

MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR
ASIA PACIFIC STRATEGY AND MULTICULTURALISM

INFORMATION NOTE

Cliff #: 16341

Date: September 30, 2016

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism

ISSUE: British Columbia Multiculturalism Grant Program 2016/17.

BACKGROUND:

The Ministry mandate is to promote the participation and engagement of all cultures throughout the province.

In order to fulfil that mandate, the Ministry has established a Multiculturalism Grant Program which is available to non-profit societies and community-based organizations throughout the province. These organizations may apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 for projects/events that celebrate cultural identity, promote diversity or challenge racism.

The Multiculturalism Grant Program will be administered by the provincial Gaming Grants program, within the Ministry of Finance. Applications can be found on the BC Gaming Grant program website at www.gaming.gov.bc.ca/grants/. The application period for the 2016-2017 Multiculturalism Grant Program will open on Monday, October 17, 2016, and close on Sunday, December 18, 2016.

The budget for the program is \$300,000 annually.

DISCUSSION:

To ensure the maximum number of organizations receive funding, the Gaming Grant and the Ministry will utilise a rigorous and thorough evaluation process to ensure organizations don't receive more funding than is required. Therefore, it is anticipated that the majority of organizations will not receive a full \$5,000 grant. The average payment recipients received in 2015/16 was \$2,450.

The method for engaging public interest is through the distribution of promotional materials by email and mail to multicultural stakeholders, MLA's and local libraries. News releases and the BC Government website will provide additional promotion and information.

Once the application period closes on Sunday, December 18, 2016, it will take at least four weeks to evaluate the proposals. Following Ministry approval, the grant recipients will be announced during February 2017.

NEXT STEPS:

The Multiculturalism Grant Program will be launched on Monday, October 17, 2016, with a news release.

The Minister has an opportunity on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, to inform the BC Government Caucus of the Grants and, as part of the promotional activities for the grants, all MLA offices will be sent an electronic poster before Friday, October 21, 2016.

Closing date for grant proposals is Sunday, December 18, 2016.


Proposals will be evaluated in January 2017 and submitted to the Ministry for final review and approval.

Following Ministry approval, the grant recipients will be announced in February 2017.

ATTACHMENTS: Appendix A - Multiculturalism Grants Poster

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Celebrating British Columbia's cultural diversity



**British Columbia
Multiculturalism Grants**

Application deadline is December 18, 2016

TWO PROJECT SECTORS:

◆ **CULTURAL EXPRESSION** ◆ **ANTI-RACISM**

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS ONLINE:
[HTTPS://WWW.GAMING.GOV.BC.CA/GRANTS/MULTICULTURALISM.HTM](https://www.gaming.gov.bc.ca/grants/multiculturalism.htm)

Final notifications will be made by March 31, 2017



Non-profit societies and community-based organizations (including ad hoc committees, coalitions, umbrella organizations, associations and centres) are eligible to apply.

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Cliff # 16342

Date: October 3, 2016

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade and
Minister Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism

ISSUE: Contracting anti-racism projects with 33 BC communities (2016-2017)

BACKGROUND:

Anti-racism programming is one of the three core strategies of BC's provincial Multiculturalism program supported by the approved Multiculturalism spending plan.

Since 2005 the BC Government has supported a community approach to fighting racism and has established the award-winning Organizing Against Racism and Hate (OARH) network in BC.

Contracts with not-for profit organizations across BC maintain local community OARH partners. These contracts with OARH partners are reviewed and renewed annually to strengthen BC's ability to quickly respond to incidents of racism that threaten local and Provincial community harmony.

DISCUSSION:

The OARH network has expanded this year (2016-17) with the inclusion of four Metro Vancouver communities: Burnaby, Richmond, Surrey and Vancouver. The focus of the new OARH members before March 2017 is to establish their local network, police contact and protocols for dealing with a local racist incident.

In 2016-17 the cost for renewing basic services for the 33 communities in the OARH network was \$35,750. Services included:

- Updated contact list of 10-30 local community members.
- Local police contact
- Annual summary of racist incidents in the community
- Local endorsed protocols for dealing with racist incidents.

However as part of the multiculturalism spending plan and an approved decision by the Deputy Minister (Appendix One) an additional \$182,000 was allocated to reaffirm BC Government's commitment to anti-racism for a total of \$217,750.

Each community is planning to utilise the additional funding to improve network capacity (e.g. membership recruitment, education workshops) and/or increase public awareness about racism and the benefits of inclusion for prosperity (e.g. concerts, photo-exhibitions, community workshops, youth ambassador training).

All communities are required to deliver their anti-racism projects (Appendix Two) by March 31, 2017.

NEXT STEPS:

- Contracts issued October 6, 2016.
- GCPE issue regional news you can use articles

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix One – Decision Note – Anti-Racism funding (2016/17)

Appendix Two - Summary of anti-racism projects by community

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Deputy Minister's Signature: _____	
Comments:	

Appendix One – Decision Note – Anti-Racism funding (2016/17)

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DECISION NOTE

Cliff #: 16093

Date: June 24, 2016

PREPARED FOR: Clark M. Roberts, Deputy Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism

ISSUE: Anti-Racism funding (2016/17)

BACKGROUND:

Anti-racism programming is one of the three core strategies of BC's provincial Multiculturalism program (anti-racism, community engagement, and leveraging multiculturalism), supported by the approved Multiculturalism spending plan.

Since 2005 the BC Government has funded a community approach to fighting racism including the Organizing Against Racism and Hate (OARH) network in BC.

In the fiscal year 2015/16, the Ministry announced \$502,898 in anti-racism funding to organizations to deliver anti-racism programming, which included OARH members.

DISCUSSION:

To reaffirm the BC Government's commitment to anti-racism, the Ministry has allocated \$182,000 for new anti-racism activities that could be announced as early as July 2016.

The proposed announcement value is lower than last fiscal year due to:

- overall operational pressures on the current multiculturalism branch; and
- existing payments of \$167,000 for anti-racism funding carried over from 2015/16 because contracts were extended into the 2016/17 fiscal year.

The anti-racism funding must be allocated to organizations in a timely manner that enables all funding to be spent by March 31, 2017.

OPTIONS:

Option 1: OARH members through cost shared arrangement contracts receive \$182,000 in additional anti-racism funding:

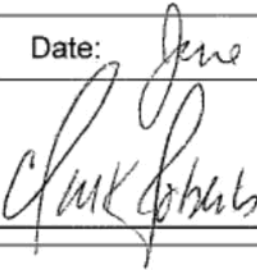
- 28-32 members receive an additional allocation of \$5,000 – \$6,000 in anti-racism funding in their annual membership contracts, typically renewed early July each year at a value of \$1,000.
- Contractors have nine months to deliver additional anti-racism work.
- OARH members have an established structured collaborative community approach to anti-racism that benefits from additional support.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Option 1: OARH members through cost shared arrangement contracts receive \$182,000 in additional anti-racism funding

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Approved	Not Approved	Date: <u>June 24, 2016</u>
Deputy Minister's Signature: <u></u>		
Comments:		

Appendix Two – Summary of anti-racism projects by community

Community	Lead Organization & Contact Information	Summary	Contract value \$
100 Mile House	Chris Pettman cpettman@cariboofamily.org 250 395 5155 Cariboo Family Enrichment Centre.	Utilizing a World Café Model, host a series of dinners to engage youth regarding refugees and how to proactively dispel misinformation.	7000
Abbotsford	Danielle Nazarewich or Danica Denomme DiversityEducation@abbotsfordcommunityservices.com 604 859 7681 Local 270 Abbotsford Community Services	Increase indigenous representation on the Fraser Valley Human Dignity Coalition by participating at local aboriginal events and tables and creating a strategic plan to indigenize the coalition by strengthening partnerships with aboriginal groups and focussing on future anti-racism activities.	7000
Burnaby	Michel Pouliot mpouliot@burnabyfamilylife.org 604 659 2208 Burnaby Family Life	Host workshops with community stakeholders to help establish Burnaby's first OARH network, with focus on building dialogue and producing a protocol for dealing with incidents of racism and hate in the community.	4500
Burns Lake	Pauline Goertzen s.22 778 669 0488 Tsi'yanne Buts'udilhlti Friendship Centre Society	Hold a community engagement meeting and stakeholder workshop to build inter-cultural relationships through shared opportunities and economy.	7000
Campbell River	Jim Brennan Jim.brennan@immigrantwelcome.ca 250 830 0171 Multicultural and Immigrant Services Association of North Vancouver Island	Host Multicultural Media events showing films that focus on racism and discrimination. Films will be followed by dialogue and discussions to increase awareness and create a more inclusive community.	7000

Courtenay/ Comox Valley	Bruce Curtis bruce.curtis@shawbiz.ca 250 334 8101 Community Justice Centre	Develop a community engagement strategy that includes distribution of educational materials, newsletters, and posters to promote an understanding of racism and strengthen community support.	7000
Cowichan Valley/ Duncan	Lyn Weaver cis@cis-iwc.org 250 748 3112 ext. Cowichan Intercultural Society	Implement the “Welcome New Neighbours” program to train youth ambassadors who with OARH Committee mentorship will facilitate anti-racism lessons for elementary school students – with a focus on welcoming Syrian refugees.	7000
Cranbrook	Debbie McPhee s.22 East Kootenay Organization for Human Dignity and Equality	Host multiple public education events to coincide with International Days and hold an OARH Network roundtable with a focus on anti-racism awareness.	7000
Dawson Creek	Katie Stevenson Katie.dawcrls@gmail.com 250 782 4211 Dawson Creek Literacy Society	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Host a series of public workshops that will highlight a specific local cultural and linguistic group in the community to build awareness and promote understanding and a final celebration concert will be held on the International Day to Eliminate Racism. 2. Two day training session for OARH members on supporting diverse groups 	7000
Fernie	Jean Sulzer jeanhsulzer@gmail.com 250 423 4833 Elk Valley Métis Association	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Host four events to promote healing and awareness. 2. Host an event that facilitates education and awareness through creativity. 	4000

Fort St. James –	Arthur Halleran hallerana2@cnc.bc.ca 259 996 7019 College of New Caledonia	Host a black and white photo exhibition of community members in traditional dress to emphasize the cultural diversity of Fort St James and to promote multiculturalism and cultural awareness.	7000
Hope	Peter Bailey Peter@freereinassociates.ca 604 869 2279 Free Rein Associates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community meetings to explore racism in the community and encourage public participation in additional projects. 2. Interactive history of racism in Hope exhibition at the popular health fair. 3. Intergenerational program in local schools to facilitate dialogue between youth and adults about their experience of being both victims and perpetrators of racism. 	7000
Houston	Regina Saimoto rsaimoto@nwcc.bc.ca 250 847 4461 Northwest Community College	Address the increasing tensions with the Aboriginal community by hosting a Brentwood Box making workshops to promote diversity and foster understanding and inclusion. Boxes will be displayed on International Day to Eliminate Racism.	7000
Kamloops	Paul M. Lagace executivedirector@kcris.ca 778 470 6101 Kamloops Immigrant Services	Part of a joint project – ref: Vernon	1000
Kelowna	Katelin Mitchell Katelin@KCR.ca 250 763 8008 Kelowna Community Resources	Part of a joint project – ref: Vernon	1000

Kitimat	Liz Hoffman lhoffman@kitimatcdc.ca 250 632 3144 Ext. 216 Kitimat Child Development Centre	Train students to become “change agents” in challenging racism in their community. Students will also participate in a community dialogue to address Racism and Hate	7000
Nanaimo	Kelly McBride kmcbride@cvims.org 250 753 6911 Ext 123 Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society	Host a dialogue, on March 21, 2017, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination with 6 storytellers from different cultural backgrounds and diverse age groups including youth and recently arrived Syrian families who will share stories about their culture and their challenges with racism. The event will be an opportunity to explore tools to identify racism and to collectively create an equitable vision for the future.	7000
Penticton	Angelika Eneas angelikae@soics.ca 250 492 6299 South Okanagan Immigrant & Community Services	Part of a joint project – ref: Vernon	1000
Port Alberni	Cyndi Stevens cstevens@pafriendshipcenter.com 250 723 8281 Port Alberni Friendship Center	Production of the play ‘Divided we fall’ to be show in schools within the Port Alberni district in collaboration with local RCMP. The play works with young people to experience through the eyes of real people what it means to live with casual racism and why we need to stop it.	7000

Powell River	Lyn Adamson prdi@prepsociety.org 604 414 7020 Powell River Diversity Initiative	To help address recent tensions in the local business community, a public education event to address cross cultural communication and barriers to community integration is being organized. Cultural protocol hand outs will be distributed at the event.	7000
Prince George	Karelya Mediala lmss.pg@shawcable.com 250 562 2900 Immigrant & Multicultural Service Society	Project to promote the understanding of the power dynamics of racism through a series of community dialogues for community partners, service providers, public institutions and youth.	7000
Prince Rupert	Louisa Sanchez ncimsspr@gmail.com 250 622 2915 North Coast Immigrant and Multiculturalism Services Society	Facilitate three community events during multicultural fair. Host a student art contest. Provide ambassador training for the general public and in particular youth to challenge racism.	6750
Revelstoke	Mary Kline mekline@okanagan.bc.ca 250 837 4235 Ext 6503 Okanagan College	Host two workshops on changing engrained racism for local social service and school staff, businesses, parents and the public.	7000
Richmond	Parm Grewal parm@rmcs.bc.ca 604 279 7160 ext 7161 Richmond Multicultural Community Services	Host workshops with community stakeholders to help establish Richmond's first OARH network, with focus on building dialogue and producing a protocol for dealing with incidents of racism and hate in the community.	4500
Salmon Arm (Shuswap)	Gudrun Malmqvist immigrantservices@shaw.ca 250 804 2726 Immigrant Services Shuswap	Part of a joint project – ref: Vernon	1000

Smithers	Melanie Monds mmonds@positivelivingnorth.org 250 877 0042 Bulkley Valley Social Planning Society	Host story telling events as tools to build cross-cultural understanding to support the development of meaningful relationships	7000
Sunshine Coast	April Struthers witworks@dccnet.com 604 885 0651 Wit Works Ltd.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Host Pocket Film Festival and dialogue, organize 4 cultural competency training workshops and 6 circle training sessions with Shishalh Nation. 2. OARH Committee recruitment initiative with cultural competency training workshop, local diversity survey and protocol development. 	7000
Surrey	Ninu Kang nkang@mosaicbc.org 604 254 9626 Mosaic	Host workshops with community stakeholders to help establish Surrey's first OARH network, with focus on building dialogue and producing a protocol for dealing with incidents of racism and hate in the community.	4500
Terrace	Sasa Loggin coordinator@skeenadiversity.com 250 615 6892 Skeena Diversity Society	Promote cross-cultural bridging by hosting monthly film nights, weekly multicultural cooking sessions and a community dialogue and storytelling event to support the settlement of new immigrants and refugees.	7000
Vancouver	Deb Bryant dbryant@anhbc.org 604 875 9111 ext. 107 Association of Neighbourhood Houses BC	Host workshops with community stakeholders to help establish Vancouver's first OARH network, with focus on building dialogue and producing a protocol for dealing with incidents of racism and hate in the community.	4500

Vanderhoof	Lisa Striegler: lstriegler@csfs.org , 250 567 9733 Carrier Sekani Family Services	Host a Racism Educational Quiz Show and play to debunk myths related to local racialized social issues. Includes community multicultural food preparation events to promote cultural exchange.	7000
Vernon	Annette Sharkey info@socialplanning.ca 250 540 8572 Social Planning Council for the North Okanagan	Combined project of the Thompson Okanagan Respect Network to host the series 'Respect Lives Here' that includes public events to celebrate diversity, honour multiculturalism and better understand and address racism. The series will be hosted in Salmon Arm, Kamloops, Penticton, Kelowna and Vernon. Series is also supported by regional OARH networking meetings.	31000
Williams Lake	Bettina Egert bettina.egert@cmhawl.org 250 305 4420 Cariboo Chilcotin Canadian Mental Health Association	Community based arts project that addresses racism and privilege in order to encourage people to work together. Leading to community development through creative sharing and learning circles.	7000
		Total	\$217,750