### **Craig Baird**

#### **Edmonton Rural Heritage**

**Amount Awarded: \$828.05**

**Project Summary:** Through a podcast and YouTube channel, the applicant will create episodes that highlight the rural history of Edmonton around the city – off the beaten track places that have unique and deep history that people would be interested in on a day trip near the city. The episodes would highlight places within thirty minutes of Edmonton City Limits.

### **Clare Mullen**

#### **When Tony and Edmonton Were Young**

**Amount Awarded:** \$10,000

**Project Summary:** This project will capture the spirit, vitality, ingenuity and possibilities of 100 years of Edmonton through the eyes and voice of a proud Edmonton son. Tony Cashman is our witness and master storyteller to this history. This grant will allow us to complete a documentary on the author, playwright, historian, radio host and reporter, Second World War veteran, Alberta Order of Excellence (AOE) recipient, and Edmonton treasure.

### **Edmonton Movie Club**

#### **Oh Canada – A Documentary**

**Amount Awarded:** \$7,000

**Project Summary:** Oh Canada is a documentary that explores the lives of various Indo-Canadians who came to Edmonton in the 60s/70s/80s/90s/2000s and how they succeeded in a new country.

### **Miranda Jimmy**

#### **kiskisiwin: Edmonton’s missing and murdered podcast, Season 1**

**Amount Awarded:** \$10,000

**Project Summary:** Building on the success of Miranda’s recent Research & Planning Grant, Miranda will continue with the production of kiskisiwin: Edmonton’s missing and murdered. This podcast will share the stories of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls through the voices of those who knew them best. Each episode will introduce you to a different Indigenous woman by telling you about the life they lived and the legacy they left behind.

### **Natércia Napoleão**

#### **Michener Park**

**Amount Awarded:** \$10,000

**Project Summary:** A research and playwriting lab for a play titled Michener Park, which looks to tell the story of the Michener Park community. The project includes a workshop and performance at the Expanse Festival (as part of the 2022 Chinook Series) in Edmonton, AB.

### **Omar Mouallem**

#### **The Last Baron**

**Amount Awarded:** \$10,000

**Project Summary:** This project will complete post-production on a documentary about the legacy of Lebanese Albertans manifested through Burger Baron – a fast-food chain with a quirky cult following and mysterious origins. Produced by Back Road Productions with support from CBC Absolutely Alberta, The Last Baron promises to be informative, entertaining, educational, and endearing.

### **Rebecca Lippiatt**

#### **Edmonton in the Time of COVID – Wave 2 and Website Design**

**Amount Awarded:** \$10,000

**Project Summary:** This project is a collection of stories and photographs that tell the story of how a North Central Edmonton community navigated the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. This material will allow Edmontonians to reflect upon the pandemic and provide a sense of understanding how we journeyed through this historical event. The website will share and disseminate stories for both Edmontonians and researchers.

### **United Cultures of Canada Association**

#### **Coming Home to Edmonton**

**Amount Awarded: \$10,000**

**Project Summary:** This project will collect thirteen stories from Syrian refugees living in Edmonton, depicting their lived experiences before and after their migration to Canada and their journeys from chaos and fear of life to safety, joy, and hope for a better future. These stories will enhance Edmonton's heritage and must be told as a tribute to human spirit of survival and to Canadian humanitarianism saving lives all over the world.

### **Yong Fei Guan**

#### **Goji Paradise II**

**Amount Awarded:** \$7,000

**Project Summary:** In this project, the applicant will continue to research a series of heritage plants and advance plans to plant 99 Goji berry trees as a symbol of Chinese heritage in Treaty 6. This project will be presented at The Works Art & Design Festival 2021 and will also include creation of a small booklet on the history of goji berries in Edmonton. Our goal is to recognize and celebrate multicultural heritage that co-exists with nature.