



INFRASTRUCTURE: BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Infrastructure Stream is to assist Japanese Canadian Organizations with Building Improvements. Grants in this stream will assist with renovations, repairs, and accessibility upgrades for Japanese Canadian community centres and organizations.

DATES (subject to change)

Applications open August 15, 2024

Deadline for applications December 1, 2024

Application results out February 14, 2025

Projects must be completed by March 1, 2027

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WHO CAN APPLY

Only Japanese Canadian Organizations can apply.

- A Japanese Canadian Organization can be either
 - a not-for-profit organization, or
 - an organization incorporated under a provincial corporations Act without the distinction of a not-for-profit designation whose primary purpose is to develop and support the Japanese Canadian community, provide services benefiting Japanese Canadians and/or enhance and encourage Japanese or Japanese Canadian cultural activities.
- The organization must have an established constitution and by-laws and have been incorporated for at least two years.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED

Building Improvements

- Building improvement grants will assist in the construction and renovation of community facilities. Building improvements may include renovations, repairs and accessibility upgrades. Grants may also assist in creating new facilities if other funding sources are in place.
- A building improvement grant can include capital purchases if they are essential to the renovation.
- A Japanese Canadian organization is eligible if the organization owns its building and/or property. In the case where the Japanese Canadian Organization does not own the building or property, but has a working agreement with a municipality, the Japanese Canadian Organization must be able to supply the legal working agreement between the parties at the time of application that includes who holds insurance and assumes liability for the project. The commitment towards the project would be permanent and an ongoing maintenance plan must also be part of the application.

WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED

- Ongoing operations and capital maintenance.
 - New ongoing maintenance costs related to the project.
 - Expenses for debt management.
 - Projects that have received NAJC funding through the Capacity Building Program, Cultural Development Fund or Endowment Fund.
 - Projects that have received other funds from the Community Fund Infrastructure stream.
 - Projects outside of Canada.
 - Projects that are already complete at application date.
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FUNDING REQUESTS

- Funding of up to \$500,000 per application.
 - Each organization may apply for only one grant in the Infrastructure stream.
1. Funded projects should recognize and serve Japanese Canadians.
 2. The project can commence at any time after the application has been submitted.
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 3. The requested funds must support the development and completion of the project. If other sources of funding are required to complete the project, these sources must be confirmed at the time of the application.
 4. Depending on the number and quality of grants, an application may receive only partial funding. Applicants should indicate in their application whether their project can be modified if a smaller grant is given.
 5. Eligible expenses may include:
 - a. Renovations
 - b. Facility improvements
 - c. Construction materials, supplies, and related costs
 - d. Contracts and fees for tradespeople
 - e. Costs for surveys and architectural drawings
 - f. Replacement equipment and its installation
 - g. Delivery costs of building materials
 - h. Equipment purchases and/or rentals
 - i. Dumping and disposal fees
 - j. Temporary rental of another facility while renovations are being done
 - k. Storage space while the renovations are being done.
 6. Projects must be completed by December 31, 2026.
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WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE APPLICATION

NOTE: Applicants are responsible for submitting a complete application. The JCLS will NOT contact applicants to address errors or missing requirements, other than as required to determine eligibility. Eligible applications are assessed as submitted.

1. Applicants must create a user account to access the application form that will be submitted through the online application system.
2. Applicants must complete the following information, including longer answers as required:
 - a. Description of the organization, including its mission statement, a brief history of the organization and its current activities. Please highlight the services and activities that the organization hosts that serve the Japanese Canadian community.

- b. Description of project, using the provided template, including a short project summary followed by a detailed outline of the project including the scope of work. If known, include a list of preferred contractors. Contactor quotes will be required as a separate upload.
 - c. Provide two quotes by suppliers or contractors for each area of the building improvements. Quotes must be comparable in their scope of work (i.e. two roof quotes) so they can be compared. Quotes must be valid at the time of the application. The requirement for two quotes does not apply to key project personnel, including the project manager, writer, researcher, architect, designer, and heritage consultants.
 - d. Using the provided template, describe the organization's internal capacity and expertise to manage and execute the project.
 - e. Using the provided template, provide the names of the key personnel and a short description of the expertise/ experience they bring to the project (grant writer, treasurer, consultants, architects, designers, researchers, writers, etc.). In the case of the Project Manager, provide the name and short bio and information on their past 2 projects of a similar scope.
 - f. Using one of the two provided templates (Word doc or Gantt chart), provide a detailed schedule of the project including initiative start/end dates, dependencies, milestones and who is responsible for each task.
 - g. Using the provided template, describe the risks associated with the project (e.g., cost overruns, missed milestones, hidden damages, permit applications/approvals, remote locations, security requirements, project readiness, technologies, multiple partners, land acquisition, skilled labour shortages, extreme weather, etc.) as well as corresponding mitigation measures.
 - h. Balanced budget showing all sources of funding and projected project costs. If project costs exceed the maximum possible grant, a list of confirmed additional sources of funding must also accompany this budget.
3. Applicants must also provide:
- a. a copy of their Certificate of Incorporation
 - b. the most recent financial statements from the last two years.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

1. An assessment team consisting of Japanese Canadian community members with a significant level of experience in Infrastructure will be established through the JCLS.
2. The following process will be used to evaluate every application:
 - a. The assessment team develops a rubric prior to having access to any applications. The rubric is approved by the Advisory Committee.
 - b. The JCLS informs each applicant upon receipt of application and Community Fund program staff reviews the applications for eligibility.
 - c. The assessment team evaluates eligible applications to determine whether the applicants should be funded and the level of funding for successful applicants.
 - d. The assessment team recommends applicants to the JCLS, which makes the final approvals.
 - e. The JCLS informs each applicant if they are successful or unsuccessful in their application.
3. All decisions of the JCLS and assessment team are final.

NOTIFICATION

- Decisions will be made by the JCLS and the assessment team within approximately six weeks of the application deadline. Notification will be sent via the online system to the contact linked to the online application. Results cannot be requested in advance.
 - Applicants should ensure the email address community@jclegacies.com is on their safe sender list and applicants should check their spam folders on a regular basis following their submission of application.
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PAYMENT OF GRANTS

1. Awards will be paid in three instalments: 60% upon receipt of a signed grant agreement; 30% upon receipt of an interim report after having expensed the first drawdown of the project; and a final payment of 10% upon receipt of a final report detailing activities and financial outcomes.
 2. If the applicant's project changes, recipients must contact the JCLS office (in writing) as soon as possible to discuss impact on the project and to request permission for the changes.
 3. The JCLS reserves the right to suspend payments if the recipient:
 - a. does not carry out their planned project. Should the project not proceed, the initial instalment must be refunded to the JCLS;
 - b. makes major changes to the planned project without the approval of the JCLS;
 - c. fails to comply with the terms of the grant, including submission of final report.
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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Recipients will submit interim and final reports and must provide receipts. In addition, quarterly reports will be submitted by all grant recipients every three months.
 3. Recipients must submit a final report within 30 days of the end of the project to receive the final payment.
 4. Instructions on submitting final reports will be given to successful applicants.
 5. The requirement for a final report will be part of the grant agreement.
 6. Future applications to the JCLS will be ineligible if reporting requirements on prior grants are not met.
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CONFIDENTIALITY

The collection, use and disclosure of personal information are subject to the privacy provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (BC). Personal information will be shared in confidence with members of the assessment team. The names and locations of successful award recipients may be published, along with the amount of the award, in the Annual Report of the JCLS as well as in various communications and promotional vehicles thereof.

RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANCE

In recognition of funding, the JCLS will provide a toolkit for grant recipients.

AMENDMENT OF GUIDELINES

These guidelines may be amended by the JCLS from time to time and applicants should ensure that their applications comply with the most recent version of the guidelines.

THIS VERSION OF THE GUIDELINES IS DATED AUGUST 15, 2024.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions after reading these Program Application Guidelines and the Frequently Asked Questions, please contact the Community Fund program staff JCLS: community@jclgacities.com.

Any general inquiries to the JCLS Project Office can be directed to: info@jclgacities.com.

GLOSSARY

Capital Purchase

Any single or multiple stand-alone, movable, tangible items or intangible assets, goods, or equipment that have a useful life beyond one year.

Descendant

A living person of Japanese Canadian descent whose family was directly impacted by BC Government actions in the 1940s and whose family experience in BC predates April 1, 1949.

Japanese Canadian (JC)

A Canadian citizen of Japanese ancestry, or a person of Japanese ancestry who has permanent resident or landed immigrant status in Canada.

Japanese Canadian Organization

A not-for-profit organization whose primary purpose is to develop and support the Japanese Canadian community, provide services benefiting Japanese Canadians or enhance and encourage Japanese or Japanese Canadian cultural activities. It must have an established constitution and by-laws and have been incorporated for at least two years. A Japanese Canadian Organization can also be incorporated under a provincial corporations Act without the distinction of a not-for-profit designation, as long as the primary focus of the organization satisfies the above definition.

Japanese Cultural Activity

Traditional and contemporary Japanese cultural practices or activities that originated in or have roots in Japan and enhance the appreciation for and promote Japanese and/or Japanese Canadian culture. (Examples include but are not limited to: sports such as martial arts, cuisine, bonsai, calligraphy, ikebana, origami, taiko, tea ceremony, anime, manga, etc.)

Legacy Infrastructure Projects

For building owners only, this fund provides support to key building renovation or construction projects that preserve and honour the legacy of Japanese Canadians from BC who were impacted by the historic events before, during and after WWII. Long-term maintenance of the project must be provided by the building owner(s). This fund is restricted to organizations with capacity to provide a high-traffic space for community gathering. Regional allocation of funds may be taken into account.

Survivor

A living person of Japanese descent born prior to April 1, 1949 who was directly impacted by BC Government actions in the 1940s. Survivors include persons who were not displaced but were living in BC, and persons who, after their families left BC, were born prior to April 1, 1949, which was the day Japanese Canadians were given full voting rights and the legal restrictions used to control the movement of Japanese Canadians were removed.

