



BC ASSOCIATION OF

Community Response Networks

Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect ...Together.

BC CRN Community Impact Grants

About the Grant Program

The British Columbia Association of Community Response Networks (BC CRN) believes resilient communities are built through collaboration, innovative partnerships, and inclusive support systems that empower vulnerable adults.

Community Impact Grants support **prevention-focused, community-driven initiatives** that:

- Strengthen Community Response Networks (CRNs)
- Increase awareness of adult abuse, neglect, and self-neglect
- Enhance accessibility and inclusion
- Build safer communities across British Columbia

These grants are made possible through funding from the **Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Health**. BC CRN is accountable for every dollar invested and funds projects that demonstrate measurable community impact and alignment with our prevention mandate.

Eligibility

- ✓ Available only to BC CRN Community Response Networks
 - ✓ Applications must be submitted by the CRN Coordinator
 - ✓ Coordinators must review proposals with their Regional Mentor prior to submission
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Funding Overview

Maximum Funding:

Up to **\$5,000 per CRN per fiscal year** (April 1 – March 31)

Application Limits:

- Multiple applications permitted
- Total annual funding cannot exceed \$5,000

Funding Timeline:

- April 1 – November 30: Up to \$5,000 available
- After November 30: Up to \$2,500 available
- Final application deadline: **February 15**
- All funds must be spent and final reporting submitted by **March 31**

Payment Process:

- Reimbursement upon submission of receipts
- Advance payments may be arranged in exceptional circumstances

Grant Objectives

Projects must meet **one or more** of the following objectives:

1. Strengthen Community Response Networks

Support the development, growth, and sustainability of local CRNs through cross-sector collaboration and community engagement.

2. Increase Awareness and Education

Deliver workshops, campaigns, presentations, or resource fairs that raise awareness of adult abuse, neglect, and self-neglect.

3. Deliver Prevention-Focused Initiatives

Create and distribute educational materials, resource guides, toolkits, banners, posters, or other initiatives that reduce risk and build protective factors.

4. Promote Accessibility and Inclusion

Improve access to information and supports for marginalized or underserved communities using culturally responsive and inclusive approaches.

5. Promote World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15)

Plan and implement initiatives that recognize WEAAD and increase public engagement in prevention efforts.

What We Don't Fund

Community Impact Grants do **not** fund:

- Projects without a clear prevention and awareness focus
- Intervention or direct services
- Political advocacy
- Activities unrelated to BC CRN's mandate
- Food security initiatives
- Social or recreational programming without a prevention component
- Paid digital or print advertising promoting abuse-related issues or BC CRN branding

Grant funds are not intended for ongoing operational costs outside the scope of community prevention and network-building.

Project Requirements

- Projects must address identified local community needs
 - All expenses must be supported by receipts or invoices
 - Advertising expenditures require prior approval from the Executive Director (excluding event posters, banners, pamphlets, and BC CRN-provided materials)
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Review & Approval Process

1. Applications are reviewed by the BC CRN Administration Team
 2. Additional information may be requested if needed
 3. Final approval is granted by the Director of Administration
 4. Approval confirmation is sent by email
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Funder Recognition

All funded projects must include the following acknowledgment:

“Supported by the Province of British Columbia and the BC Association of Community Response Networks.”

Both logos must be used in accordance with graphic standards available on the Coordinator Portal.

Reporting Requirements

Upon project completion, Coordinators must submit:

- Grant Invoice & Report Form
- All receipts
- Project photos (where possible)

Reporting helps BC CRN demonstrate community impact to the Ministry of Health.

How to Apply

Step 1: Review your project idea with your Regional Mentor

Step 2: Complete the online Community Impact Grant Application Form

Step 3: After project completion, submit the Grant Invoice & Report Form with receipts

Note: The PDF application is for planning purposes only. Applications must be submitted online.

For questions, please contact your Regional Mentor or the Coordinator of Data, Grants & Agreements at: grants@bccrns.ca
