



2024 Smart & Caring Community Grants

Abbotsford Association for Healthy Aging

Seniors Social Cafe

\$7,500

Facilitating and fostering friendships amongst older adults to help reduce social isolation and loneliness. Seniors Social Cafes are tailored to seniors to build on community connections.

Abbotsford Hospice & Grief Support Society

Children and Youth Grief Support Program

\$7,500

Supporting grieving children and families in local schools, while providing training and education for teachers and staff, with a focus on our Indigenous community.

Abbotsford Youth Commission

FOCUS: A Mental Health and Resilience Group

\$8,172

FOCUS is a mental health group for youth with workshops that build skills around resilience, emotions, coping strategies, anxiety, stress, anxiety and self care.

Care For Women Foundation

Care For Women Program - Community Expansion

\$7,500

To support 20 pregnant vulnerable and at-risk mothers and their babies with practical and emotional help with a 1:1 mentor in their home, meals, cleaning, transportation to medical appointments, and community resources over 8 months.

Creative Centre Society for Mental Wellness

Young Adults with Severe & Persistent Mental Illness Support Program

\$11,693

Supporting young adults with severe mental illness; fostering recovery, community integration & societal contribution through volunteering opportunities. Program expansion will offer additional spaces for vulnerable youth & a teaching Kitchen.

Gathering Markit CO Great Commission Foundation

Lunch Kits

\$5,000

These lunch kits come with a choice of drink, yogurt, granola bar, choice of fruit, fresh veggies, cheese and crackers. Parents can choose what their kids will eat for only \$1 a kit. No more relying on school handout programs!

InAsMuch Community Society

Helping Newcomers Thrive in Canada through Mental Health and Parenting Supports

\$4,600

Adapting to Canadian life can be challenging for newcomers, especially for refugees. This project will provide parenting helps and tools to encourage good mental health so newcomers can thrive here.



Salvation Army

Back to School Event & Program

\$5,000

One of their most highly requested services for families, they provide students in middle and high schools with packs and supplies along with a gig card for each family to ease their budgeting challenge.

Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society

Abbotsford Cancer Patient Complimentary Transportation Program

\$2,500

This project provides complimentary, safe, compassionate and on-time transportation for Abbotsford Cancer patients to and from their essential care at designated Lower Mainland cancer centres.

Total: \$59,465