

Heritage Community Investment Program (HCIP) Results - Research and Planning Grants 2021

Research and Planning grants provide up to \$5,000 in funding support to individuals, groups, and organizations to complete preliminary research or planning towards a larger heritage project.

Canadian Classroom on Rails Experience Foundation Visualizing the Chinook Centre

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Summary: Canadian Classroom On Rails Experience Foundation has an option to purchase "The Chinook" Art Deco train set that ran Edmonton-Calgary 936-56 and plans to restore it as a centre for the arts, education, and history in Old Strathcona. This visualizing project will develop artistic sketches, interior design, and video representation of The Chinook in its new setting and function as a basis to attract investors, partners, and client/tenants for the Chinook facility in advance of its arrival.

Edmonton Space & Science Foundation (TELUS World of Science – Edmonton) The impact of Douglas Cardinal on the Edmonton Heritage Landscape

Amount Awarded: \$3,375

Project Summary: Telus World of Science – Edmonton aims to conduct research on the history of its original building and architect Douglas Cardinal. Completed in 1983 and opened in 1984, the science centre's original building is a celebrated and much-beloved Edmonton landmark. This white, futuristic circular building has been part of the Edmonton landscape for almost 40 years and yet there is no public interpretation that highlights the building's significance. This project would take the first step towards creating interpretation on the building by compiling the history of this building, Douglas Cardinal and the traditional knowledge that informed the building's design.

Fawnda Mithrush

Kathak, Hopak, Hip Hop: Culture and celebration through dance in Edmonton

Amount Awarded: \$4,500

Project Summary: This project is to fund the research phase for a 2022 podcast series documenting dance heritage, celebrations, and traditions in Edmonton, tentatively titled "Kathak, Hopak, Hip-hop."

Melva Hei Tung Chen

Farewell Our Ancestors!

Amount Awarded: \$4,735

Project Summary: This project will collect data from oral history and documentation research to reveal the fading traditional practices of Chinese Canadian's funerals and the connections of Edmonton's Chinese diaspora.

Miranda Jimmy

Research & Planning for Local MMIW Podcast

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Summary: Funding for this project will support the research, planning, and development of a locally produced podcast on missing and murdered Indigenous women in Edmonton. Research will include connecting with family and friends of the women and interviewing grassroots advocates and law enforcement involved in the cases. Planning will include technical skill training on podcast production along with episode design for future development of a podcast series.

Miriam Mahaffy

Exploring Partnerships: Research and Planning towards Accessible Curiosity Kits for Diverse Edmontonians

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Summary: This project will pursue partnerships and complete preliminary research and planning to make inquiry-based, fun, and COVID-safe outdoor learning resources about Edmonton's natural heritage accessible to underserved populations.

Richard Wood

Edmonton Culinary History Project

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

Project Summary: This project will explore Edmonton's heritage by examining the role of specialty markets, stores, food trucks, and restaurants in the settlement of immigrant communities. It will study the way food facilitates integration into Canadian society.

Ritchie Community League

RCL Centennial Podcast

Amount Awarded: \$3,375

Project Summary: This podcast will challenge and reassess notions of history, place and public space, nurturing a sense of belonging and mutual respect while bridging a historical gap in the common knowledge of our community. Research will include the Papaschase Cree; women's labour rights; social, political and environmental activism; transit accessibility; and housing security.

Space & Culture

Edmonton's Creative Heritage of Public Artworks

Amount Awarded: \$3,250

Project Summary: Space & Culture is looking to conduct research into the Creative Heritage of Edmonton with a focus on public artworks and monuments within the city. The aim is to research the provenance, artists, and places these works are located. Through this research Space and Culture intend to tell the stories of communities, artists, and places in the city. They will then investigate mediums through which to mobilize this research, including print and online media.