

THE  LAW  
FOUNDATION  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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We fund programs and projects throughout BC that benefit the public.

The Law Foundation of BC is an independent non-profit foundation created by legislation in 1969 to receive and distribute the interest on clients' funds held in lawyers' pooled trust accounts.

## MANDATE

Our legislative mandate is to fund legal education, legal research, legal aid, law reform, and law libraries for the benefit of British Columbians.

### LEGAL EDUCATION



### LEGAL RESEARCH



### LEGAL AID



### LAW REFORM



### LAW LIBRARIES



## MISSION STATEMENT

Through funding, collaborative relationships, and shared learning, we invest in work that empowers people and strengthens communities.

## VISION

A future where systems of law and justice support all people to live and thrive in dignity.

## STATEMENT OF VALUES

The following values guide the Foundation's work:

- **RECIPROCITY:** We listen and learn with humility, and we cultivate trusting, transparent, and supportive relationships, both within the Foundation, and with those with whom we interact, valuing the time, commitment, expertise, and energy that each contributes.
- **EQUITY:** We acknowledge and respond to the ongoing harms to equity-denied people and groups caused by the legal system and philanthropy. We take an anti-racist, intersectional approach to counter systemic racism and discrimination.
- **DECOLONIZATION:** We acknowledge and respond to the ongoing harms resulting from colonization, and the role of the legal system and philanthropy in perpetuating those harms. We decolonize our practices, centering the self-determination of Indigenous peoples and their leadership, knowledge, and expertise in justice transformation through their own laws, and Canadian law.
- **SUSTAINABILITY:** We ensure that our work, practices, finances, and the programs we support are sustainable over time, and consistent with good environmental stewardship.
- **TRANSFORMATION:** We encourage creative solutions to problems, prioritizing work informed by, and building with, people and communities facing systemic inequity.



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# Message from the Chair

SARAH RACE PHOTOGRAPHY

**IT HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS PRIVILEGE** for me to serve as chair of the Law Foundation of BC and to have been a member of its Board of Governors for the past six years. As I step down from the Board, I do so with great confidence in the Foundation's future. The organization is in capable hands under the current Chair, Karen Ameyaw, and benefits from the dedication of a remarkable board and staff team.

During my time on the Board, the Law Foundation has undergone significant changes. When I first joined, the Foundation's annual grants amounted to less than \$30 million. Now, looking ahead, we are planning to distribute over \$100 million each year to support access to justice initiatives across the province.

Most of this increased funding is dedicated to supporting direct civil legal aid services for low-income individuals who would otherwise be unable to afford legal representation. These services span several critical areas of law, including family law, tenancy, disability, employment, and income assistance. The Law Foundation provides essential funding for a network of more than 75 community legal advocacy services across British Columbia, as well as 24 legal clinics where individuals can receive free legal services from staff lawyers. These services are delivered by independent agencies embedded in communities throughout BC.



In recent years, we have made significant strides in increasing funding for these services, both by enhancing support for existing initiatives and by adding new services. We have also expanded grant opportunities for articling students, enabling more aspiring lawyers to gain valuable training in these areas of law and serve the needs of vulnerable communities.

Law Foundation funding has played a crucial role in supporting the BC First Nations Justice Council as it develops the infrastructure needed to open and operate 17 new Indigenous Justice Centres throughout the province. These centres offer free legal services and representation to Indigenous people facing criminal charges or child protection issues. Their purpose is to promote community safety and guide individuals toward healthier paths, away from further involvement with the justice system.

All this work is central to the Law Foundation's strategic plan, particularly our commitment to building a network of effective, accessible legal and advocacy services and supporting Indigenous justice revitalization and transformation of justice systems.

The Foundation's primary source of income is the interest generated from lawyers' pooled trust accounts. However, as interest rates have declined, so have our revenues. To safeguard essential front-line legal services from the impact of revenue fluctuations, the Foundation maintains a grant stabilization fund. This fund enables us to continue

providing stable funding, and even to sustainably increase support for community needs and the rising costs faced by service delivery agencies, especially during times of declining revenue.

The Foundation intends to invest even more in community legal services over the coming years. We are working to expand our service network, strengthen centralized supports and infrastructure to ensure high-quality service delivery, and provide additional resources to attract and retain committed and talented staff.

We are particularly proud to have launched, in partnership with the University of the Fraser Valley, a new professional training program for community legal advocates, which welcomed its first cohort of students in fall 2025. Additionally, we have redesigned and expanded our continuing professional development offerings for advocates. We are grateful to the many lawyers and legal practitioners who generously contribute their time to creating and delivering these educational programs.

Our support infrastructure for community legal advocates has also grown. Following a successful pilot of centralized legal supervision for family law advocates at Rise Women's Legal Centre, this program now receives ongoing funding. Building on the lessons learned from that pilot, we have also supported the launch of a new program at the Community Legal Assistance Society to provide centralized legal supervision for advocates working in other areas of law.

The Law Foundation provides essential funding for a network of more than 75 community legal advocacy services across British Columbia, as well as 24 legal clinics where individuals can receive free legal services from staff lawyers.



Over the past year, we have made significant progress in supporting further Indigenous justice initiatives across the province. This includes supporting First Nations in developing their own laws to address contemporary challenges, and enabling Indigenous organizations and communities to provide direct legal assistance to individuals navigating the justice system.

I am deeply grateful to the Foundation's staff, whose dedication to our mission and to advancing access to justice in BC is unwavering. I also wish to thank our Governors, who volunteer their time and effort to the Foundation's initiatives. Their work has a meaningful impact, helping to facilitate legal services for low-income individuals throughout the province.

I would like to recognize colleagues who have recently left the Board and to thank them for their exceptional service:

- **Zara Suleman, KC**, served as chair of the Foundation's New Grants Committee and was a leading advocate on our Board for expanding grantmaking to fund legal services. As a specialist in family and reproductive law, her unique expertise and perspective have been invaluable to the Foundation's work. We are deeply appreciative of her dedication to public service through her time with the Foundation.
- **Justice Tom Crabtree** brought extensive experience and knowledge of the justice system and the province to the Foundation. As a sitting Justice of the Supreme Court of BC, a former Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of BC, and the Chief Judicial Officer of the National Judicial Institute, his various roles have enabled him to provide invaluable insights to the Board's deliberations. We are grateful for the time and commitment that Justice Crabtree has dedicated to the Foundation and to advancing access to justice in BC, in Canada, and internationally.

— **MARY CHILDS KC**, Chair, 2023–2024

*(Written January 2026)*



# Preferred Financial Institutions for lawyers' pooled trust accounts

The Law Foundation of BC is grateful to the Preferred Financial Institutions—banks and credit unions—that have committed to pay competitive interest rates on lawyers' pooled trust accounts.

We thank members of the legal profession who choose to hold their pooled trust accounts at these Preferred Financial Institutions. The interest earned on these accounts helps ensure that the Foundation can provide funding for organizations providing vital free or low-cost legal services for low-income people across the province, and many other access to justice programs.

This funding is an important way that the legal profession's activities contribute to improving access to justice in BC. We encourage all members of the legal profession to maintain their pooled trust accounts at Preferred Financial Institutions.

We acknowledge our competitive interest rate agreements with:



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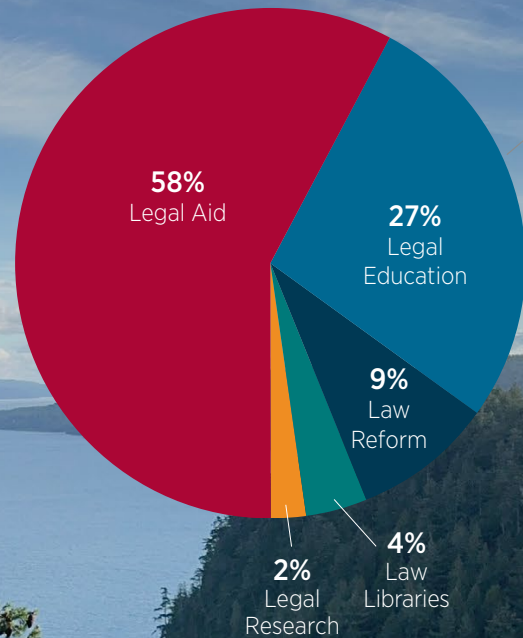


# Programs and Projects Funded in 2024

In 2024, the Law Foundation provided more than \$76 million across more than 265 grants to advance access to justice in communities around BC.

This annual report provides a snapshot of work done in 2024 with Law Foundation funding. The listings include grants approved for 2024 as well as ongoing multi-year grants. Multi-year ongoing grants listed include the annual approved amounts, and multi-year project grants include the duration, annual amount, and total grant amount.

## WHAT WE FUND



PENDER ISLAND, BC, PHOTO: NADENE REHNBY

# Legal Aid



\$42,396,281

## Community-Based Advocacy

### Family Law Advocacy

The following advocacy programs provide legal information, advocacy, and assistance to individuals in the community on family matters.

Archway Community Services <i>Fraser Valley</i>	\$110,000	Opportunities Career Services Society <i>Campbell River area</i>	\$110,000
Battered Women's Support Services <i>Lower Mainland</i>	\$110,000	Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic <i>Kamloops</i>	\$120,000
Burnaby Family Life <i>Lower Mainland</i>	\$220,000	Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic <i>Kelowna</i>	\$120,000
Chilliwack Community Services	\$110,000	Penticton and Area Access Society	\$110,000
Chimo Community Services Society <i>Richmond</i>	\$110,000	Port Alberni Friendship Center	\$110,000
Community Connections Society of Southeast BC <i>East Kootenays</i>	\$110,000	Prince George Native Friendship Centre	\$110,000
Fort Nelson Aboriginal Friendship Society	\$60,000	Quesnel Tillicum Society	\$110,000
Fort St. John Women's Resource Society	\$110,000	SHARE Family and Community Services Society <i>Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody areas</i>	\$110,000
The Law Centre, University of Victoria Faculty of Law	\$110,000	Sources Community Resources Society <i>Surrey</i>	\$220,000
M.O.S.A.I.C. <i>Lower Mainland</i>	\$110,000	Terrace and District Community Services Society	\$110,000
Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Community Services	\$110,000	Wachiay Friendship Centre Society <i>Courtenay area</i>	\$110,000
Nelson CARES Society	\$110,000	Women's Contact Society <i>Williams Lake area</i>	\$110,000
North Shore Community Resources Society <i>North Vancouver</i>	\$110,000	<i>Start-up funds for new advocacy centres</i>	\$60,000
		<b>TOTAL FAMILY LAW ADVOCACY</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>



## Community Law Advocacy

The following advocacy programs provide free legal information, advocacy, and representation to low-income people in the community on issues such as income assistance and disability benefits, housing, credit/debt, employment, and other issues related to low income.

Active Support Against Poverty Society <i>Prince George area</i>	\$110,000	Penticton and Area Access Society	\$110,000
Archway Community Services <i>Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack, Hope areas</i>	\$440,000	Port Alberni Friendship Center	\$110,000
Burnaby Family Life <i>Lower Mainland</i>	\$110,000	Powell River Community Services Association	\$110,000
Chimo Community Services Society <i>Richmond</i>	\$110,000	Prince George Urban Aboriginal Justice Society	\$110,000
Community Connections Society of Southeast BC <i>East Kootenays</i>	\$120,000	Prince Rupert Unemployed Centre Society	\$110,000
Cowichan Women Against Violence Society <i>Duncan</i>	\$110,000	Quesnel Tillicum Society	\$110,000
Dze L K'ant Friendship Centre Society <i>Smithers area</i>	\$110,000	Sacred Wolf Friendship Centre Society <i>Port Hardy area</i>	\$110,000
Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver <i>New Westminster</i>	\$220,000	Sea to Sky Community Services <i>Squamish</i>	\$110,000
First United Church Community Ministry Society <i>Vancouver's Downtown Eastside</i>	\$260,000	SHARE Family and Community Services Society <i>Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody areas</i>	\$220,000
Fort Nelson Aboriginal Friendship Society	\$110,000	Shuswap Family Resource & Referral Society <i>Salmon Arm area</i>	\$110,000
Fort St. John Women's Resource Society	\$110,000	Social Health & Economic Development Society of Bella Coola	\$110,000
Haida Gwaii Legal Project Society	\$116,000	Sources Community Resources Society <i>Surrey</i>	\$110,000
Kitimat Community Development Centre	\$110,000	South Peace Community Resources Society <i>Dawson Creek area</i>	\$110,000
Langley Community Services Society	\$220,000	Sunshine Coast Resource Centre Society	\$110,000
Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Community Services	\$220,000	Terrace and District Community Services Society	\$110,000
Nelson CARES Society	\$115,000	Together Against Poverty Society <i>Victoria area</i>	\$220,000
Nicola Valley Community Justice Services Society <i>Merritt area</i>	\$110,000	Together Against Poverty Society <i>Nanaimo</i>	\$300,000
North Shore Community Resources Society <i>North Vancouver</i>	\$220,000	Trail FAIR Society	\$110,000
Okanagan Advocacy and Resource Society <i>Vernon area</i>	\$110,000	Upper Skeena Counselling & Legal Assistance Society <i>Hazelton area</i>	\$110,000
Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic <i>Kamloops</i>	\$120,000	Wachiay Friendship Centre Society <i>Courtenay area</i>	\$110,000
Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic <i>Kelowna</i>	\$120,000	Women's Contact Society <i>Williams Lake area</i>	\$110,000
Opportunities Career Services Society <i>Campbell River area</i>	\$110,000	<i>Start-up funds for new advocacy centres</i>	\$60,000
		<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY LAW ADVOCACY</b>	<b>\$6,161,000</b>



## Specialized Legal Advocacy

The following advocacy programs provide services in specific areas of law or to particular populations.

<b>ARCHWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES</b> Advocacy services and legal education for seasonal farm workers in the Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland in partnership with Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society	\$185,000	<b>MPA – MOTIVATION, POWER &amp; ACHIEVEMENT SOCIETY</b> Courtworkers to assist people experiencing mental health issues to navigate the criminal justice system in Vancouver, Surrey and Port Coquitlam	\$330,000
<b>DISABILITY ALLIANCE BC SOCIETY</b> A specialized advocacy, legal education, and referral program for people with disabilities throughout BC	\$365,000	<b>NATIVE COURTWORKER &amp; COUNSELLING ASSOCIATION OF BC</b> Out-of-court community support services for people involved with the criminal justice system in New Westminister and Duncan	\$494,000
<b>IMMIGRANT SERVICES SOCIETY OF BC</b> Advocacy services for migrants, immigrants, and refugees	\$110,000	<b>SENIORS FIRST BC SOCIETY</b> A legal information and advocacy program for older adults in BC	\$220,000
<b>INDIGENOUS COURT COORDINATOR PROJECTS</b>		<b>SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF BC</b> Advocacy services for vulnerable children and youth in BC	\$110,000
<i>Connective Support Society Kamloops</i>	\$318,000	<b>SOUTH ASIAN LEGAL CLINIC OF BRITISH COLUMBIA</b> Culturally specific services to South Asian people living within the Greater Vancouver region *\$100,000 of this grant was provided by the Ministry of Attorney General	\$110,000
<i>Lillooet Learning Communities Society</i>	\$115,000	<b>SPIRIT OF THE CHILDREN SOCIETY</b> Coordination of the Aboriginal Family Healing Court located in the Burnaby, New Westminister, and the Tri-Cities area	\$285,000
<i>Nicola Valley Community Justice Services Society</i>	\$158,334	<b>TENANT RESOURCE AND ADVISORY CENTRE SOCIETY</b> A legal information and advocacy service for tenants on residential tenancy issues, with an information line available throughout BC	\$325,000
<i>Prince George Urban Aboriginal Justice Society</i>	\$90,000	<b>WATARI COUNSELLING &amp; SUPPORT SERVICES SOCIETY</b> A system negotiator at Vancouver's Downtown Community Court to support repeat offenders with mental disorders	\$110,000
<i>Squamish Nation / Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw</i>	\$130,000	<b>TOTAL SPECIALIZED ADVOCACY</b>	<b>\$4,140,334</b>
<i>Upper Skeena Counselling &amp; Legal Assistance Society</i>	\$115,000		
<i>Yeqox Nilin Justice Society</i>	\$130,000		
<b>KETTLE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY</b> A mental health advocacy program providing legal information and assistance on residential tenancy and child protection matters in the Lower Mainland	\$330,000		
<b>M.O.S.A.I.C.</b> A legal advocacy and information program for low-income immigrants and refugees in the Lower Mainland	\$110,000		



## Helping Burnaby families with legal advocacy

**MANY FAMILIES EARN TOO MUCH TO QUALIFY FOR LEGAL AID** but still struggle to afford private legal representation. For such households, non-profit legal advocacy can be a lifeboat. And this is exactly what the Burnaby Family Life offers to local residents.

In 2023, Burnaby Family Life received a three-year grant of \$330,000 annually to build a team of legal advocates. This team now offers community law (also known as poverty law) to Burnaby residents, while its family legal advocacy services extend to residents of New Westminster and Vancouver.

“I’m grateful that the Law Foundation gave us this opportunity. It was an extension of who we are,” says Navreen Gill, the executive director of Burnaby Family Life.

Burnaby Family Life was founded by Burnaby residents looking to support the needs of the city’s changing demographics. The organization has deep ties to the local community, with hundreds of residents relying on their services annually.

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# “You can’t do this by yourself. It’s tough work.” — Navreen Gill

Women make up 88% of its legal advocacy clients. This is partly because of Burnaby Family Life’s other programming, which includes pre- and post-natal services and \$10 a day childcare. The legal advocacy team helps integrate public legal education into these programs, covering topics like the Canada Child Benefit and child support, and understanding your legal rights and processes in case of family violence.

Many seeking legal advocacy are newcomers as well. To ensure that language isn’t a barrier for the region’s diverse population, Burnaby Family Life offers its services in several languages thanks to a partnership with interpretation services funded by the Foundation.

## Preventing burnout through a culture of well-being

Having worked extensively alongside legal advocates, Gill understands the emotional toll of the work. From day one, Gill prioritized building a team culture that fosters resilience and well-being to reduce burnout.



NAVREEN GILL



HELENA BAZEMORE

The key to sustaining this model is a culture of well-being and mutual support. “You can’t do this by yourself. It’s tough work,” says Gill.

Connection can help reduce the impacts of a bad day, as well as the likelihood of staff experiencing vicarious trauma. The legal advocacy team’s structure reflects this.

Helena Bazemore is a Family Law Advocate Coordinator who acts as a support system for her team of advocates, helping them process challenges and stay positive at work. It’s built into her job description, so that no one goes through a tough day by themselves. In turn, Gill provides dedicated support for Bazemore. “We’re often supporting clients going through the worst thing they’ve ever experienced. So we can burn out if we’re working in isolation all day,” says Bazemore.

By building a strong, supportive work environment, Burnaby Family Life can sustain its team of legal advocates to keep working towards a safe and inclusive community for all. 🌟

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# Legal Clinics

## Student Legal Clinics

Law students work under the supervision of lawyers to deliver legal information, advocacy and assistance to their communities.

<b>COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC, THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW</b>	
Law students provide year-round assistance to low-income residents of Kamloops and the surrounding area with a variety of legal matters including residential tenancy, income security, and employment	\$287,500
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTRE CLINIC, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA FACULTY OF LAW</b>	
Law students, staff, and external pro bono lawyers provide legal aid, legal research, law reform, and legal education services on environmental issues to community organizations, individuals, and First Nations throughout BC	\$218,500
<b>INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC, PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA</b>	
Law students receive extensive cultural competency training and provide legal advocacy and advice to Indigenous residents of the Greater Vancouver region	\$236,000
<b>THE LAW CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA FACULTY OF LAW</b>	
Law students provide year-round assistance to low-income Greater Victoria residents with a variety of legal matters including residential tenancy, income security, family law, and summary criminal offences	\$431,250
<b>LAW STUDENTS' LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM (LSLAP), GREATER VANCOUVER LAW STUDENTS' LEGAL ADVICE SOCIETY</b>	
Law students from the Peter A. Allard School of Law at UBC operate a legal clinic to provide legal information, advocacy, assistance, and advice to low-income residents of the Lower Mainland	\$524,437
<b>TOTAL STUDENT CLINICS</b>	<b>\$1,697,687</b>



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## Community & Specialized Legal Clinics

Legal clinics are staffed by at least one lawyer and support staff. The clinics are integrated with existing Law Foundation-funded programs to offer a broader spectrum of client-focused services. In 2024, the Government of British Columbia contributed \$3,010,000 to clinics indicated below with asterisks.

<b>ATIRA COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC</b> <i>Hosted at Atira Women's Resource Society</i>	\$220,000
Provides services for women in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside on poverty, family, and criminal law issues	
<b>CATHERINE WHITE HOLMAN LEGAL CLINIC*</b> <i>Hosted at Catherine White Holman Wellness Society</i>	\$650,000
The only free legal clinic in British Columbia run by and for trans people, focusing on the trans community and its legal needs including ID change, summary legal advice, and some full legal representation services	
<b>CHILD AND YOUTH LEGAL CENTRE*</b> <i>Hosted at Society for Children and Youth BC</i>	\$920,000
Provides direct legal services to vulnerable children and youth in BC in family law, child protection, and other child and youth areas of law	
<b>COMMUNITY LAW CLINIC</b> <i>Hosted at Together Against Poverty Society</i>	\$260,000
Legal representation for people on low incomes on Vancouver Island focusing on tenancy, employment standards, income assistance, and disability issues	
<b>DISABILITY LAW CLINIC*</b> <i>Hosted at Disability Alliance BC Society</i>	\$515,000
Provides free legal advice and representation to people with disabilities	
<b>ELDER LAW CLINIC</b> <i>Hosted at Seniors First BC Society</i>	\$430,000
Provides summary advice, document preparation, and representation to eligible seniors in BC	
<b>HOUSING LAW CLINIC*</b> <i>Hosted at Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre Society</i>	\$260,000
Provides free legal advice and representation to tenants in various court and tribunal processes	
<b>IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE LEGAL CLINIC*</b> <i>Hosted at Immigrant Services Society of BC</i>	\$260,000
Provides free legal advice, representation and wrap-around services to immigrants and refugees	
<b>MIGRANT WORKERS LEGAL CLINIC</b> <i>Hosted at Migrant Workers Centre BC Society</i>	\$437,000
Provides legal representation for low-wage temporary foreign workers	
<b>Kelowna Satellite Office</b> Provides services to migrant farm workers in the Okanagan and engages in systemic advocacy to address structural racism	\$263,333
<b>OKANAGAN THOMPSON LEGAL CLINIC KAMLOOPS*</b> <i>Hosted at Community Legal Clinic Operating Society</i>	\$480,000
Provides free legal advice and representation to low-income residents in Kamloops and surrounding areas	
<b>OKANAGAN THOMPSON LEGAL CLINIC KELOWNA*</b> <i>Hosted at Community Legal Clinic Operating Society</i>	\$480,000
Provides free legal advice and representation to low-income residents in Kelowna and surrounding areas	
<b>PRINCE GEORGE COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC*</b> <i>Hosted at Prince George Urban Aboriginal Justice Society</i>	\$430,000
Provides free legal advice and representation to low-income residents in Prince George and surrounding areas	
<b>PRISONERS' LEGAL SERVICES — HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM</b> <i>Hosted at West Coast Prison Justice Society</i>	\$437,000
Provides legal assistance to prisoners on human rights and health care issues	



<b>QMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC*</b> <i>Hosted at Qmunity, BC's Queer, Trans and Two Spirit Resource Centre</i> Provides direct legal services to 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and families	\$785,000
<b>RISE WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE</b> Provides navigation and advocacy services in-person and virtually to women in BC	\$1,505,000
<b>SOURCES COMMUNITY LAW CLINIC*</b> <i>Hosted at Sources Community Resources Society</i> Provides free legal advice and representation to low-income residents in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley	\$430,000
<b>SOUTH ASIAN LEGAL CLINIC OF BRITISH COLUMBIA*</b> A legal clinic to provide culturally-appropriate services to South Asian people living within the Greater Vancouver region and to engage in system change work through strategic litigation, interventions and legal submissions	\$360,000
<i>Start-up funds for new legal clinics</i>	\$230,000
<b>TOTAL LEGAL CLINICS</b>	<b>\$9,352,333</b>

## Legal Aid BC

<b>LEGAL AID BC</b>	
<b>Main program</b> Support for legal aid navigators, community engagement, public legal information, and several strategic projects	\$4,332,000
<b>Tenant Improvements for Two Legal Clinics</b> Support for Rise Women's Legal Centre and the Immigration and Refugee Legal Clinic to co-locate with Legal Aid BC allowing for enhanced collaboration and creation of service delivery hub	\$1,050,000
<b>TOTAL LEGAL AID BC</b>	<b>\$5,382,000</b>



PORT MOODY, BC. PHOTO: JEFF



## Pro Bono Legal Aid

### ACCESS PRO BONO SOCIETY OF BC

A full spectrum of pro bono legal services to qualifying individuals and non-profits, ranging from providing legal information and referrals to full legal representation services before tribunals and the BC courts	\$702,075
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### PRO BONO STUDENTS CANADA

<b>Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia</b>	\$46,000
<b>Thompson River University Faculty of Law</b>	\$40,250
<b>University of Victoria Faculty of Law</b>	\$40,250

<b>TOTAL PRO BONO LEGAL AID</b>	<b>\$828,575</b>
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## Public Interest Law

### BC CIVIL LIBERTIES ASSOCIATION

Test case litigation, legal education, and law reform to protect the civil liberties and human rights of people in BC	\$437,000
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### COMMUNITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE SOCIETY

Community Law Program providing a combination of direct and systemic advocacy services, and the Community Advocate Support Line (CASL), a service supporting community law advocates	\$1,245,000
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### ECOJUSTICE CANADA SOCIETY

Test case litigation on public interest environmental law issues	\$218,500
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### PIVOT LEGAL SOCIETY

Support for Pivot's community legal advocacy programs	\$294,350
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### WEST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

Legal research, legal education, and legal aid supporting the public interest in environmental legal issues	\$540,000
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### WEST COAST LEAF ASSOCIATION

Law reform, test case litigation, and legal education to advance equality for women and people who experience gender-based discrimination	\$437,000
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<b>TOTAL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW</b>	<b>\$3,171,850</b>
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PROFILE

TRAC  
TENANT RESOURCE & ADVISORY CENTRE

SUITE  
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900

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TENANT RESOURCE & ADVISORY CENTRE

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# Leveling the playing field for BC renters

“We could triple in size and still not meet demand for tenant advocacy.”  
— Andrew Sakamoto

ANDREW SAKAMOTO

PHOTO BY SARAH RACE

**IN BC, ONE IN 10 RENTERS HAVE FACED EVICTION**

— twice the national average. A 2023 UBC research study found that 85 per cent of evictions in BC are “no-fault,” meaning they happen for reasons unrelated to a tenant’s behaviour.

While BC doesn’t have data on how many of these evictions are bad-faith, Andrew Sakamoto, the executive director of the Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (TRAC), observes that evictions are one of the most pressing issues that they see in their practice. “Tenants are commonly evicted for [a landlord’s] personal use despite landlords having no intention of following through. In general, eviction is the number one issue we hear about,” he says.

TRAC is the only legal nonprofit in BC solely focused on residential tenancy law and tenants’ rights. At the clinic, renters can access free support ranging from legal information to legal representation in court. It is one of 11 legal clinics that the Law Foundation of BC funds in partnership with the Ministry of Attorney General.

TRAC has experienced steady growth since its founding in 1984. With affordable housing becoming increasingly out of reach, demand for TRAC’s services has grown significantly. In response, TRAC has moved from a cramped, hard-to-find office into a larger, more accessible space in the heart of downtown Vancouver provided by the City of Vancouver. The Foundation funded staffing and improvements to make the new space client-ready. This new location makes it easier for people to drop in and access services, marking a major step forward in supports for renters.

“The goal was to create a welcoming, inclusive, and accessible space,” says Sakamoto. Now, any renter can visit to speak with a housing navigator, access multilingual publications, attend workshops, or use a public computer to learn about their legal rights and options.

Strategically located across from the Law Courts in downtown Vancouver, the new space allows TRAC’s lawyers to quickly help people facing orders of

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possession. A TRAC lawyer can now walk clients over to the court registry to apply for stays of proceedings, buying critical time to appeal an unfair ruling or secure alternative housing.

The Foundation’s recent commitment of multi-year funding has also enabled TRAC to expand its mandate to include legal advice and representation for judicial reviews.

“Genuinely, the Law Foundation of BC has been an incredible support over the years. They’ve listened to our concerns and empowered us to decide how best to move forward. We are grateful that they view us as the experts on how to improve access to justice for BC tenants,” says Sakamoto.

**Looking ahead**

With more than 1.5 million renters in BC facing rising housing costs and a challenging legal landscape, tenant advocacy has never been more important. TRAC says that its aim is to ensure more renters understand their rights, and to advocate for a fairer rental law system.

While TRAC has grown, the demand for legal help always outstrips TRAC’s capacity. As Sakamoto points out, “We could triple in size and still not meet demand for tenant advocacy.”

In addition to TRAC, the Foundation also funds many legal advocacy programs in communities across BC to help meet clients with a wide variety of legal problems, including the province-wide demand for tenant legal services. 🌐



# Legal Aid Projects

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## ACCESS PRO BONO SOCIETY OF BC

<b>Islamophobia Legal Assistance Hotline</b> (2023–2026) Total grant: \$240,000	\$80,000
Coordinated community outreach to increase the usage of the Islamophobia Legal Hotline, a pro bono legal service, with communities impacted by Islamophobia	
<b>Legal Aid Delivery Support</b> (2024–2026) Total grant: \$600,000	
Expansion of client intake services supporting delivery of legal aid services to clients through core programs	\$200,000
<b>Legal Aid Program Support</b> Funding for core programs delivering legal aid to clients: Summary Legal Advice Program, Roster Program, and Lawyer Referral Service	\$250,000

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## BATTERED WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES (2023–2026) Total grant: \$690,000

Legal services to support Black, Indigenous, and racialized survivors when they experience gender-based violence, and law reform work to address barriers to accessing justice	\$230,000
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## BC FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE COUNCIL (2023–2028) Total Grant \$17,620,000

Support for the implementation of the BC First Nations Justice Strategy, including infrastructure, the Indigenous Justice Centres, and articling opportunities for Indigenous law students	\$3,490,000
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## COMMUNITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE SOCIETY

<b>Centralized Legal Supervision Pilot</b> (2024–2027) Total grant: \$1,500,000	\$600,000
Support for legal aid delivery by providing legal supervision to Foundation-funded community law advocates	
<b>Indigenous Legal Support Project</b> Contributing to legal aid delivery by supporting an Indigenous legal service provider position at the BC Human Rights Clinic	\$48,845

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## FORT NELSON FIRST NATION

Individual and systemic legal advocacy for survivors of violence focused on supporting Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members	\$250,000
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## IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE LEGAL CLINIC (2023–2026) Total grant: \$690,000

Lawyer and legal assistant to support applicants applying for permanent resident status under Canadian policy	\$230,000
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## INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC, PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (2023–2026) Total grant: \$420,000

Support for class action settlements for Indigenous individuals who pass away without a will	\$150,000
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## JUSTICE DATA AND DESIGN LAB, ACCESS TO JUSTICE CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA FACULTY OF LAW

An innovation lab designed to evaluate different aspects of user experience in the justice sector and to collaboratively and rapidly redesign or create new services	\$89,980
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## JUSTICE FOR GIRLS OUTREACH SOCIETY (2024–2027) Total grant: \$405,000

Project to enhance access to justice for girls aged 12–19 who are living in poverty by providing gender-specific, trauma informed, and holistic legal education and advocacy	\$135,000
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<b>PRINCE GEORGE URBAN ABORIGINAL JUSTICE SOCIETY</b> (2024–2026) Total grant: \$330,000	
Advocacy mentor for advocates providing services in northern BC. The mentor works in conjunction with advocates on complex files and provides virtual advocacy services when local advocates are unavailable	\$110,000
<b>RESPECTING ABORIGINAL VALUES AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS (RAVEN)</b>	
Specialized support for Indigenous Nations and communities navigating Canada's legal system outside of the costs of litigation	\$250,000
<b>RISE WOMEN'S LEGAL CENTRE</b>	
<b>Centralized Legal Supervision Expansion Initiative</b> (2024–2026) Total grant: \$380,000	\$190,000
A supervising lawyer for a number of Foundation-funded family law advocacy programs	
<b>Virtual Legal Advocacy Program Expansion</b> (2024–2026) Total grant: \$517,000	
The program provides remote family law services to women in remote and underserved communities around BC	\$165,000
<b>SASAMANS (OUR CHILDREN) SOCIETY</b>	
Funding for an Indigenous Justice Support Worker who supports individuals who are currently navigating the criminal justice system or who are precariously housed	\$250,000
<b>SENIORS FIRST BC SOCIETY</b> (2023–2025) Total grant: \$837,500	
Support and development of an advanced planning clinic to provide accessible, culturally appropriate, high-quality services to Indigenous clients in on-reserve communities across the province	\$269,343
<b>TENANT RESOURCE AND ADVISORY CENTRE SOCIETY</b> (2024–2027) Total grant: \$887,500	
Funding for legal advocates and support staff for the new drop-in centre for tenants	\$177,500
<b>TERRACE INDIGENOUS JUSTICE SOCIETY</b>	
Start-up capacity to establish an Indigenous Court in Terrace	\$73,500
<b>UPPER SKEENA COUNSELLING &amp; LEGAL ASSISTANCE SOCIETY</b>	
Gathering of Indigenous Court Elders, coordinators, lawyers, judges, and others focused on advancing the impact of Indigenous Courts in BC	\$775,000
<b>WATARI COUNSELLING &amp; SUPPORT SERVICES SOCIETY</b> (2023–2026) Total grant: \$660,000	
A system negotiator at Vancouver's Downtown Community Court to help Indigenous clients navigate the court system and also support them to connect with their culture and traditional ways of being	\$220,000
<b>WEST COAST LEAF ASSOCIATION</b> (2023–2026) Total grant: \$620,000	
Creating a Community of Practice for lawyers, advocates, and others working to protect the legal rights of children (and their caregivers) involved in the child welfare system. The Community helps to develop skills, share best practices, generate and support collaboration, and support system-wide change	\$206,667
<b>WEST COAST PRISON JUSTICE SOCIETY</b> (2023–2026) Total grant: \$665,000	
Individual and systemic advocacy to address the needs of incarcerated Indigenous and Black people to address discrimination in risk assessments in provincial and federal corrections systems	\$221,667
<b>TOTAL LEGAL AID PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$8,662,502</b>

# Legal Education



\$19,714,762

## Professional Legal Education and Law Schools

### LAW SOCIETY OF BC

Supporting the Professional Legal Training Course (PLTC) at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, and providing bursaries to students who must relocate to attend PLTC training \$287,000

### PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Indigenous Legal Studies** Academic Leadership Certificate Coaching and peer mentorship for Indigenous students entering law school \$11,500

**Innocence Project** Supervised law students assist criminal lawyers to review wrongful conviction claims \$63,250

### PUBLIC INTEREST ARTICLES

Articling positions that support the work of public interest groups and provide students with experience in the sector: \$1,225,500

**Access Pro Bono Society of BC**

**BC Civil Liberties Association**

**BC Law Institute**

**Child and Youth Legal Centre, Society for Children and Youth BC** (Wayne Robertson, KC, Access to Justice Fund)

**Community Legal Assistance Society** (David Mossop, KC, Public Interest Articling Fellowship)

**Disability Alliance BC Society**

**Ecojustice Canada Society**

**Environmental Law Centre Clinic**, University of Victoria Faculty of Law

**Greater Vancouver Law Students' Legal Advice Society**

**Immigration and Refugee Legal Clinic**

**Indigenous Community Legal Clinic**, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia

**The Law Centre**, University of Victoria Faculty of Law

**Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic**, Kamloops

**Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic**, Kelowna

**Sources Community Resources Society**

**Together Against Poverty Society**

**West Coast Prison Justice Society**



### PUBLIC INTEREST AWARDS

Awards to second and third-year law students who combine academic achievement with a commitment to public interest legal work

<b>Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia</b>	\$74,750
<b>Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law</b>	\$46,000
<b>University of Victoria Faculty of Law</b>	\$51,750

### PUBLIC INTEREST WORK PLACEMENTS

Legal knowledge enhancement and skills building for law students in work placements at public interest organizations across BC

<b>Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia</b>	\$103,500
<b>Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law</b>	\$57,500
<b>University of Victoria Faculty of Law</b>	\$103,500

### POVNET SOCIETY

An online resource and networking tool for community law advocates, community workers and the general public

\$115,000

### PROVINCIAL COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Supporting law students in the Judicial Interns Circuit Court Program to attend circuit courts in rural and remote communities in BC

\$28,750

### TOTAL PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION AND LAW SCHOOLS

**\$2,168,000**



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In addition to the amounts listed above, the Law Foundation provided \$1,697,687 in funding to support student legal clinics which provide professional legal education to law students. For details, see [Legal Aid: Student Legal Clinics](#) on [page 14](#).



# Public Legal Education

## CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, BC BRANCH

**Access to Justice Week** – Collaborative event to inspire and support legal professionals to change on an individual and systemic level to achieve greater access to justice for people in British Columbia \$11,500

## DEBATE AND SPEECH ASSOCIATION OF BC

A program to support high school students in the province-wide Law Foundation Cup Debates on legal topics \$28,750

## JUSTICE EDUCATION SOCIETY OF BC

Legal education programs delivered through schools across BC designed to develop legal capability (knowledge, skills, and confidence) of youth and legal information services for the public \$442,750

## KINBRACE COMMUNITY SOCIETY

Programming to educate, orient and support refugee claimants as they navigate the Canadian refugee hearing process \$46,000

## MEDIATE BC SOCIETY

A public legal education program focused on building awareness of mediation and other dispute resolution services \$80,500

## PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL SOCIETY

Legal information programs to make the law accessible to everyone and help British Columbians develop knowledge, skills, and confidence to resolve everyday legal matters, including the Dial-a-Law program, which provides starting point information on the law in BC in 190+ topic areas \$598,000

## VANCOUVER SUMMER MENTORSHIP SOCIETY

Summer mentorship program for historically disadvantaged high school students interested in studying law \$11,500

**TOTAL PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION \$1,219,000**



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# Legal Education Projects

## Professional Legal Education and Law Schools Projects

### ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS PILOT PROGRAM

Provides opportunities and resources for students pursuing law and legal studies

<b>Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia</b>	\$100,000
<b>Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law</b>	\$100,000
<b>University of Victoria Faculty of Law</b>	\$100,000

### PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (2024–2028)

Total grant: \$2,157,000	\$431,400
Support for collaboration and capacity building for equity, diversity, and inclusion initiatives and expanded interventions to address systemic barriers	

### UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA FACULTY OF LAW

<b>Black Law Students Professional Support Program</b> (2024–2026) Total grant: \$690,000 A holistic legal education support system for Black law students that includes leadership development workshops, seminars, networking opportunities, and mentorship	\$230,000
<b>Development of the Centre for Indigenous Laws (CIL)</b> Support for the development of academic programming, community consultation and governance	\$124,000
<b>Next Steps: Rebuilding Indigenous Legal Orders</b> (2024–2028) Total grant: \$10,000,000 Support for work with multiple First Nations on the re-establishment of Indigenous legal orders, including the rebuilding and restoration of legal institutions	\$2,000,000

<b>TOTAL PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION AND LAW SCHOOLS PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$3,085,400</b>
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## Public Legal Education Projects

### CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, BC BRANCH

A province-wide public speaking competition for high school students to honour the memory of Barry M. Sullivan, QC and his contributions to the legal profession and education \$13,000

### COASTAL INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE (CILA) SOCIETY

Creation of an Indigenous Legal Experience through curriculum creation, resource development, participatory research, and program creation \$50,000

### DUDES CLUB SOCIETY

Workshops, seminars, and community events to help Indigenous parents to navigate the child welfare system, understand their rights, and advocate for themselves and their families \$100,000

### FEATHER WALK INC.

Multi-day educational conference on “Justice as Trauma” including impact of trauma within our justice systems, restorative justice, alternative justice approaches in sexual harm cases, trauma-informed adjudication, and the implication of trauma on witnesses \$50,000

### FEDERATION OF ASIAN CANADIAN LAWYERS (BRITISH COLUMBIA) SOCIETY

Creating and publishing of the inaugural Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers Journal highlighting Asian-Canadian Legal experiences \$50,000

### FILIPINO CANADIAN LAWYERS NETWORK

Legal education and outreach to increase access to justice for Filipino Canadians including employment and labour rights, immigration and refugee law, and micro business law \$50,000

### JUSTICE EDUCATION SOCIETY OF BC (2024–2027) Total grant: \$930,000

Project to support the Family Law in BC website \$310,000

### KEEPERS OF THE WATER

Gatherings to promote legal education in relation to water law and water rights, treaties, and the interaction between Indigenous legal orders and Canadian law in relation to watershed management \$100,000

### KINBRACE COMMUNITY SOCIETY (2023–2025) Total grant: \$290,000

Project to complete and launch a new multilingual My Refugee Claim website and navigation guide to support refugee claimants in navigating the refugee law and system \$145,000

### KUMUGWE CULTURAL SOCIETY

**Culture Erasure Dialogue** Education and engagement with local elected Indigenous Kwakwaka’wakw governments and communities in relation to the *Indian Act* to create solutions in policy and law to protect and advance Indigenous culture \$50,000

**Gigame’dzikas (Many Chiefs)** (2023–2026) Total grant: \$750,000  
A project to educate Kwakwaka’wakw community and the broader public about Kwakwaka’wakw governance, rights and cultural identity \$250,000

### LAKE SECWÉPEMC FOODLAND CONSERVATION SOCIETY (2024–2027) Total grant: \$250,000

Legal research and education through community engagement focused on developing Secwépemc laws in relation to food and harvesting, including community-based co-management of foodlands, development of accountability mechanisms, and change in laws related to biocultural heritage \$125,000

### LEVEL. CHANGING LIVES THROUGH LAW (2023–2025) Total grant: \$64,000

A specialized justice education and mentorship program providing law-related experiential learning opportunities for Indigenous children and youth in BC schools \$32,000

### MOCCASIN FOOTPRINT SOCIETY

Advancement of legal education and reform in relation to child welfare, justice, and paths to self-governance \$50,000



<b>PACIFIC IMMIGRANT RESOURCES SOCIETY</b>	
Conducting legal education workshops in collaboration with South Asian Legal Clinic	\$50,000
<b>PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL SOCIETY</b> (2024-2025) Total grant: \$120,000	
The publication and updating of mortgage default, personal planning, family sponsorship breakdown, and welfare rights publications	\$60,000
<b>PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA</b> (2023-2025) Total grant: \$710,000	
A province-wide sectoral review of the Public Legal Education and Information sector including research, planning, and engagement and culminating in a final report and recommendations for the sector	\$355,000
<b>QWELMÍNTE SECWÉPEMC</b>	
Knowledge Builders Program focused on educating youth in Secwépemc Law	\$100,000
<b>RISE UP INDIGENOUS WELLNESS SOCIETY</b>	
Community engagement to promote legal education on Indigenous rights, and to generate solutions to improve the treatment of Indigenous people in policing, education, and health institutions	\$50,000
<b>SCW'EXMX TRIBAL COUNCIL</b>	
Supports member bands with tools and resources focused on revitalizing Indigenous laws and self governing processes on their territories	\$100,000
<b>SKEENA WATERSHED CONSERVATION COALITION</b>	
Provision of information sessions and training on forest law and governance to community members	\$50,000
<b>SKIDEGATE BAND COUNCIL</b> (2024-2026) Total grant: \$250,000	
Educational workshops and skills development on how Haida laws in relation to food harvesting are practiced	\$125,000
<b>THE SOCIETY OF NKUKWA TA TMUCWA – OUR GRANDMOTHER EARTH</b>	
Initiatives to promote awareness and practical application of St'at'imc laws and governance through educational workshops and training programs	\$48,000
<b>SQWEM – SQWEM CONSULTING SERVICES SOCIETY</b>	
Legal education program for Indigenous people in relation to the <i>Child, Family and Community Service Act</i> and the criminal justice system	\$200,000
<b>SWAN VANCOUVER</b>	
Creation of accessible public legal education materials and programs for migrant sex workers	\$110,000
<b>TLA-O-QUI-AHT FIRST NATIONS</b>	
Supports Tla-o-qui-aht youth in learning ancestral governance and laws	\$250,000
<b>2 RIVERS REMIX SOCIETY</b>	
Legal education project to identify and recover Indigenous law and protocol around traditional Indigenous trade routes through language, ceremony and land-based activities in order to revitalize a living inter-community governance/protocol/dispute resolution model	\$250,000
<b>UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA FACULTY OF LAW</b> (2023-2025) Total grant: \$11,000,000	
Funds to support construction of the National Centre for Indigenous Law at the University of Victoria, Faculty of Law	\$9,469,362
<b>WEST COAST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION</b> (2023-2026) Total grant: \$1,200,000	
A legal education and law reform project to support Indigenous nations to develop legal capability to express their ancestral laws in contemporary forms, advance Indigenous self-determination through law revitalization, and collaboratively develop written laws	\$400,000
<b>WSÁNEĆ SCHOOL BOARD</b>	
Project to create curriculum on WSÁNEĆ laws and rights and practices into curriculum for Indigenous students, and creation of educational materials for the general public	\$250,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$13,242,362</b>
<b>TOTAL LEGAL EDUCATION PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$16,327,762</b>



# Transforming BC's justice system for Indigenous people

**THE LAW FOUNDATION OF BC HAS MARKED A PIVOTAL MOMENT** in its commitment to justice reform, providing a \$15 million multi-year grant to support the BC First Nations Justice Council (BCFNJC) in delivering on the ambitious BC First Nations Justice Strategy. The groundbreaking Justice Strategy advances the restoration of Indigenous legal systems, traditions, and structures and addresses the overrepresentation of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice system.

The Justice Strategy takes a two-track approach. The first track focuses on fixing the current criminal justice system, which over-incarcerates and under-protects Indigenous people and in which First Nations have no role as law-makers or decision-makers. As criminal law and child protection are two areas where the historical and ongoing impacts of colonization are especially prevalent, BCFNJC is particularly focused on making advancements through the Justice Strategy that will improve the justice outcomes of Indigenous people in these areas.

The second track goes beyond the work needed to fix the Canadian system, and aims to restore First Nations legal traditions and restore Indigenous

sovereignty and self-determination over legal structures, which BCFNJC considers necessary to improve the lives of Indigenous people. To help achieve this, the BCFNJC has built a network of 16 Indigenous Justice Centres across the province. These centres are safe, welcoming spaces in the community that offer culturally safe and accessible legal services, plus additional wraparound supports, to Indigenous peoples. They are located in Burns Lake, Chilliwack, Cranbrook, Fort St. John, Hazelton, Kamloops, Kelowna, Merritt, Nanaimo, Port Hardy, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Surrey, Vancouver, Victoria, and Williams Lake. A Virtual IJC serves people in other locations around BC.

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## Inspired and guided by communities and experts

The heart of BCFNJC's story lies in the strength and wisdom that it draws from the communities it serves. It began in 2016 as a collective of First Nations leaders seeking solutions to a fairer justice system. Today, those leaders comprise most of the Council's board and work closely with staff to bring the strategy to life.

The Foundation and the provincial government co-funded the community consultations that led to the BC First Nations Justice Strategy, which involved First Nations leaders, Indigenous organizations and criminal justice experts across BC. Many of the ideas, opinions, and experiences shared in these consultations are reflected in the Justice Strategy.

"We have spent the first five years as an organization establishing a network of Indigenous Justice Centres, launching a first-of-its kind diversion program, and laying the groundwork for our front-line services," says Hemas Kla-Lee-Lee-Kla (Kory Wilson), Chair of BCFNJC. "BCFNJC is honoured to continue serving all Indigenous people in BC and to deepen our relationships with the people and communities that we exist to serve."


## Flexible, multi-year funding crucial to the work

The team at BCFNJC collectively bring decades of professional and lived experience, but the organization itself is still new and has had to build its systems and relationships from the ground up. Building relationships with Indigenous people around the province who have the experience and knowledge needed for this unprecedented project, and designing and rolling out new services, takes time, and resources. To help their work to thrive, the Law Foundation's \$15 million, five-year grant is flexible and can be directed to wherever it's needed most.



## Creating a new model for diversion from the criminal system

A key priority for the BCFNJC is to reduce the overincarceration of Indigenous people through diversion. The BCFNJC recently signed an agreement with the RCMP to create a new Indigenous Diversion Centre in Prince George. A first in Canada, the new centre aims to intervene early to prevent re-offences, to protect the community, and to provide participants with an alternate path where they commit to a diversion plan and access supports to reintegrate with community.

Through a wide variety of programming, the BCFNJC is pursuing transformative change for Indigenous communities — and the Law Foundation is honoured to be an early supporter of BCFNJC and its work. 

# Law Libraries



**\$3,282,965**

## Law Libraries Programs

### **COURTHOUSE LIBRARIES BC**

Legal information, training, and reference services for lawyers and the public throughout BC

**\$3,190,965**

### **LAW SOCIETY OF BC**

Contribution to the operating costs of the CanLII Virtual Law Library

**\$92,000**

### **TOTAL ONGOING LAW LIBRARIES PROGRAMS**

**\$3,282,965**



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# Law Reform



\$6,637,559

## Law Reform Programs

<b>ACCESS TO JUSTICE BC</b>	\$350,000
Support for the Access to Justice BC collaborative's efforts to advance access to justice in BC	
<b>BC FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ASSOCIATION</b>	\$287,500
Law reform and public legal education focusing on freedom of information and privacy rights	
<b>BC LAW INSTITUTE</b>	\$460,000
Law reform research leading to improvements in the law and the administration of justice, and support for the Canadian Centre for Elder Law	
<b>NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN CIVIL AND FAMILY MATTERS</b>	\$57,500
Coordination of the action committee's collaborative work across Canada	
<b>TOTAL ONGOING LAW REFORM PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$1,155,000</b>

## Law Reform Projects

<b>ABOLITIONIST CARE AND BELONGING</b>	\$110,000
A project involving health workers, advocates, teachers, and responders in developing and advocating for the implementation of a community-based alternative to police-conducted wellness checks for people in distress	
<b>AFIYA CARE COLLECTIVE</b>	\$50,000
Community-based research to identify and advocate for health care law and policy reform related to issues affecting Black, African, and Caribbean communities in the health care system	
<b>ALL MY RELATIONS</b> (2024–2025) Total grant: \$200,000	
Program working with young Indigenous people aging out of the child welfare system or exiting the criminal justice system to reconnect with Indigenous cultural practices and law, to acquire skills and leadership to facilitate their transition to independent living	\$100,000
<b>ATIRA WOMEN'S RESOURCE SOCIETY</b> (2023–2026) Total grant: \$690,000	
A legal aid and law reform project to address the overrepresentation of Indigenous women in the criminal justice system by promoting the use of an early resolution program	\$230,000
<b>BC FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE COUNCIL</b> (2023–2028) Total grant: \$3,461,725	
A specialized police accountability unit focused on both direct legal services and systemic advocacy to create broader lasting transformation of policing	\$500,000
<b>CASSIDY CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF EDUCATION</b>	\$50,000
Supporting public school teachers in a pilot project to develop and deliver learning and support materials and activities related to racial justice and law	



<b>CITY IN COLOUR - SOLID STATE COMMUNITY SOCIETY</b>	\$110,000
Advocating changes to workplace safety law to promote access to protections for newcomers	
<b>THE COUNCIL OF THE HAIDA NATION (2023–2026) Total grant: \$1,100,000</b>	
Work to revitalize and integrate traditional Haida Laws and Systems in a contemporary context, including work on reconciliation related to laws and governance with Canada and BC	\$366,667
<b>DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE SRO COLLABORATIVE SOCIETY (2023–2024) Total grant: \$290,000</b>	\$145,000
Tenant-led legal and rights advocacy within Chinatown’s single-room occupancy (SRO) housing community	
<b>DUDES CLUB SOCIETY</b>	
<b>Men’s Wellness and Justice Gathering</b> Hosting a provincial Men’s Gathering for Indigenous men who have been involved with the criminal justice system to discuss legal system reform related to the treatment of Indigenous people in the system, and reducing over-representation	\$250,000
<b>Men’s Wellness for Racial Justice (2023–2025) Total grant: \$345,000</b>	\$115,000
Systemic and direct advocacy to improve the experience of Indigenous men in the Canadian justice system	
<b>ELIMIN8HATE (VANCOUVER ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL)</b>	
Work to address anti-Asian hate and racism and the underreporting of such incidents through needs assessment, community research, public awareness activities, and advocacy	\$50,000
<b>FIRST UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY MINISTRY SOCIETY</b>	
Development of culturally appropriate rights-based resources, materials, and law reform recommendations in relation to Indigenous tenants	\$110,000
<b>FOUNDATION FOR A PATH FORWARD</b>	
Research in relation to barriers faced by racialized local elected officials due to online hate and harassment	\$50,000
<b>HAÍŁZAQV NATION</b>	
Developing new legal standards that better include Indigenous perspectives and provide an avenue through which Indigenous peoples can access legal remedies	\$50,000
<b>HEALTH JUSTICE SOCIETY (2024–2027) Total grant: \$1,150,000</b>	\$383,334
Law reform research and advocacy related to provincial mental health law and human rights	
<b>HUA FOUNDATION (2023–2025) Total grant: \$435,000</b>	\$145,000
Community convening and consultation to develop law and policy reform proposals in relation to policing and cultural safety, and multi-language access to public services	
<b>JUSTICE FOR JARED (2023–2025) Total grant: \$200,000</b>	\$100,000
Indigenous and survivor-led law reform work in relation to police oversight and accountability mechanisms, particularly in connection with police-involved deaths	
<b>K’AWAT’SI CONSULTING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES</b>	
Educational experiences for Kwakwaka’wakw youth to live and learn traditional laws, advancing law reform through culture, land, and stewardship	\$250,000
<b>LAND BACK HEALING SOCIETY</b>	
Support for educational programming on Indigenous law and governance and law/policy reform discussions for urban Indigenous youth	\$250,000
<b>MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA (2023–2026) Total grant: \$520,000</b>	\$258,333
Development of a Métis law task force for Métis child welfare and a legal framework that is integrated with Métis cultural values and traditions	
<b>MN’YUYAQ’S COUNCIL (2023–2026) Total grant: \$690,000</b>	\$230,000
Work to re-establish the Mn’yuyaq’s Council, a Council of women leaders as a part of traditional governance, laws and dispute resolution mechanisms	
<b>PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES SOCIETY OF BC</b>	
A collaboration between Indigenous families and service provider organizations to advocate for law reform and alternatives to the child welfare system	\$50,000



<b>P'EGP'IG'LHA COUNCIL</b> (2024–2026) Total grant: \$250,000	
Support to design and implement a law-making process for T'it'q'et Nation that aligns with the P'egp'ig'lha Constitution	\$125,000
<b>PIVOT LEGAL SOCIETY</b>	
Workshops to build community-based legal knowledge by convening racialized sex workers and advocacy groups to develop law and policy analyses related to sex work	\$25,000
<b>ROUNDTABLE EDUCATION SOCIETY</b>	
Work to research and advocate for change related to how charity law and policy apply to community groups	\$110,000
<b>SKEENA WATERSHED CONSERVATION COALITION</b>	
Madii Lii Revitalization Project to improve the operations and accessibility of the Madii Lii Centre, a cultural heritage site and year-round education and learning centre for Gitxsan Ayookw (laws)	\$100,000
<b>SKEL7AQSTEN SKEL7ANTSUT</b>	
Project to develop Lil'wat legal and governance concepts for modern applications in relation to Lil'wat constitution and governance	\$100,000
<b>SOUTH VANCOUVER NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE</b>	
Research and engagement related to the way governments engage with racialized residents in South Vancouver	\$50,000
<b>SPIRIT OF THE CHILDREN SOCIETY</b>	
Educational programming on residential schools for children leaving Ministry care, children in care and children at risk of being apprehended	\$35,000
<b>SURREY NEWTON UNION OF DRUG USERS</b>	
Creation of multilingual educational materials, conducting research, and generating law and policy reform proposals related to access to services	\$39,225
<b>SIYIYAYA RECONCILIATION MOVEMENT</b>	
Support for the revitalization of Shishalh traditional laws and developing a model for shared decision-making among Indigenous and non-Indigenous people on the Sunshine Coast	\$50,000
<b>221A</b> (2023–2024) Total grant: \$460,000	
Research, consultations, and development of law reform recommendations related to equity in government arts and culture policy and funding agencies	\$230,000
<b>UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS</b>	
<b>Distinctions-based approach project</b> Research, consultation, and law reform work related to the province's approach to the treatment of different types of Indigenous rights	\$100,000
<b>Women's Gathering: Historical Losses, Women's Laws</b> (2024–2026) Total grant: \$250,000	
Consultation, research, and engagement to develop law reform recommendations related to the effect of land dispossession on women and the role of women in land management and governance in Indigenous legal orders	\$125,000
<b>VANCOUVER ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY POLICING CENTRE</b> (2023–2026) Total grant: \$305,000	
Community consultations and law reform research aimed at changing housing governance structures in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to increase affordability and safety	\$100,000
<b>WEST COAST LEAF ASSOCIATION</b>	
Research and advocacy in relation to pay equity law in BC	\$110,000
<b>WISH DROP-IN CENTRE SOCIETY</b> (2023–2026) Total grant: \$690,000	
Legal advocacy and human rights training for Wish Drop-in Centre program and service participants	\$230,000
<b>TOTAL LAW REFORM PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$5,482,559</b>



# Kamloops and Kelowna's first legal clinics

In 2024, with a boost in funding from the Law Foundation of BC, two clinics combined and expanded into the Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic with branches in Kamloops and Kelowna.

**ODETTE DEMPSEY-CAPUTO**

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**LEGAL CLINICS ARE A LIFELINE** for those without the means to afford a lawyer. Because legal clinics have lawyers on staff, they're able to assist clients with more complex or challenging cases, at no cost to the client.

The two small legal clinics serving Kamloops and Kelowna brought free legal representation to the region in 2019. In 2024, with a boost in funding from the Law Foundation of BC, they combined and expanded into the Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic with two branches in Kamloops and Kelowna. These are two of 11 legal clinics that the Foundation funds with the province.

In addition to the services provided by lawyers, the Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic has community legal advocates who support clients with a wide range of issues, such as income assistance, provincial disability benefits, federal income security programs, employment insurance benefits, debt, and residential tenancy issues.

Advocates assist clients with completing documentation and forms and preparing written appeals. They also support clients at negotiation and mediation sessions, as well as legal representation at tribunal hearings and arbitrations. Specialized family law advocates assist with protection orders, parenting arrangements, child support, spousal support, limited property and debt issues, and child protection information and guidance.

### Regional clinics understand regional issues

Individuals living in rural communities often face unique barriers to accessing legal services, including poor internet speeds and coverage, and fewer local services. Residents may need to drive one to two hours from their community to access services, and public transit options are extremely limited.

To address these barriers, Odette Dempsey-Caputo, the clinic's executive director, is partnering with regional nonprofits that can act as satellite locations

for advocacy services. Clients can get help in Merritt or Salmon Arm with tasks like scanning and uploading documents.

"In-person services are very important. There's a lot of trust barriers with our clients. And it might be something as simple as having a brain injury and being unable to be on a computer," Dempsey-Caputo explains.

There are some perks to working in a small community. Dempsey-Caputo's team often ends up seeing familiar faces on the other side of the cases they work on, such as a landlord who has repeatedly applied for evictions that turn out to be in bad faith. This can result in better and more amicable settlements, because there's the opportunity to develop a relationship.

### More legal clinics needed in the Okanagan

Partnerships and collaborations are at the heart of the clinic's outreach strategy. Advocates at the clinic offer free legal education at local libraries to reach a broad audience. And Dempsey-Caputo takes special care to build relationships with harder-to-reach groups by partnering with nonprofits that work with those populations, such as the Migrant Workers Centre.

The clinic's two locations help more than 400 clients a year, with a three-week waitlist at any given time.

Dempsey-Caputo estimates that even if they had the resources to triple their caseload capacity, there would still be no shortage of need in the community. She hopes that more legal clinics will open up soon in the region. "We're so willing to help out and share our information," she says.

Across BC, many continue to face significant barriers to accessing legal representation, especially those outside of major cities. The Foundation continues to support the expansion of the Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic, providing more than \$1.4 million in support annually. 🌱

# Legal Research



**\$1,642,000**

## Legal Research Programs

<b>CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL RESEARCH</b> Scholarly research on various legal issues, with an emphasis on research with practical applications for practicing lawyers, judges and law instructors	\$23,000
<b>UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA FACULTY OF LAW</b>	
<b>Access to Justice Centre for Excellence</b> Research and scholarship on access to justice issues	\$115,000
<b>Indigenous Law Research Unit</b> Funding to support the core operations of the Indigenous Legal Research Unit	\$400,000
<b>TOTAL ONGOING LEGAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$538,000</b>

## Legal Research Projects

<b>AMICI CURIAE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY</b>	
<b>Indigenous Services Community Engagement Project</b> Consultation with Indigenous organizations and First Nations in British Columbia to understand their legal needs	\$50,000
<b>Pan Asian Anti Racism Community Engagement Project</b> Research and legal needs assessment for rural racialized groups in British Columbia	\$50,000
<b>INTER-GENERATIONAL NETWORK ON THE EFFECTS OF GENOCIDE</b> (2023-2026) Total grant: \$630,000 Legal research and law reform work led by Secwépemc people related to the legacy of residential schools	\$210,000
<b>KWAKWAKAW'AKW HEREDITARY CHIEFS CONFEDERATION SOCIETY</b> Research through work with Elders in relation to Kwakiutl Law	\$100,000
<b>MCLEOD LAKE INDIAN BAND</b> (2024-2026) Total grant: \$250,000. Community-focused legal research and law development in relation to lands and resources based in Tse'Khene law	\$125,000
<b>PEOPLE OF THE BIG BAY SOCIETY</b> Funding to support the development of an organization dedicated to the revitalization of inter-community water and laws based in the Indigenous legal orders of Nations around the Salish Sea	\$100,000



**PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

<b>Reviewing Legal Pluralism: Judicial Review and Indigenous Decision-makers in Three Common Law Jurisdictions</b>	\$8,000
Comparative research looking at how Indigenous decision-makers are judicially reviewed in the common law jurisdictions of Australia, Canada, and New Zealand	
<b>Sheltering in Parks – Mapping the Implications of Local Bylaws on Unhoused Populations</b>	\$20,000
Research and GIS mapping project to understand the effects of local bylaws on unhoused populations	
<b>Unpacking Systemic Racism in Immigration Detention: Towards a Platform for Change</b>	\$50,000
Research on practices at the BC Immigration Holding Centre	

<b>SENIORS FIRST BC SOCIETY</b> Research and resources to help legal professionals assess capacity and take instructions from clients experiencing verbal communication barriers	\$25,000
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**THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW**

<b>Increasing Administrative Access to Justice for People with Disabilities</b>	\$16,000
An analysis of accommodations, the use of technology, and accessibility for people with disabilities before BC’s administrative tribunals	
<b>Indigenous-Local Government Relationships Project</b>	\$25,000
Continued research on the extent and format of agreements and other relationships between local governments and Indigenous governments	

<b>TLATLASIKWALA FIRST NATION</b> Rediscovering and documenting ancestral laws and provision of legal education	\$250,000
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<b>UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b> Research on the use of restorative responses to gender-based violence, including sexual assault and intimate partner violence	\$25,000
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<b>UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA FACULTY OF LAW</b> Research on the legal structures, mechanisms, and instruments relating to fiscal relations between the federal government and Indigenous governments	\$25,000
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<b>WEST COAST LEAF ASSOCIATION</b> Comparative research mapping the overlaps and intersections between the child welfare and criminal justice systems in the Canadian context	\$25,000
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<b>TOTAL LEGAL RESEARCH PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$1,104,000</b>
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# Special Funds



**\$3,192,453**

## Public Safety and Solicitor General – Restorative Justice Fund

Enhancement and expansion of restorative justice programs across BC in partnership with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

<b>ABBOTSFORD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION</b> (2024–2027) Total grant: \$225,000	\$75,000
<b>BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OKANAGAN</b> (2024–2027) Total grant: \$225,000	\$75,000
<b>INDIGENOUS JUSTICE ASSOCIATION</b> (2024–2027) Total grant: \$327,160	\$109,053
<b>THE NORTH SHORE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SOCIETY</b> (2024–2027) Total grant: \$300,000	\$100,000
<b>PEACE OF THE CIRCLE</b> (2024–2027) Total grant: \$150,000	\$50,000
<b>RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA</b> (2024–2027) Total grant: \$892,840	\$474,280
<b>RESTORATIVE JUSTICE VICTORIA</b> (2024–2027) Total grant: \$300,000	\$100,000
<b>RESTORATIVE JUSTICE VICTORIA</b> (2024–2027) Total grant: \$255,000	\$85,000
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE FUND</b>	<b>\$1,068,333</b>

## Special Purpose Law Foundation Funding Streams

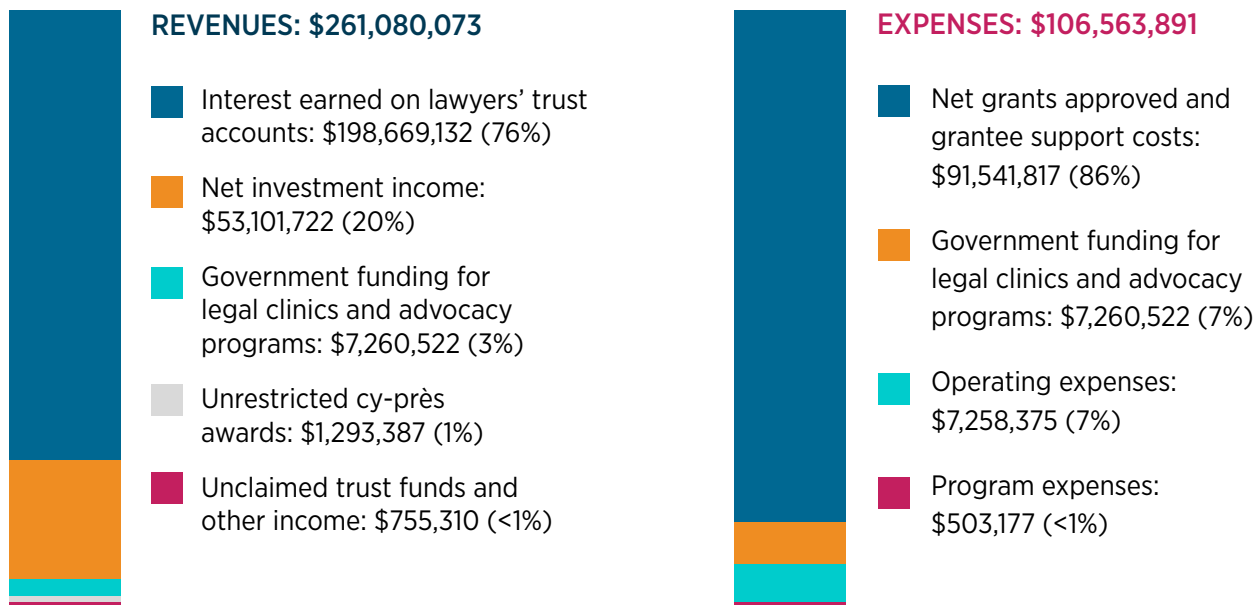
<b>PUBLIC INTEREST LAW PARTICIPATION FUND</b>	\$51,000
Enhances public participation in public interest law and regulatory proceedings by supporting interventions or the presentation of submissions by individuals and organizations with financial need	
<b>EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b>	\$410,000
This funding includes Lois Shelton Education and Training Funding and other supports for the professional development of Law Foundation funded advocates, executive directors and supervising lawyers through a number of initiatives including an annual provincial conference for advocates; and training for new advocates, executive directors and board members	
<b>CAPACITY AND ACCESS FUNDING</b>	\$1,663,120
Supports organizations with unforeseen or emergency needs	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL PURPOSE LAW FOUNDATION FUNDING STREAMS</b>	<b>\$2,124,120</b>

# Financial highlights



The Law Foundation’s revenue varies, going up and down due to changes in interest rates. To maintain predictability of funding for vital services, the Foundation maintains a Grant Stabilization Fund (GSF). The GSF helps us provide stable, predictable grants for community agencies when revenues are reduced, and sustain grantmaking over a multi-year time horizon.

In the last two years, the Foundation has had unusually high revenues due to the combination of rising interest rates and high balances in lawyers’ pooled trust accounts. The Foundation added \$154.5 million to the GSF in 2024, bringing it to \$415.5 million at the end of the year. This amount is within its optimal range of 3.5 to 5.0 times annual expenditures. With interest rates having declined significantly over the past year, our revenue projections are significantly lower in 2026, 2027 and 2028. In the next three years, we plan to spend prudently from this fund in order to help meet the legal needs of communities in the province.



The Foundation is continuing to maximize grantmaking to the extent it can do so sustainably, with plans to fund more than \$120 million per year in grant payments in 2026 and 2027.

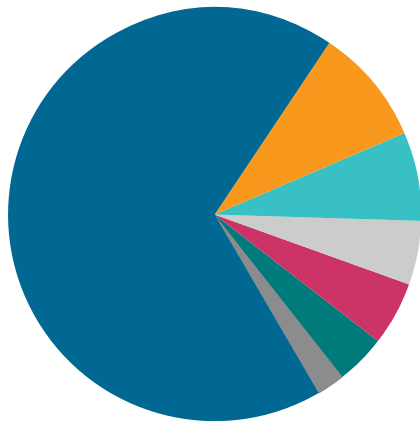


The majority of additional planned spending is focused on expanding and strengthening the network of legal clinics and community legal advocacy services in BC.

In 2024, the Foundation continued to respond to higher revenues through increases to grantmaking and program initiatives in support of access to justice in British Columbia. The Foundation’s Board approved \$99 million of grants, a 36% increase from \$72.7 million in 2023.

While these increases help provide more service to more people, the unmet needs for fair access to legal services in BC remain significant. The Foundation therefore is continuing to maximize grantmaking to the extent it can do so sustainably, and has budgeted for increases in funding for direct front-line legal services such as legal clinics and community legal advocacy services around the province in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

### OPERATING EXPENSES: \$7,258,375



- Salaries and employee benefits: \$5,146,289 (71%)
- Consulting and legal: \$570,493 (8%)
- Office and other: \$504,819 (7%)
- Meetings and travel: \$419,221 (6%)
- Occupancy: \$289,908 (4%)
- Information technology: \$270,993 (4%)
- Audit and annual report: \$56,652 (<1%)

These financial highlights are derived from the Foundation’s audited financial statements and do not align precisely with the grant listings in this annual report. The financial highlights are based on grants approved in 2024 and report multi-year grants as an expense in the year in which they are approved. The annual report listings report grant amounts allocated to single and multi-year grants in 2024.

The full audited financial statements are at [lawfoundationbc.org/annual-report/](http://lawfoundationbc.org/annual-report/)



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