

Anti-Racism Community Safety Fund: Recommended Award Recipients

Applicant	Synopsis of Project	Award
African Canadian Civic Engagement Council (ACCEC)	<p>The <i>Women and Gender Based Violence Prevention Program</i> serves Black women from different intersectionalities. Among the demographics served and who sought out services are Black women and children of African descent living with the intersectionality of being displaced, Muslim, 2SLGBTQ+, refugees, non-status, and survivors of violent crimes. The main components of the program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Court navigators: Black women and girls are assisted by ACCEC's court navigators with emergency protection orders, relocation, trauma-informed care, letters of advocacy, and referrals to ACCEC's legal clinic in collaboration with legal aid Alberta and the legal community. 2. A resource navigator: that assists women and girls who are fleeing violence or are survivors of violence, and successfully assists with housing, temporary income support, employability and skills development, and connection to cultural and safe spaces. 3. Solidarity and connectedness: promote community empowerment capacity building, reconnection, healing and empowering survivors of violence. 	\$250,000
Alberta Workers Association	<p><i>UNDOCUMENTED: Making Connections and Empowering Communities</i>, aims to address mental health and social participation of the undocumented community in Edmonton. This project aims to address a gap in the racialized Edmonton community by giving intentional and explicit focus to engage precarious peoples without immigration status. The project aims to raise awareness in Edmonton on the realities faced by undocumented families and fight negative stereotypes that contribute to their fear and anxiety. The project will be in partnership with Migrante-Alberta.</p> <p>There are five main components of this project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety toolkit 2. Family support groups 3. Youth support groups 4. Migrants sensitivity training to Edmonton school staff, leadership and students 5. Support from mental health professionals 	\$246,000

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<p>Canadian Mental Health Association</p>	<p><i>Design of Community Responses to BIPOC Experiences of Mental Health</i> - This project will empower Edmonton Distress Line crisis responders and natural leaders in ethnocultural communities to provide mental health support to racialized Edmontonians who are victims of race-based hate. The intended participants in this project are racialized community members in Edmonton who may need mental health support stemming from incidents of race-based hate or may support family, friends, and community members who do. This could be people who have experienced it personally, or family, friends, or community members experiencing mental health distress due to acts of race-based hate they personally experience, are supporting a person close to them, or are re-traumatized due to news about or otherwise hearing of these acts.</p>	<p>\$250,000</p>
<p>Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers</p>	<p><i>Rainbow Home: Addressing Racism and Homophobia to Create a Safe and Welcoming Edmonton for LGBTQ+ Newcomers</i> - Many LGBTQ+ newcomers face racial discrimination due to their race, many of them being a person of colour. In addition, LGBTQ+ newcomers face homophobia and transphobia which increases their vulnerability and raises concerns of their safety. For LGBTQ+ newcomers creating safe spaces, a sense of belonging and fostering an anti-racist environment is essential. Increasing awareness on homophobia and transphobia is equally important. LGBTQ+ newcomers often experience isolation due to language barriers, lack of culturally relevant activities and supports within LGBTQ+ mainstream community and/or newcomer services, and arriving in Edmonton alone or not having family support due to their sexual orientation. Many are not connected or hesitant to come out within their ethno-cultural communities, especially if they experienced discrimination in their home country.</p>	<p>\$250,000</p>
<p>Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues</p>	<p><i>Creating Intercultural/Anti-Racism Dialogues in Edmonton Community Leagues</i> - This project will bring together grassroots BIPOC organizations with the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues in ways that create dialogue and learning that has not happened before. Partners will collaborate on innovative and transformative anti-racism and intercultural experiential learning for Community Leagues throughout the city and support the creation of anti-racism policy statements and action plans to become more inclusive spaces. This project builds on</p>	<p>*\$178,000</p>

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	lessons learned from the Edmonton SafeWalk pilot, particularly the need for trust and relationship building between League members and newcomer and BIPOC neighbors.	
	Total	\$1,174,000
*Partial Award due to limited funds available		