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The City of Vancouver is located on the traditional unceded territories of the x̱w̱məθkʷəy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), and Seḻíḻwítulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations who have lived on these lands since time immemorial. Our work on anti-racism and cultural redress continues to be informed by our [commitment to Reconciliation](#).

Hello Natti,

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\$2.25 million investment into elevating and celebrating the cultural diversity of Vancouver

As part of our dedicated efforts to deliver on [Culture|Shift](#), our community informed culture plan, we are actively applying an intersectional, decolonial, racial justice and systemic equity lens to our grant programs. In November, [City Council approved over \\$2.25 million in grants for 106 non-profit cultural organizations](#). Read the full [grant report here](#).

Grant highlights include:

- 1. Vancouver Music Fund**
\$300,000 to [Creative BC](#) to renew the Vancouver Music Fund. Established in 2019 to implement the [Vancouver Music Strategy](#), the Vancouver Music Fund directly supports Indigenous and underrepresented musicians, artists and groups working in Vancouver's music sector.
 - 2. ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ (Punjabi Market)**
\$20,000 was granted to [Punjabi Market Regeneration Collective Society](#) to continue their work revitalizing the historic ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ by beautifying the market, developing and promoting businesses and creating a hub for arts and culture.
 - 3. Artist Studio Awards Program**
Seven Vancouver-based artists who are Indigenous or racialized have been awarded live-work, or work-only, studios at below-market rates for terms of approximately three years. [Learn more about the Artist Studio Awards Program and the selected artists](#)
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Afro Van Connect case study

As part of November's grants announcement, Afro Van Connect received \$45,000 in Equity and Capacity building grants to support their work empowering people of African Descent through conversation, collaboration, creation, and performance.

Afro Van Connect creates Black spaces and gatherings of vibrant, creative minds committed to developing authentic solutions and to increase the visibility of unserved communities. [Watch our video case study highlighting Afro Van Connect's work here.](#)

Community Advisory Group (CAG) opportunities

We're seeking members for two CAGs being established in January 2022 and operating until June 2022. We expect the committee to hold meetings at least once per month for approximately two hours.

Black and African Diaspora

Open to Black and African Diaspora community members, the role of the CAG will be to advise staff on recommendations of responses to anti-Black racism and redress for Vancouver's Black and African Diaspora communities. If you are interested, [please complete the application form here](#).

South Asian Diaspora

Open to South Asian Diaspora community members, the role of the CAG will be to advise staff on recommendations to a report expected to go to council in June 2022 stemming from the [Historical Discrimination Against People of South Asian Descent in Vancouver Council motion](#) from July 2019 and cultural redress for Vancouver's South Asian communities. If you are interested, [please complete the application form here](#).

If you require more information, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at equity@vancouver.ca.

Black History Month events calendar

This year as part of our recognition of Black History Month 2022, we will be spotlighting local Black creators, organizers and non-profits by creating a calendar of arts, culture and community events throughout February.

Are you organizing an event, virtual or in-person, that celebrates Black community, culture, history or more?

Follow the link to share the date, time, location, and brief description of your event by January 10th and we'll add it to our calendar:

<https://survey.vancouver.ca/s3/2022-Black-History-Month-Events-Calendar>

Black History Month provides the opportunity to celebrate and learn about the many achievements and contributions of Vancouver's Black and African diasporic communities.

We understand that honouring, uplifting, and respecting Vancouver's Black and African diasporic residents is a continuous priority that must go beyond Black History Month. We continue to fight against racism in all its forms, including systemic racism. [Find out more about the steps we have taken in advancing anti-racism and equity actions](#).

Chinatown transformation

In 2018 City Council delivered a formal apology for past discrimination against residents of Chinese descent and adopted actions to foster a vibrant Chinatown, including creating the City's [Chinatown Transformation Team \(CTT\)](#) and establishing a [Legacy Stewardship Group \(LSG\)](#) of community representatives to oversee their work.

Since the start of the Chinatown Transformation work, over 30 community projects have been completed or initiated including pilot projects organized by the LSG working groups like the [Fire Dragon Festival](#), [Chinatown Noodlelicious Festival](#), [Chinatown Stories Volume 3 – Stories of Resilience](#) and others.

In October the LSG, in partnership with the City and the UBC Initiative for Student Teaching and Research in Chinese Canadian Studies (UBC INSTRCC), convened a Chinatown Reimagined Forum. [Chinatown Reimagined](#) is the culmination of a three-year-long process with the community to work towards the revitalization of Chinatown, explore Chinatown's potential as a cultural destination and to pass on Chinatown's cultural heritage legacy to future generations.

[You can watch forum sessions and videos documenting LSG pilot projects here.](#)

We are grateful to the members of the Legacy Stewardship Group and we look forward to continuing working with them to create a vibrant Chinatown with a thriving economy, strong community and reinvigorated culture and heritage.

Holiday office closures

Our offices will be closed from December 27 to January 3 and back to regular business on January 4 at 8:30 AM. 3-1-1 will remain open daily for any urgent issues from 7am to 10pm.

We wish you, your loved ones and your communities a very happy holiday season.

Do you have any questions or comments about our Anti-Racism and Culture Redress work? You can share them with us at equity@vancouver.ca

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