





External Funding Opportunities

The funding opportunities here have been updated as of July 2020. Details and availability of each opportunity may change without notice.

If you're interested in securing a "Self-Funded" or "Co-Application Funded" PLAY partnership, this guide includes funding opportunities which could be applied for to pay for your desired PLAY partnership. Additionally, this guide indicates which funding opportunities may be especially relevant for short-term engagements (offerings found in our **Customize** partnerships), as well as **multi-year** funding that could support a long-term PLAY partnership for your community or organization.

Use this legend to easily identify key information about the funding opportunities listed below:

Funding Approach	
	Self-Funded: funding opportunities your community or organization could apply for to pay for your desired PLAY partnership.
	Co-Application Funded: funding opportunities your community or organization could apply for in collaboration with Right To Play to pay for you desired PLAY partnership.
Additional Considerations	
	Multi-year Funding: funding opportunities that may commit funds that span over multiple years.
	Short-Term Engagement Funding: funding opportunities well suited for paying for Customize PLAY partnerships, i.e. training workshops, in-person professional coaching, etc.

Funding opportunities in this guide currently include those available nationally and in regions where the PLAY program is currently partnered. If your community or organization is located in a province not currently listed and you would like support in identifying funding opportunities for a PLAY partnership, please contact Melyssa Superka, PLAY Program Manager, at msuperka@righttoplay.com.

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NATIONAL

Jordan's Principles



- <https://www.canada.ca/en/indigenous-services-canada/services/jordans-principle.html>
- **Relevant For:** any First Nations or Inuit community (through the [Inuit Child First Initiative](#)) that is focused on improving mental health outcomes
- **Funding Amount:** determined based on request and need of community
- **Process:** community-by-community conversations with decision-makers at health authorities, schools, Chief and Council; application is first to regional Indigenous Services Canada program managers.
- Regional offices: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100016936/1534342668402>

New Paths for Education



- <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1314212864451/1531315615013#chp2>
- **Relevant For:** communities running youth programming out of a school setting; community programs specifically focused on education outcomes
- Funding has been allocated at the community level to support educational priorities outlined at link above
- **Funding Amount:** vary per community
- **Process:** community-by-community conversations with decision-makers at education authorities, schools, Chief and Council

Community Foundations



<https://www.communityfoundations.ca/>

- **Relevant For:** almost every PLAY partner - regional restrictions apply
- Right To Play has had success with the Winnipeg Foundation, the London Community Foundation, and the Calgary Foundation
- Community Foundations are increasingly looking to support nearby Indigenous communities, though there are some areas where catchment-area becomes a barrier
- Typically starts as smaller, 1-time projects and can, over time, become consistent funding
- **Funding Amount:** can vary, but have seen up to \$100,000
- **Process:** Apply to these foundations as funds become available and you meet their eligibility criteria; each community foundation has their own restrictions and granting opportunities
 - **Map of community foundations:** <https://www.communityfoundations.ca/find-a-community-foundation/>; many PLAY partners could connect with these

Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities



- <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/sport-support/social-development-indigenous-communities.html>
- **Relevant For:** any community using sport and/or physical activity to achieve outcomes related to health, education, employability, or a reduction in at-risk behaviour

- **Funding Amount:** technically, up to \$2M/year for up to 2 years (this could change with next call for funding)
- **Next Funding Round:** late 2020 for 2021-21 fiscal years

First Nations Family Services



- <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100035204/1533307858805>
- **Relevant For:** communities interested in prevention programming for child and family outcomes (related to child welfare programming)
- Funding is for First Nations Child Welfare agencies to develop and run this type of programming

N7 – Nike



- <https://n7fund.nike.com/apply/>
- **Relevant For:** First Nations communities with focus on sport and physical activity programming
- **Funding Amount:** \$15,000 - \$20,000/year
- **Process:** online application at link above

Employment and Social Development Canada



First Nations and Inuit Skills Link Program:

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/youth-employment-strategy/skills-link.html>
- **Relevant For:** On-reserve programming supporting youth (age 15-30) to create a job or support skill development
 - Communities that want to support mentored job training for youth
- **Status:** not currently open

Youth Employment and Skills Strategy:

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/youth-employment-skills-strategy-program.html>
- **Relevant For:** programs that support youth to overcome barriers to employment, including training, mentored work, and job supports
- **Status:** not currently open

Child and Family Development Projects:

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/child-family-social-development/eligibility.html>
- **Relevant For:** programs supporting healthy child or family development
- **Status:** not currently open
- **Objectives:**
 - support the development and utilization of effective approaches to address social issues and challenges
 - develop, exchange and apply knowledge, tools and resources that address social needs of individuals, families and communities
 - foster partnerships and networks to address existing and emerging social issues

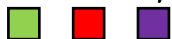
- recognize and support the ability of not-for-profit organizations to identify and address social development priorities; and
- recognize and promote community engagement initiatives (e.g. volunteerism, corporate social responsibility, innovation, partnerships, coalitions) that mobilize community assets and develop capacities and resources for action

Public Safety Canada – National Crime Prevention Strategy:



- <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ctrng-crm/crm-prvntn/fndng-prgrms/ntnl-crm-prvntn-strtg/fndng-pplctn-gd-en.aspx>
- **Relevant For:** communities focused on crime prevention, including bullying and cyber-bullying
- **Funding Amount:** \$200,000 to \$1.5M/year depending on scope of project
- **Process:** not currently accepting applications, but worth connecting with regional managers to see what has been funded in the region

Public Safety Canada – Northern and Aboriginal Crime Prevention Fund



- <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ctrng-crm/crm-prvntn/fndng-prgrms/nrthrn-brgnl-crm-prvntn-fnd-en.aspx>
- **Relevant For:** communities focused on crime prevention
- **Focus on:**
 - the adaptation, development and implementation of innovative and promising culturally sensitive crime prevention practices which address known risk and protective factors to reduce offending among at-risk children and youth, and high-risk offenders in communities;
 - the dissemination of knowledge and the development of tools and resources for Indigenous and Northern populations; and
 - capacity building as a means to explore ways to develop or implement culturally sensitive crime prevention practices among Aboriginal and northern populations.
- **Process:** not clear from website

Public Safety Canada – Crime Prevention Action Fund



- <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ctrng-crm/crm-prvntn/fndng-prgrms/crm-prvntn-ctn-fnd-en.aspx>
- **Relevant For:** The Crime Prevention Action Fund (CPAF) provides time-limited grant and contribution funding that supports evidence-based crime prevention initiatives in communities that address known risk and protective factors associated with crime among vulnerable groups of the population, especially children and youth from 6-24 years, and chronic offenders.
- **Objectives:**
 - Support evidence-based models and promising practices which address known risk and protective factors to reduce offending among at-risk children and youth, and high risk offenders in communities;

- Support the dissemination of knowledge and the development of tools and resources related to effective crime prevention practices; and
- Support innovative projects to explore ways in responding to known risk and protective factors related to offending among at-risk children and youth, and high risk offenders in communities.
- **Process:** new call for proposals coming soon

Public Safety Canada – Youth Gang Prevention Fund



- <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/crm-prvntn/fndng-prgrms/yth-gng-prvntn-fnd-en.aspx>
- **Relevant For:** communities with self-identified youth gang issues
- **Objectives:**
 - Supporting targeted initiatives that address specific risk and protective factors associated with youth violence and youth gangs in communities where these issues exist or are emerging trends;
 - Promoting the implementation of evidence-based interventions to provide those young people with alternatives to joining gangs; and
 - Developing and disseminating knowledge in order to encourage other communities to adopt effective methods to prevent youth violence and youth gang activity in Canada.
- **Process:** new call for proposals coming soon

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Civil Forfeiture Grant



- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/crime-prevention/community-crime-prevention/grants>
- **Relevant for:** Indigenous communities with programming that supports youth healing and wellness
- **Funding Amount:** Up to \$30,000; annual application typically due in late November or December (currently closed)
- **Process:** communities apply through online-accessible form and submit via email

New Relationship Trust



- <http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding/>
- **Relevant For:** BC First Nations interested in supporting educational initiatives or local capacity-building
- **Funding Amount:**
 - *Youth Grant Initiative:* \$2,500/youth project (total of \$250,000 available) to support youth-led projects in-community
<http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding/youth-grants/>
 - *Capacity-building:* \$25,000/community or \$50,000 (total of \$1.5M available) for 3 communities to propose projects that support capacity-building in areas they identify as a need <http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding/direct-support/>

- *Education*: \$5,000 (total of \$250,000 available) to support K-12 First Nations education programming
- **Process**: First Nations apply online through relevant links
<http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/funding/k-12-education/>
- **NOTE**: there is a 'funding map' if you scroll down any one of these links that show which communities across BC have received funding

First Nations Health Authority



- <https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/funding-arrangements#contact>
- FNHA is responsible for planning and management of all health services for First Nations in British Columbia, including physical health, mental health, and wellness programming
- **Relevant For**: communities with a focus on mental and physical health could connect with FNHA to discuss whether some of the financial contribution could be used on programs like PLAY (link is to local contacts for funding arrangements)
- **Process**: communities that have designated PLAY as a health-focused essential service may be able to discuss using FNHA funds to support program outcomes
- **Mental Health Funding – Since 2018**: <https://www.fnha.ca/about/work-with-us/funding-opportunities>
 - New funding available to focus on mental health and wellness programming; similar process in terms of working with regional funding bodies

First Nations Education Steering Committee



- <http://www.fnesc.ca/lea/>
- FNESC supports Local Education Agreements (LEAs), which are funded jointly by BC, Canada and FNESC through the Tripartite Agreement on Education (2018)
- **Relevant For**: partner communities with programs focused on education or run out of educational spaces
- **Process**: communities would need to demonstrate that PLAY is a vital program for their education plans and could discuss using part of that funding to support the program

BC Gaming Grants



- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/grants/guide-cgg.pdf>
- **Relevant For**: organizations (First Nations are not eligible, but activities can serve Indigenous youth) with board and membership primarily in BC, with a focus on sport, recreation, arts, and cultural programming
- **Funding Amount**: Up to \$100,000/year
- **Process**: Annual application cycle based on type of programming
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/community-gaming-grants#one>

First Nations Gaming Commission



- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/indigenous-people/first-nation-gaming-revenue-sharing>
- Limited partnership that any BC First Nation can join (est. 2019) in order to receive a set percentage of government revenue each year, which they can use to finance local priorities (which could include programs like PLAY)
- Priorities include:
 - health and wellness;
 - infrastructure, safety, transportation and housing;
 - economic and business development;
 - education, language, culture and training;
 - community development and environmental protection; and
 - capacity-building, fiscal management and governance.
- **Relevant For:** all BC community partners that have already joined the commission or who plan to
- **Process:** interested communities can learn more here:
<https://www.bcfngamingrevenue.ca/> about how to access the funds
 - Idea is that funding is consistent year over year and can be used to support locally-determined priority areas

Community LINK



- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/communitylink?keyword=youth>
- Community LINK (Learning Includes Nutrition and Knowledge) funding is designed to support the academic achievement and social functioning of vulnerable students. Programs and services can include breakfast, lunch and snack programs, academic supports, counseling, youth workers and after-school programs
- **Relevant For:** communities and organizations running programming either through or in conjunction with local schools/school boards
 - Each school board receives LINK funding and can determine priorities themselves/how to use the funds
- **Process:** advocacy to school board through teachers/principals to sustain programming

Indigenous Sport and Recreation Council (ISPARC)



- <https://isparc.ca/grants-recognition/>
- **Relevant For:** communities interested in accessing funding for equipment, sport-specific programming, and regional camps

IMAGINE Community Grants



- https://www.northernhealth.ca/sites/northern_health/files/services/healthy-living-communities/imagine-grants/documents/2020-spring-imagine-community-grants-application-guide.pdf
- **Relevant For:** Northern BC First Nations focused on health outcomes
- **Focus areas:**
 - Healthy Eating and Food Security
 - Physical Activity/ Active Living
 - Injury Prevention
 - Tobacco-Free Communities
 - Positive Mental Health
 - Prevention of Substance Harms
 - Healthy Early Childhood Development
 - Healthy Aging
 - Healthy School Action
- **Funding Amount:** \$5,000 per community
- **Process:** <https://www.northernhealth.ca/services/healthy-living-in-communities/imagine-grants#criteria#funding-limitations#bc-grants>

ALBERTA

Community Initiatives Program



- <https://www.alberta.ca/community-initiatives-program.aspx>
- **Relevant For:** Community-based organizations supporting either local projects or ongoing programming that have a community-identified benefit
- **Funding Amount:** Up to \$75,000/year
- **Process:** 3 deadlines/year, found at link above

Community Partnerships Youth Grants



- <https://www.alberta.ca/community-partnerships-youth-grants.aspx>
- **Relevant For:** programming that supports youth mentorship (up to age 25)
- **Funding Amount:** \$25,000 to \$100,000/year
- **Process:** not currently active; funding hopefully to continue for 2021

YUKON

Community Development Fund



- <https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/ecdev/ecdev-forms/ecdev-community-development-fund-application-form-yg4665.pdf>
- **Relevant For:** First Nations in Yukon
- **Funding Amount:** Up to \$75,000+ for community development projects; at least 10% of total expenditure needs to come from other sources
- **Objectives:**
 - generate local spending;

- create employment opportunities;
- build needed infrastructure;
- bring new money into Yukon;
- develop skills, knowledge and experience;
- facilitate community involvement; and
- build partnerships.
- **Process:** link above is to the application form and outlines deadlines for different funding requests

Community Recreation Assistance Grant



- <https://yukon.ca/en/apply-community-recreation-assistance-grant#about-the-grant>
- **Relevant For:** Communities looking to cover core costs associated with recreational programming
- **Funding Amount:** not clear
- **Process:** annual intake, prior to April of each year

MANITOBA

Indigenous and Northern Initiatives Fund



- <https://www.gov.mb.ca/inr/major-initiatives/pubs/indigenous-northern-initiatives-fund-grant-guide.pdf>
- **Relevant For:** Manitoba First Nations and northern communities
- **Funding Amount:** Up to \$25,000 in annual funding
- **Process:** annual intake in February

Northern Youth Empowerment Initiative



- <https://www.gov.mb.ca/inr/major-initiatives/northern-youth-empowerment-initiative.html>
- **Relevant For:** projects that are youth-led
- **Funding Amount:** \$5000 - \$20,000
- **Criteria:**
 - community based
 - wholly or partially driven or led by youth
 - based on well-established, evidence-based models known to produce positive outcomes for youth
 - designed to impact or affect large numbers of youth
- **Process:** continual intake; see link for details

ONTARIO

Ontario Trillium Foundation



- <https://otf.ca/what-we-fund/action-areas/promising-young-people>
- **Relevant for:** Indigenous communities in Ontario that want to support youth programming

- **Funding Amount:** Up to \$250,000 for a 'Grow' grant (expanding/improving current programming) for 2-3 years. There are also 'Seed' grants, which are dedicated to testing new ideas
- **Process:** deadline for 'Grow' grants is Nov 27th
 - Scroll down at this link to schedule a call with a Program Manager:
<https://otf.ca/what-we-fund/investment-streams/grow-grants>

NEW BRUNSWICK

Go NB



- [https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.201310.Sport_-_Go_NB_\(Grant\).html#serviceDescription](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.201310.Sport_-_Go_NB_(Grant).html#serviceDescription)
- **Relevant For:** First Nations in New Brunswick running programming that improves physical literacy and reduces barriers to sport participation
- **Objectives:**
 - Applicants must demonstrate their capacity to plan and implement programs that develop physical literacy and/or reduces barriers to sport participation. Applicants must also provide clear evidence that they have qualified leaders/instructors.
 - Objective 1 – Physical Literacy (Active Start, FUNdamentals, and Learning to Train of the Canadian Sport for Life model).
 - Objective 2 – Under-represented populations (Aboriginal youth, persons with a disability, women and girls, economically disadvantaged)
- **Process:** contact information at link above

Physical Activity – Active Communities Grant



- https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/thc/services/services_renderer.201013.Physical_Activity_-_Active_Communities_Grant_.html
- **Relevant For:** projects that promote physical activity
- **Funding Amount:** maximum \$5,000 per project year
- **Objectives:**
 - The Program is intended for initiatives that create and support opportunities to engage in physical activity and/or to promote the benefits of physical activity.
 - It also aims to create new activities or programs, or enhance those that already exist in the province.
 - Examples of eligible activities may include but are not limited to: Training sessions and workshops that help increase/improve physical activity and networking opportunities and innovating partnerships within the community.
- **Process:** Contact info at link above

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Grants to Youth Organizations



- <https://www.gov.nl.ca/pep/grants-to-youth-organizations/>
- **Relevant For:** community-based youth organizations
- **Funding Amount:** Up to \$50,000

- **Objectives:**
 - Engage youth in activities that encourage skill, knowledge, and leadership development so that they may positively contribute to their community, region or province;
 - Enhance partnerships and collaboration; and
 - Fill a gap in services.
- **Process:** check website for 2020 deadlines (TBA)

Indigenous Cultural Heritage Program



- https://www.tcii.gov.nl.ca/heritage/aboriginal_cultural_heritage.html
- **Relevant for:** Indigenous projects that involve the safeguarding of traditions and culture, including language; traditional knowledge and skills; storytelling, music, games and other pastimes; knowledge of the landscape; customs, cultural practices and beliefs; food customs; and living off the land.
- **Funding Amount:** Up to \$15,000
- **Objectives:**
 - Documenting and inventorying cultural traditions
 - Passing on cultural knowledge through teaching, demonstrations, publications, websites and other educational and awareness-raising activities
 - Recognizing and celebrating traditions, and those with traditional skills, through awards and special events
 - Identifying and supporting cultural enterprises that employ aspects of traditional culture (for example, craft production and cultural tourism)
 - Professional Development for cultural workers, educators and knowledge holders
- **Process:** grant due May 20; contact information and application can be found at the link above

Community Healthy Living Fund



- <https://www.gov.nl.ca/cssd/grants/chl-fund/>
- **Relevant For:** communities and programs looking to increase physical activity and healthy eating
- Guidelines: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/cssd/files/grants-pdf-2019-2020-community-healthy-living-fund-guidelines.pdf>
- **Funding Amount:** Up to \$15,000 for programs or capacity-building
- **Process:** 2020 deadline has passed; January 31

Community Partnerships Program (Employment)



- <https://www.gov.nl.ca/aesl/forcommunitypartners/cpp/>
- **Relevant For:** communities looking to support job readiness skill training, on-the-job training and employment
- Community organizations need to identify how proposed project will support individuals to gain/retain employment
- **Process:** see details at link above