

Anti-Black Racism Stream

Name of Organization (incl. website address)	Project Name & Description	Funding Amount
Hope for Tomorrow's Shade Association Canada (HT-SACA)	<p>'Belonging' - Refugee Children and Youth Anti-racism Project</p> <p>This anti-racism project targets black children (7-12 years) and youth (13-24) from low-income, marginalized refugee communities in Edmonton North, Southeast, and Downtown. The need stems from an increase in hate crimes, high prevalence of racism, lack of advocacy skills, isolation, and marginalization among these groups, exposing them to social dislocation and poor outcomes. The project aims to empower participants with knowledge and skills to cope with and stand up against racism, advance anti-racism mentality, promote resilience, and foster peer/intercultural connections to address stereotypes and bullying. Key methods include anti-racism informal workshops, digital storytelling (including shared stories for healing), guest speakers, youth-led anti-racism dialogues, social media awareness campaigns, a youth-led podcast, and social recreational activities. The approach is informed by successful implementation and evaluation results from a prior 2024 anti-racism project and a current Gang Reduction Project. This proposed project expands the geographical coverage and target age range (now including youth 13-24) and diversifies the project approaches beyond digital storytelling.</p>	<p>\$48,000</p>
<p>Kingdom Minded Church</p>	<p>Beats Without Borders: East African Youth Music Empowerment Against Racism</p> <p>This project is an arts education program for 60 Black East-African youth (ages 12–25) from DRC, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, and Kenya, living in Northeast Edmonton. The target population faces racism, social isolation, and barriers to arts education. The project aligns with the Anti-Black Racism stream and the Education focus area (with secondary benefits to Mental Health).</p> <p>From January 2026 to October 30th, 2026, the program will provide weekly instruction in keyboard, guitar, drums, vocals, and songwriting/production. Key methods include embedding anti-racism and music-history modules, mentorship by Black</p>	<p>\$48,000</p>

	<p>musicians, instrument loans, and hosting four community performances with anti-racism messaging. The goal is to build skills and pride, increase anti-racism awareness, and encourage collective action through consistent, culturally grounded engagement.</p>	
<p>Council for the Advancement of African Canadians</p>	<p>ConnectED: Justice & Health for Black Communities The expanded initiative, building on the Africa Centre’s Legal Clinic, will provide culturally safe legal and healthcare support to Edmontonians of African, Black, and Caribbean descent, particularly newcomers and individuals with disabilities, between February and October 2026. The goal is to serve at least 200 residents. Key needs include a lack of accessible legal information, difficulty finding culturally competent providers, language/trust barriers, and delayed access to preventive healthcare. The approach involves hosting five Legal Clinics with Know Your Rights workshops (tenancy, employment, immigration, family law), establishing four Health Access Hubs (led by Black medical professionals offering Q&A and basic checks), delivering a disability-awareness mini-clinic, and expanding the Health & Wellness Services Directory. This shifts the model from a once-a-year event to a consistent, integrated service.</p>	<p>\$48,000</p>
<p>Free Play for Kids Inc.</p>	<p>Expanded Play to Lead: Strength, Identity & Belonging for Racialized Youth The "Play to Lead" expansion project, an initiative by Free Play for Kids, focuses on supporting Black Muslim girls aged 10–17 in Edmonton who face systemic barriers (Islamophobia, anti-Black racism, gender exclusion, financial hardship). The goal is to foster social inclusion, positive mental health, and holistic development through a culturally responsive, trauma-informed model.</p> <p>Key components include: * **Targeted Programming:** Girls-only soccer, 3x3 basketball, and multi-sport drop-in programs delivered year-round.</p> <p>* **Approach:** Barrier-free access to sport, mentorship by female coaches/leaders who share the participants' backgrounds, and an embedded Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum focused on identity, confidence, and belonging.</p> <p>* **Evidence of Need:** A pilot drop-in program showed 100% of participants felt safe, respected, authentically expressed, and felt a sense of belonging, validating the need for dedicated, identity-specific spaces.</p> <p>* **Partnerships:** Catholic Social Services (CSS), Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB), and Edmonton Catholic School Board (ECSB) are key partners.</p>	<p>\$44,060</p>

University of Alberta's Black Students' Association	<p>Future in Focus: UABSA's Anti-Racism & Empowerment Series</p> <p>Future in Focus is a strategic expansion by the UABSA to dismantle anti-Black racism, foster community, and build professional pathways for Black students at the University of Alberta and aspiring young leaders in Edmonton's high schools. Addressing systemic barriers and the urgent need for mentorship and support, the project is structured around four key pillars:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Building Professional Pathways: Expanding the annual Career Panel into a dynamic career accelerator featuring a mini career fair, one-on-one mentorship, free professional headshots, and tech giveaways, partnering with organizations like ColorStack and Hi Finance to connect students with recruiters across tech, finance, law, and aerospace. Celebrating Black Excellence and Leadership: Amplifying the annual Black History Month Gala (A Black Print for the Future) with a new student awards ceremony to recognize achievements in leadership, arts, academics, and advocacy. Investing in Sustainable Leadership: Launching a new Leadership Summit for Black student leaders focused on capacity building (anti-racist leadership, public speaking, strategic planning) and providing a crucial space for rest and community care to prevent burnout. Fostering Intergenerational Connection: Implementing a new Mentorship Program with two streams: pairing university students with experienced professionals (medicine, law) and connecting members with Black Student Associations in local high schools to build a support pipeline. Past events have consistently drawn over 400 attendees, demonstrating a clear demand for this intentional, student-led response designed to create lasting, positive change. 	<p>\$35,000</p>
Council of Somalia We Care	<p>Racism Awareness Project</p> <p>The Council of Somalia We Care (CSWC), a Non-profit Organization, proposes the Racism Awareness Project, a community-led anti-racism initiative in Edmonton. The project aims to address systemic discrimination faced by Somali/Black-Canadians and other racialized groups, responding to persistent social and economic barriers in areas like education, employment, and public services.</p> <p>Target beneficiaries include Somali/Black youth, families, seniors, and newcomers, as well as broader Indigenous and marginalized communities.</p> <p>Methods for the project include community workshops, presentations, educational sessions with subject matter experts, and focused group/family gatherings to identify issues and share solutions against racism.</p>	<p>\$24,940</p>

Jesus is the Light of the World Church	<p>Shining Light on Justice: Community-Led Anti-Racism Empowerment for Newcomers, Refugees, and Indigenous Peoples in Edmonton</p> <p>This 12-month, Edmonton-based anti-racism initiative targets over 400 direct participants, primarily Black, Indigenous, and racialized newcomers/refugees (especially youth aged 15–25). The project addresses systemic racism (including anti-Black racism, Islamophobia, and colonial legacies) by delivering five integrated activities: Community Anti-Racism Education Workshops, a Youth Leadership & Advocacy Program, Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue Circles, a Healing Through Heritage Arts & Wellness Series, and an Anti-Racism Resource & Storytelling Toolkit. The approach is community-centered, trauma-informed, and aims to enhance anti-racism literacy (Outcome 1), amplify community leadership (Outcome 2), and strengthen cross-cultural solidarity and resilience (Outcome 3).</p>	\$15,000
<p>Community Activation Stream</p>		
Liberian Friendship Society of Canada	<p>Fostering Inclusion, Eradicating Racism Forever</p> <p>The "Fostering Inclusion, Eradicating Racism Forever" project in Edmonton aims to empower the Liberian community and other marginalized groups by addressing racial discrimination, social exclusion, and systemic barriers. The project seeks to promote intercultural understanding and inclusion across the broader Edmonton community. Methods include community dialogues, cultural exchange events, educational workshops, and local partnerships, all guided by community consultations and best practices in anti-racism work to ensure initiatives are relevant and sustainable.</p>	\$11,300
Somali immigrant service society of Alberta (SISSA)	<p>Unity in Action: Mobilizing Black, Newcomer, and Indigenous Voices to Dismantle Racism and Build an Inclusive Edmonton</p> <p>The "Unity in Action initiative" is a 6-month anti-racism project led by the Black-led Somali Immigrant Services Society of Alberta. It aims to engage 100 Edmontonians from Black, newcomer, Indigenous, and allied communities through 15 workshops, 4 community dialogues, and 2 cultural exchange events. The project focuses on raising awareness of racism and its impacts, increasing knowledge of anti-racism organizations, and empowering participants to recognize, resist, and respond to racism for a more inclusive Edmonton.</p>	\$14,300
Bafut Development Manjong Association Edmonton	<p>Bafut Manjong Anti Racism Awareness and Sensitization Training</p> <p>This project involves organizing Anti-racism awareness workshops for a population in Edmonton, primarily newcomers who are victims of racism or are part of the racialized</p>	\$14,156

	<p>population. The workshops aim to promote intercultural understanding, prevent isolation and discrimination, and educate participants about their rights and protections. This is a new, yearly initiative intended to create awareness about racism and how to deal with it.</p>	
<p>GUINEANS ASSOCIATION OF EDMONTON</p>	<p>BEING AWARE OF RACISM</p> <p>The "Being Aware of Racism" initiative, led by the Guinean Association of Edmonton (GAE), aims to address systemic racism, linguistic exclusion, and cultural invisibility faced by French-speaking immigrants, particularly those from Guinea and other Francophone African countries in Edmonton.</p> <p>Key Details: * Target Population: French-speaking immigrants (newcomers and long-term residents) including adults, women, men, youth, and children, seeking culturally safe, French-language support.</p> <p>* Challenges Addressed: Systemic racism, language-based discrimination, lack of cultural representation, and structural inequities impacting mental health, employment, education, and public access.</p> <p>* Approach: Grounded in anti-racist, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive practices, featuring French-language delivery and integrated programs focusing on mental health, employment/education, wellness/inclusion, and system navigation.</p> <p>* Vision for 2026: Scale proven, existing programs to serve 500-800 clients, hire trained coordinators/facilitators, strengthen delivery infrastructure, and increase the visibility and representation of French-speaking Africans in Edmonton's anti-racism efforts.</p>	<p>\$14,165</p>
<p>University of Alberta Black Medical Students' Association (BMSA)</p>	<p>Black Medical Student's Association Health Fair</p> <p>The Health Fair benefits Edmonton's Black community, especially those facing the greatest barriers to healthcare access (youth, seniors, newcomers, families). It addresses health disparities caused by systemic racism, such as higher rates of chronic disease and limited access to culturally competent mental health services. The free, accessible, and family-friendly event features Black healthcare professionals (physicians, social workers, dieticians, psychologists, etc.) offering education on priority topics (mental health, cardiovascular disease, nutrition). This year's expansion builds on previous success by including expanded services like dentistry, optometry, and sickle cell support, and a greater emphasis on intergenerational engagement for youth and seniors.</p>	<p>\$14,300</p>
<p>The Sifarish Network</p>	<p>Bridging Generations – Intergenerational Storytelling Against Racism</p> <p>This intergenerational project by the Sifarish Network targets</p>	<p>\$14,300</p>

	<p>South Asian and other racialized youth (16–30) and seniors (55+) in Edmonton. Its primary objective is to create safe spaces for sharing and preserving lived experiences of racism, migration, and resilience, addressing a gap in intergenerational dialogue. Key methods include Storytelling Circles, Creative Documentation (training youth in digital media), a Public Showcase Event, and Capacity Building for youth leadership. The expected outcomes are increased youth confidence and skills, preserved histories of seniors, fostered community empathy, and strengthened anti-racism capacity aligned with the City of Edmonton’s Anti-Racism Strategy.</p>	
<p>Strathcona Place Society</p>	<p>Community Resource Fair The Cultural Community Resource Fair, a project by Strathcona Place Society, aims to address systemic barriers to service access for racialized seniors (including newcomers) by centralizing culturally relevant, anti-racism-centered community resources. The project will host a series of three themed community resource fairs (spring, summer, fall) focusing on topics like financial well-being, housing, and healthcare. These free events will be held at an accessible senior center and will feature non-profit organizations, community groups, and public services, offering multilingual support and engagement activities. An Outreach Event Coordinator will be hired to lead the project, build partnerships, and organize participants based on eligibility and event themes. Feedback will be collected via evaluation questionnaires to ensure community needs are met.</p>	<p>\$14,300</p>
<p>Alric Reid</p>	<p>D.R.A.F.T.E.D. For Greatness D.R.A.F.T.E.D. for Greatness is an 8-week workshop series in Edmonton for Black and racialized boys and young men aged 12–17, led by Alric Reid. The project addresses systemic racism, limited culturally relevant mental health supports, and the stigma around men’s mental health through mentorship, life skills development, and culturally affirming mental health education. Workshops focus on resilience, identity, and emotional regulation, culminating in a community celebration gala. The initiative expands Alric Reid’s personal advocacy, responding directly to community needs.</p>	<p>\$14,300</p>
<p>Elisabeth Ngo Ndjock</p>	<p>GrandMa Cook II (Expansion): Bridging Cultures Through Culinary Heritage GrandMa Cook II is an expansion project aimed at reducing interpersonal racism and fostering cultural connection in Edmonton using intergenerational cooking and storytelling workshops.</p> <p>Key details: * **Target Population:** Black Francophone and Indigenous seniors, youth, and families in Edmonton. * **Goal:** To transform food from a source of exclusion (due to microaggressions/stereotypes) into a tool for connection, respect, and belonging.</p>	<p>\$14,300</p>

	<p>* **Scope (Phase II):** Over four months, 8 bilingual cooking and dialogue workshops will be hosted in community centers. The project expects to directly engage 150–200 participants.</p> <p>* **Methods:** Hands-on cooking, story-sharing circles led by seniors, and dialogue sessions.</p> <p>* **Deliverables:** A bilingual recipe book and educational guides will be produced to share knowledge beyond the workshops.</p> <p>* **Basis:** The approach builds on the proven success of Phase I (2024-2025) which demonstrated that culinary dialogue effectively reduces interpersonal racism and builds trust.</p>	
Christophe DANUMAH	<p>Interfaith Dialogue of Women Against Microaggressions and Stereotypes: Awareness Workshops for an Inclusive City</p> <p>This project is an expansion of informal dialogue circles into a citywide initiative in Edmonton, addressing persistent racism, social exclusion, and lack of culturally safe spaces, as identified by the city's CSWB Strategy. It primarily benefits francophone Muslim, Indigenous, and Christian women facing barriers of racism, religion, language, and gender. The approach includes workshops on racism/stereotypes led by diverse women leaders, story-sharing circles, creation of educational resources (videos, posters, teaching guides) for schools and organizations, and a final community roundtable to link grassroots dialogue with institutional change. The methods utilize lived experience and participatory learning, aligning with CSWB best practices.</p>	\$13,755
Himalaya-Rocky Sports Club	<p>Kick Out Racism: Empowering Racialized Women and Youth</p> <p>"Kick Out Racism: Empowering Racialized Women and Youth" is a year-round anti-racism initiative by Himalaya Rocky Sports Club (HRSC), serving Edmonton's South Asian and newcomer communities. The program uses soccer as a platform to deliver anti-racism education, empowerment, and advocacy, addressing intersectional barriers (racism, sexism, economic marginalization).</p> <p>Target population: 40 racialized youth and women in Edmonton (Open, 30+, and 40+ age categories), specifically focusing on South Asian and newcomer women who face significant exclusion in sports and community spaces (e.g., only 18% of South Asian women participate in organized sports in Canada, compared to 35% of white women).</p> <p>Key Activities (February–November 2026):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Four Anti-Racism and Unity Sessions (interactive workshops). 2. Advisory Councils for Racialized Youth and Women (six monthly meetings). 3. A Digital Storytelling Campaign (videos/podcasts). 	\$13,945

	<p>4. The Gorkha Cup for Unity Showcase (May 2026 capstone event with booths, pledges, and inclusive matches).The program emphasizes free participation, lunch provisions, and leadership by racialized youth and women. It is an expansion of HRSC's existing Gorkha Cup tournament, evolving it into a year-round, anti-racism focused project.</p>	
Anna Ouedraogo	<p>Legacy Keepers Project 3 Legacy Keepers Project 3 benefits Black Elders in Edmonton by addressing isolation and cultural exclusion through intergenerational activities focused on cultural knowledge sharing and strengthening community bonds. The approach is rooted in successful methods from previous projects (storytelling, cooking, dancing, wellness, nature-based reflection) and expands to include new, hands-on elements like intergenerational cooking, Afro/cultural dance battles, and a Botanic Garden field trip. The project aims to promote well-being, preserve heritage, and provide cultural knowledge to younger generations and the broader community (via digital resources).</p>	\$14,165
The Live Initiative	<p>Love Arts Project: Catch Them Young The Love Arts Project: Catch Them Young is an Edmonton-based school and community outreach initiative targeting youth to promote anti-racism and address the persistence of racism and racial bullying (54% of Canadian youths aged 13-17 report witnessing it). The project utilizes the arts (music, dance, spoken word, etc.), motivational talks by community leaders, anti-racism experts, and elders to empower youths to become change-makers and anti-racism advocates. Due to proven success in reducing microaggression and racial bullying, and high demand, the project is expanding beyond local schools to include youth centers, community youth leagues, and associations in Edmonton. Key activities include event execution, development of anti-racism material/toolkits, pairing youths with anti-racism mentors/experts, and periodic follow-up and evaluation.</p>	\$14,100
Vision the Loin Society	<p>One People Festival The One People Festival is a new, free, two-day anti-racism public gathering in Edmonton, centered on youth leadership and intergenerational dialogue, using art, food, and conversation. The program aims to confront persistent racism and fragmented community efforts by combining cultural celebration with truth-telling and advocacy.</p> <p>Key details: * **Target Beneficiaries:** Edmonton's youth (as central architects and leaders), elders/seniors (as guides and storytellers), racialized communities (Black, Indigenous, immigrant, newcomer families), and the broader public. * **Core Methods:** Art/Performance (music, film, spoken</p>	\$14,300

	<p>word, dance for expression/education), "Food + Cause" (linking food vendors with anti-racism organizations), and Dialogue (youth-led panels, elder storytelling, and a closing Commitment Reception for ongoing action).</p> <p>* **Need Addressed:** High levels of racial discrimination in Edmonton, barriers to belonging for newcomers, limited intergenerational dialogue, and a lack of accessible/affordable spaces that combine cultural celebration with anti-racism advocacy.</p> <p>* **Approach Rationale:** Shaped by community input to combine "joy with honesty," making anti-racism engaging and accessible. The intergenerational design ensures youth lead and elders guide, fostering continuity. Strategic timing in August at Churchill Square leverages shared costs with other major festivals.</p>	
The Chill Sports Connection	<p>PlayUnited: Breaking Barriers Through Sport and Inclusion</p> <p>Program Summary: "PlayUnited" is a 12-month, \$15,000 community-driven project promoting anti-racism, inclusion, and mental wellbeing through accessible sport and recreation for low-income newcomers, refugees, and Indigenous youth in Edmonton. The objective is to engage 150 participants from marginalized communities to foster belonging and social cohesion, aligning with the City of Edmonton's Anti-Racism Strategy. Key methods include community-led design, trauma-informed coaching, and partnerships with local organizations for wraparound support.</p>	\$14,300
Actions for Healthy Population Canada- Burkina Faso	<p>Raising Resilient Children</p> <p>"Raising Resilient Children" is an expansion of an original intergenerational program in Edmonton. It now focuses on mental health, self-esteem, personal development, and anti-racism education for children and youth (8-17), especially those in racialized and immigrant communities facing systemic barriers. The program uses culturally responsive, hands-on methods like Creative Expression Workshops, Mindfulness Sessions, Mentorship Circles with elders, and Cultural Empowerment Activities to foster resilience, identity pride, and coping skills, addressing a gap in existing programs that rarely combine intergenerational connection with mental health support and anti-racism education.</p>	\$14,300
Prairie Alliance for Settlement & Support (PASS)	<p>Roots to Rise: Promote Anti-Racism & Equity Collective for Healing, Belonging, and Systemic Change</p> <p>The "Roots to Rise" project is a new anti-racism initiative by PASS benefiting Black, Indigenous, newcomer, and refugee communities in Edmonton, addressing systemic racism, isolation, and trauma. It is needed due to ongoing inequities in the city (housing, education, employment, leadership) as identified by Edmonton's Anti-Racism Strategy. The approach is community-driven, culturally grounded, and trauma-informed,</p>	\$14,300

	featuring three integrated components: Healing Circles (90 participants for mental wellness), Anti-racism Education Workshops (60 participants for awareness/allyship), and a Community Equity Leadership Lab (10 emerging leaders for mentorship/advocacy training).	
South Asians United for Mental Health	<p>South Asian Changemakers: Activating Youth and Seniors for Enhancing Mental Health and Combating Racism in Communities</p> <p>This project by SAUMH targets the large South Asian community in Edmonton, focusing on the intersection of mental health and anti-racism. It will use storytelling and practical skill-building across two tailored workshops for youth and seniors, culminating in a third intergenerational workshop where participants facilitate activities for community members. The goal is to cultivate fundamental strengths and competencies—such as facilitation and change-making skills—to address the lack of culturally informed support systems and the rising mental health impact of racism and stereotyping in the community. The approach blends experiential learning and reflective dialogue, grounded in previous community work, to empower youth and seniors as agents of change.</p>	\$14,300
Shri Sadguru Sai Baba Mandir of Edmonton Society	<p>Together We Thrive - Empowering young people and seniors to build inclusive, anti-racist communities</p> <p>Program: Together We Thrive – Edmonton</p> <p>Focus: Intergenerational and intercultural programming to build bridges, foster solidarity, and actively challenge racism and ageism in Edmonton.</p> <p>Beneficiaries: Racialized youth (13–25) and seniors (55+) from immigrant, refugee, Indigenous, and culturally diverse communities, particularly those experiencing social isolation or systemic discrimination.</p> <p>Need: Addressing persistent racism, ageism, and social isolation among racialized youth and seniors in Edmonton. The project aims to provide safe spaces for sharing experiences, preserving culture, and co-creating solutions.</p> <p>Methods: A community-based, participatory approach using four key methods: Intergenerational Story Circles, Cultural Exchange Workshops, Anti-Racism Education & Dialogue, and a Community Showcase Event.</p> <p>Status: Expansion of a successful 2024 pilot program. The expansion increases the program duration to three months, enhances anti-racism training, and includes collaboration with local schools, cultural associations, and senior centers.</p>	\$14,160

<p>Unity Circle Organization</p>	<p>Unity in Action: Community-Led Anti-Racism Empowerment for Newcomers, Refugees, and Indigenous Peoples in Edmonton</p> <p>The initiative addresses systemic racism in Edmonton impacting Black, Indigenous, and racialized newcomer/refugee communities. It aims to build anti-racism literacy, leadership, and solidarity through five main activities: 8 anti-racism education workshops (160 participants), a 6-month Youth Leadership & Advocacy Program (25 youth), 4 Interfaith & Intercultural Dialogue Circles (100 participants), 12 Healing Through Heritage Arts & Wellness Series sessions (120 participants), and an Anti-Racism Resource & Storytelling Toolkit. The project anticipates 400+ direct participants and aligns with the City of Edmonton's Anti-Racism Strategy.</p>	<p>\$14,300</p>
<p>Towunmi Coker Literary Initiative Foundation (TCLF Foundation)</p>	<p>Voices for Change</p> <p>This project expands a 2024 initiative to address food insecurity and cultural exclusion among Edmontonian youth, particularly those from immigrant, refugee, and racialized communities. The program will deliver a sustained series of nine culturally appropriate food education workshops for youth, which will also address the stigmatization and microaggressions faced when bringing cultural meals to school or work. Key components include providing culturally relevant food access (ingredients, take-home recipes, and food hampers), fostering family and intergenerational involvement, and promoting community visibility of culturally relevant food practices to counteract racism. The approach is directly informed by feedback from the 2024 Voices for Change initiative and confirmed needs from partners like the Edmonton Food Bank, highlighting gaps in culturally appropriate food access and education. The project aims to improve food security, cultural identity, and community belonging while addressing systemic barriers.</p>	<p>\$14,300</p>
<p>W. P. Wagner Catchment - Edmonton Public Schools</p>	<p>W.P. Wagner Catchment - Journey to Anti-racism: Year 4</p> <p>The "Journey to Anti-racism: Year 4" program targets over 9,200 Pre-K to Grade 12 students in the W.P. Wagner Catchment to foster an environment supportive of individuality and reflective of student culture, aiming for increased self-pride in racialized students and empathy in all students.</p> <p>Key components include: * Targeted Audience Expansion: Expanding focus from staff and students to include students' families and caregivers through print/digital media and a parent night.</p> <p>* Staff Professional Development: Continuing to revisit common understandings of interpersonal racism and expanding to address how systemic policies perpetuate or interrupt individual racism.</p> <p>* Program Structure: 18 schools will each identify a lead teacher to form the Journey to Anti-racism Committee. These leads will collaborate to research school needs and implement</p>	<p>\$14,740</p>

	<p>a specific anti-racism project from a list of five options (e.g., digital literacy campaign, family information night, cross-school collaborations, art installations, or resource development).</p> <p>* **Goal:** To equip staff with resources and knowledge, and to empower individuals across the catchment to build anti-racism leadership capacity by identifying growth areas, seeking feedback, and implementing strategies.</p>	
Newcomers Settlement and Development Foundation (NSDF) LTD.	<p>We Belong Edmonton: Strengthening Community Bonds Through Anti-Racism Education and Engagement"</p> <p>This project by Newcomers Settlement And Development Foundation (NSDF) LTD aims to address racial discrimination and systemic inequities in Edmonton by targeting Black, Indigenous, and racialized newcomer youth and families, especially those from East African, South Asian, and Middle Eastern backgrounds. The 12-month, community-led, and intergenerational approach includes Anti-Racism Workshops (12 total), Community Storytelling & Dialogue Circles (6 events), Intercultural Community Events (3 events), a Youth-Led Social Media Campaign, and the Development of an Anti-Racism Toolkit. The design is informed by community consultations and aligns directly with the City of Edmonton's Anti-Racism Strategy, emphasizing centering racialized voices and promoting learning and solidarity. The project expects to engage approximately 400 participants.</p>	\$14,300
Local Anti-racism Capacity Building/Innovation		
Wenyng Shi	<p>Anti-Racism Storytelling and Dialogue Rooted in Chinese Wisdom</p> <p>The project supports Chinese Canadians and allies in fighting racism through creative writing projects led by the Edmonton Chinese Writing Club (ECWC) in collaboration with the University of Alberta and other community partners. It primarily targets Chinese Canadians in Edmonton, especially newcomers and those experiencing systemic discrimination or language-based exclusion.</p>	\$30,000
Northern Alberta Malayalee Hindu Association (Edmonton)	<p>Barriers - Malayalee to Multiculturalism</p> <p>The project addresses cultural marginalization, racial barriers, and systemic issues faced by the Malayalee community (youth, seniors, and families) and other racialized groups in Edmonton. The goal is to promote understanding, equity, and action against racism by creating safe spaces and building connections. Methods include community circles for sharing experiences of racism and resilience, intercultural dialogue sessions with other racialized groups, anti-racism education workshops led by community members, and developing informational resources. The approach was determined through</p>	\$28,375

	community consultation, past organizational experience, and research emphasizing storytelling and dialogue.	
Edmonton Multicultural Coalition	<p>Bridges of Equity</p> <p>The "Bridges of Equity" project is a community-led initiative in Edmonton focused on building anti-racism capacity among racialized communities. Key methods include anti-racism workshops, trauma-informed healing dialogues, and innovation sprints for co-creating solutions to systemic barriers. The project aims to strengthen leadership/advocacy skills, dismantle systemic racism (e.g., disparities in employment, housing, and limited access to services), and foster long-term collaboration across diverse racialized and Indigenous communities. It is directly aligned with the City of Edmonton's Anti-Racism Grant Program.</p>	\$25,000
Healthy Aligned Living	<p>Bridging Generations, Rebuilding Relationships</p> <p>This initiative, in partnership with Youth Unlimited Edmonton (YUE) and Healthy Aligned Living (HAL), will deliver a trauma-informed program to address racism and systemic barriers faced by diverse youth in Edmonton. The program uses facilitated workshops, dialogue circles, cultural exchange, creative expression, mentorship, and practical skill-building to help youth recognize bias, respond to racism, and practice allyship. It emphasizes holistic wellness and is designed based on youth feedback and anti-racism best practices, expanding both organizations' capacity to confront racism directly and foster inclusive communities.</p>	\$27,640
Meet with Pride Association	<p>Bridging Stages: Building Solidarity in Edmonton's Drag Scene</p> <p>This project centers BIPOC drag performers and the wider 2SLGBTQIA+ community in Edmonton, addressing systemic inequities and ongoing racism within the drag scene by creating intentional, affirming spaces. The core activities combine shared meals, live drag performances, and facilitated roundtable discussions. This approach builds on existing community practices (gathering over food, performance, and conversation) to foster trust, celebrate cultural diversity, and provide structured dialogue on experiences of racism, solidarity, and resilience. The project aims to expand its impact beyond entertainment into advocacy, education, and systemic change by explicitly tackling racism and centering BIPOC voices and contributions.</p>	\$30,000
Chinatown Transformation Collaborative	<p>Building Bridges Against Racism: The 2026 North America Chinatown Conference</p> <p>Building Bridges Against Racism is a program led by the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society of Edmonton (CTC) in partnership with the University of Alberta, as part of the 2026 North America Chinatown Conference. It addresses systemic anti-Asian racism and its impact on the community.</p>	\$30,000

	<p>Key Details: * **Target Audience:** Youths, seniors, academics, community leaders, BIPOC organizations, and delegates from North American Chinatowns.</p> <p>* **Location:** Edmonton's Chinatown.</p> <p>* **Methods:** Workshops, Youth Leadership Training, Healing and Intergenerational Dialogues, Research and Storytelling, and Cross-Community Solidarity Sessions (with Indigenous, Black, Chinese, and immigrant organizations).</p> <p>* **Goal:** Equip participants with tools to challenge racism, foster an inclusive city, produce research and policy recommendations, and position Edmonton as a leader in anti-racism education within a continental dialogue.</p> <p>* **Benefits:** Directly benefits Chinatown residents (seniors, families, youth, business owners) and racialized communities across Edmonton by developing adaptable anti-racism tools and strengthening collective capacity.</p>	
<p>Mi Gente Canada Foundation</p>	<p>Empower Edmonton - Mi Gente's (My People) Anti-Racism</p> <p>This project, led by Mi Gente Canada Foundation, aims to address systemic racism, language exclusion, and cultural invisibility experienced by Spanish-speaking Hispanic immigrants in Edmonton, including adults, families, and children. The initiative will expand existing grassroots efforts into a formalized, sustainable model to serve over 500 individuals annually. Key methods include Spanish-language program delivery, creating safe/identity-affirming spaces for healing and resilience, and providing empowerment-focused education/navigation supports to combat discrimination. The approach is anti-racist, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive, rooted in two years of community practice, and seeks to restore dignity and expand civic participation. Expansion will involve hiring trained coordinators, increasing sessions, strengthening evaluation, and elevating Hispanic voices in Edmonton's anti-racism strategy.</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>
<p>Free Play for Kids Inc.</p>	<p>Expanded Free Play: Wellbeing, Resiliency & Belonging for Racialized youth</p> <p>The "Play to Lead" expansion project, an initiative by Free Play for Kids, focuses on supporting Black Muslim girls aged 10–17 in Edmonton who face systemic barriers (Islamophobia, anti-Black racism, gender exclusion, financial hardship). The goal is to foster social inclusion, positive mental health, and holistic development through a culturally responsive, trauma-informed model.</p> <p>Key components include: * **Targeted Programming:** Girls-only soccer, 3x3 basketball, and multi-sport drop-in programs delivered year-round.</p> <p>* **Approach:** Barrier-free access to sport, mentorship by female coaches/leaders who share the participants' backgrounds, and an embedded Social-Emotional Learning</p>	<p>\$29,896</p>

	<p>(SEL) curriculum focused on identity, confidence, and belonging.</p> <p>* **Evidence of Need:** A pilot drop-in program showed 100% of participants felt safe, respected, authentically expressed, and felt a sense of belonging, validating the need for dedicated, identity-specific spaces.</p> <p>* **Partnerships:** Catholic Social Services (CSS), Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB), and Edmonton Catholic School Board (ECSB) are key partners.</p>	
Canada Palestine Cultural Association	<p>Gaza to Edmonton: Anti-Racism Empowerment Circles for Newcomer Integration</p> <p>The CPCA project targets Palestinian newcomers recently displaced from Gaza and settling in Edmonton, addressing systemic marginalization, trauma, and barriers like housing discrimination, language isolation, and legal unfamiliarity. It implements a holistic, anti-racism empowerment model combining cultural preservation with direct system education. The core activities are "empowerment circles" blending English learning with legal/financial literacy and anti-discrimination awareness, trauma-informed workshops, and intercultural dialogue (e.g., cooking circles with Turkish, Ukrainian, and Indigenous communities). The goal is to equip participants with practical skills, foster collective healing, strengthen cross-community ties, and build local capacity for sustainable anti-racism systems change in Edmonton.</p>	\$30,000
BGC Big Brothers Big Sisters of Edmonton and Area	<p>In This Together</p> <p>This project aims to embed anti-racism and strengthen inclusion for children aged 6–12 from equity-deserving groups, newcomer families, and Indigenous communities attending BGC Big Brothers Big Sisters club sites in Edmonton. It will achieve this by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing a structured, age-appropriate curriculum for children focused on fairness, empathy, and respect for difference. 2. Equipping staff with training and resources to consistently deliver the curriculum and guide meaningful conversations about diversity and anti-racism. <p>The goal is to formalize practices and curriculum, making equity and inclusion an intentional part of the program experience.</p>	\$25,000
Sisters Dialogue Inc.	<p>Interwoven - Thriving in Shared Spaces</p> <p>The "Interwoven - Thriving in Shared Spaces" project is for Muslim, Indigenous, Black, and women of color living in Edmonton who experience racism impacting their mental health, safety, and sense of belonging. The program aims to provide culturally safe spaces to process racial trauma. It consists of four workshops (April, June, September, October 2026) focusing on racism in the workplace, community, school,</p>	\$30,000

	<p>and families. Each session will include sharing circles, creative writing/art, and guided discussions led by a therapist, cultural practitioner, and/or peer leader. Participants will also contribute to a collective weaving art piece. The project builds upon the experience of Amanah, Sisters Dialogue's dedicated space, emphasizing creative, trauma-informed, and culturally rooted approaches to support mental health and build relationships across communities.</p>	
<p>Colour Me Comedy Festival</p>	<p>Pathways to the Stage: Building Careers for Black and BIPOC Artists</p> <p>"Pathways to the Stage" is a seven-part, in-person workshop series in Edmonton (2026) targeting Black and BIPOC performing artists and creatives to combat systemic career barriers. The program focuses on performance coaching, funding access, branding/marketing (including professional headshots), contracts/negotiation, and mentorship. It culminates in a free "Career Guide for Black and BIPOC Creatives." The project directly addresses systemic exclusion, underrepresentation, and lack of professional tools confirmed by reports (City of Edmonton's Anti-Black Racism Action Plan, Edmonton Vital Signs) and organizers' lived experience. The approach is hands-on workshops led by experienced Black facilitators in culturally safe spaces, aimed at providing participants with the practical skills and resources necessary for career sustainability and greater equity within Edmonton's cultural sector.</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>
<p>Towunmi Coker Initiative (Let Love Champion)</p>	<p>Rising Together</p> <p>This project, an expansion of the "Rising Together" concept, addresses systemic racism, exclusion, and racial trauma experienced by racialized youth (especially Black, African, and Caribbean youth) in Edmonton, which negatively impacts their mental health and academic/employment outcomes.</p> <p>The program uses youth-centered, culturally relevant methods: storytelling workshops, creative arts, and dialogue, facilitated by trained community liaisons. The goal is to provide safe spaces for healing, leadership development, and transforming experiences into advocacy.</p> <p>Key components of the expansion include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity Building: Development of an Anti-Racism Guide and formal Facilitator Training materials for community members and organizations. 2. Sustainability: Integration of youth stories and resources into the TCLI Digital Library and other public libraries for ongoing access and systemic awareness. 3. Community Engagement: Collaboration with local grassroots organizations (e.g., African Centre, Action for Healthy Communities) and cultural associations. The project is supported by several partners, including the Edmonton 	<p>\$30,000</p>

	Community Foundation (\$25,000 confirmed)	
Islamic Family and Social Services Association	<p>Roots on 6</p> <p>Roots on 6 is a community-driven digital storytelling and cultural expression initiative dedicated to amplifying the resilience and experiences of BIPOC and newcomer communities on Treaty 6 territory in Edmonton. * **Target Population:** Racialized youth, newcomers, Indigenous partners, and multigenerational families.</p> <p>* **Need Addressed:** Systemic racism, Islamophobia, race-based hate, intergenerational trauma, and lack of culturally affirming spaces for sharing experiences and celebrating identities.</p> <p>* **Approach:** Multidisciplinary methods (storytelling, poetry, film, photography, workshops, events) combining art, education, and advocacy.</p> <p>* **Impact:** Promotes healing, reconciliation, systemic change, and builds capacity for long-term anti-racism and community resilience.</p> <p>* **Expansion:** Increasing in-person and hybrid engagement (cultural celebrations, open mics, workshops), including two intersectional events in 2025–26 with Bent Arrow to address Islamophobia and race-based hate, centering reconciliation through art.</p>	\$30,000
Reach Edmonton Council	<p>Strengthening the Foundation: building a safe, inclusive and equitable city</p> <p>The "Pathways to Belonging: Newcomer-Led Solutions for Community Participation and Neighbourhood Safety" project aims to address newcomer isolation and increase community participation, vitality, and safety in Edmonton. It will empower newcomer communities to create solutions by providing capacity building through training, education, mentorship, and community asset mapping.</p> <p>The initiative is place-based, targeting areas with high concentrations of newcomers. Key activities include engaging with newcomers to identify needs, offering training on community resources, supporting emerging leaders in asset mapping, providing leadership training for neighbour connections, and offering continued coaching.</p> <p>The program uses an Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) approach to foster social cohesion and belonging by identifying individual newcomers' gifts and skills. Research indicates newcomers in Alberta face isolation and weak neighbourhood connections due to language, cultural barriers, and low income. The project intends to create better belonging in the short term and address systemic racism by developing new, diverse community leadership for long-term cultural and</p>	\$30,000

	community fabric strengthening.	
E2S - Edmonton 2 Spirit Society	<p>Two-Spirit Cultural Safety & Trauma-Informed Training Hub</p> <p>This project addresses systemic barriers and discrimination faced by Two-Spirit Indigenous 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals in Edmonton (Treaty 6, 7, and 8 territories) across essential sectors (health, housing, education, justice, social services). The solution is a Two-Spirit-led, multi-sector training initiative focused on embedding culturally safe, trauma-informed, and anti-racist practices within institutions. Direct beneficiaries are Two-Spirit individuals; indirect beneficiaries are frontline service providers who gain critical skills. Key activities include community-led curriculum development, delivering regional training, implementing a Train-the-Trainer model (20 certified Two-Spirit trainers), and establishing institutional accountability mechanisms to ensure sustainable systemic change.</p>	\$25,000
SistaWalk Association	<p>United in Movement: Building Inclusive Communities</p> <p>The "United in Movement: Building Inclusive Communities" project in Edmonton targets racialized women, immigrants, youth, and seniors facing racism, isolation, and exclusion in community/wellness spaces. The need stems from rising reports of racial discrimination and a lack of safe, culturally inclusive, intergenerational spaces. The project expands on the existing SistaWalk programs by adding structured anti-racism workshops, intercultural exchange circles, and a leadership development stream. Methods include wellness walks, dialogue circles/storytelling, anti-racism workshops, leadership training (for 8–10 emerging leaders), cultural exchange activities, and a community showcase.</p>	\$30,000
Aboriginal Counseling Services of Alberta	<p>Voices of the Circle: Pathways to Healing and Anti Racism</p> <p>This project addresses systemic racism, intergenerational trauma, and colonization impacting Indigenous individuals, families, and communities in Edmonton. It also benefits racialized communities and the broader public by fostering cross-cultural understanding.</p> <p>The need stems from the pervasive systemic racism and exclusion experienced by Indigenous peoples, leading to high rates of trauma and mental health challenges, with a gap in culturally grounded anti-racism and healing initiatives.</p> <p>The approach is trauma-informed, culturally grounded, and community-led, utilizing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Healing Circles & Ceremonial Dialogue guided by Elders. * Anti-Racism Workshops rooted in Indigenous Worldviews and the Seven Sacred Laws. * Digital Storytelling to amplify Indigenous voices. * Relationship Building Across Communities to foster solidarity. These methods are based on ACSA's 30+ years of 	\$30,000

	experience in providing culturally safe healing and wellness services.	
Local Community Participatory Action Research		
Edmonton Social Planning Council	<p>Addressing the Mental Wellness of Racialized Communities through Strengthening Non-Profit Governance</p> <p>The project addresses the lack of accountability and representation of racialized communities in non-profit governance in Edmonton, which has resulted in negative impacts on these communities' mental wellness and sense of belonging. Utilizing a Participatory Action Research (PAR) methodology, the initiative will explore and implement restructured governance models that center racialized communities for accountability, aiming to co-create anti-racist solutions. Key outcomes include piloting more community-accountable governance structures, reducing stress for racialized individuals accessing services, and building anti-racist knowledge and capacity within participating non-profits. The PAR approach involves five stages: problematizing, planning, action (implementation for at least six months), observing, and reflecting/sharing results.</p>	\$37,139
Sinkunia Community Development Organization	<p>Community Voices on Cultural Inclusion in Local Food Initiatives</p> <p>This local participatory action research project addresses the disproportionately high rates of food insecurity and cultural food insecurity (75.6% and 80.7% respectively) among Black African immigrants in Edmonton, which are linked to systemic barriers and institutional racism within local food security initiatives.</p> <p>The project's three interconnected objectives are:1. **Document Institutional Barriers:** Systematically examine how policies and practices of local food security initiatives exclude or marginalize African/Black immigrant households. 2. **Amplify Community Voices:** Use African oral storytelling traditions to center the experiences and perspectives of African/Black individuals to inform policy recommendations. 3. **Build Capacity:** Engage participants as co-researchers to develop concrete policy recommendations and advocacy tools for systemic change. The methodology involves engaging 20-25 Black immigrant families as primary participants, recruited through established community networks. Data collection will use four 3-hour **Afrocentric Sharing Circles (fireside chats)**, directed by a Community Advisory Board of 5-7 leaders. These chats, rooted in African Oral Traditional Storytelling (AOTS), will focus on: (1) Barrier Documentation, (2) Community Expertise Recognition, and (3) Action Planning. The research will conclude with a community knowledge synthesis workshop to</p>	\$40,000

	<p>chart a roadmap for collective action. The project aims to produce community-led solutions and model authentic community-institutional partnerships.</p>	
<p>Canadian Islamic Dar Alfatwa Centre</p>	<p>Constructing Community Confidence This project addresses racism and Islamophobia experienced by racialized Muslim Edmontonians (including youth, women, elders, newcomers, and people with disabilities) by leveraging the construction of a new Mosque and attached community center on 127 Avenue. The goal is to co-create recommendations for a safe, inclusive community hub that can serve as a model. The project utilizes Participatory Action Research (PAR), involving community researchers, focus groups, surveys, and story circles to gather feedback and co-create inclusive design, programming, and policy recommendations, ensuring those most affected by racism lead the research. Findings will be shared with the community and government bodies.</p>	<p>\$30,000</p>
<p>Bissell Centre</p>	<p>Indigenous Elders Advisory Council - Research and Development The project is a 9-12 month foundational research phase to formally implement an Indigenous Advisory Council of Elders for Engagement at Bissell Centre, coordinated by the existing Indigenous Engagement (IE) staff team. It involves a rotating group of four Elders (drawing from existing partners) to conduct an organizational assessment with Bissell rights holders (participants, volunteers, staff, board). The outcomes will define the resources, protocols, and commitments needed for a permanent, Indigenous-led Council, aiming for restorative justice and culturally relevant services for the approximately 50% Indigenous participants. The approach involves finalizing an Indigenous Protocol Guidebook, providing Elders with honoraria (\$650/person/month for max 16 hours), and developing a sustainable membership model and long-term funding plan. The project structure and outcomes require final approval from the Elders involved.</p>	<p>\$40,000</p>
<p>Action for Healthy Communities Society of Alberta</p>	<p>Mapping Social Resilience Assets of Equity-Deserving Communities: Participatory Action Research on Coping with Racism This Participatory Action Research (PAR) project, led by Action for Healthy Communities (AHC) in partnership with grassroots groups in Edmonton, aims to document the social resilience assets that racialized and equity-deserving communities use to cope with systemic racism and related mental health challenges. The project applies a Social Resilience Framework across three dimensions (Coping, Adaptive, and Transformative Capacities). Key activities include community</p>	<p>\$40,000</p>

	<p>consultations, Communities of Practice (CoPs), and knowledge exchange sessions. Expected outcomes are a Community Resilience Map, policy and practice recommendations for inclusive service delivery and systemic reforms, and a co-designed framework for community-led mental health supports. The ultimate goal is to inform systemic reforms that advance racial equity and contribute to long-term change in Edmonton.</p>	
<p>Alberta Workers Association for Research and Education</p>	<p>Migrants Contribute to Edmonton and Society The "Migrants Contribute to Edmonton and Society" initiative is a community-based research project documenting the economic, social, and cultural contributions of migrants in Edmonton, focusing on those with precarious or undocumented status. It will use a multilingual, co-designed survey to collect data on economic spending (e.g., rent, groceries, taxes, remittances). The findings will be disseminated as a fact sheet, postcard, and final report to schools, libraries, and organizations. The project aims to counter anti-migrant narratives fueled by housing and economic crises by providing facts on migrant support of the city through labor, spending, and community involvement. It uses a participatory approach to build trust and center lived experiences.</p>	<p>\$40,000</p>
<p>Skillcity Institute</p>	<p>Pathways Unlocked: Equitable Career Guidance for Racialized Students This project, led by Skillcity Institute in collaboration with NorQuest CILL, addresses systemic inequities and bias in academic/career advising for racialized students (Grades 7–12) and their families in Edmonton. The demonstrated need stems from evidence that racialized youth are under-advised or steered away from advanced courses and post-secondary pathways due to structural barriers, implicit bias among educators, and parental exclusion from advising processes. The project utilizes a Participatory Action Research (PAR) model, engaging at least 25 racialized students and parents as Community Research Fellows to co-identify issues, collect data (via listening circles, surveys, interviews), and co-develop culturally responsive solutions. Key outcomes include an open-access resource toolkit (community research report + policy brief/toolkit with practical advising strategies) and pilot workshops for school staff to test equity-centered advising practices, ultimately aligning with the City of Edmonton's Anti-Racism Strategy.</p>	<p>\$40,000</p>
<p>Canadian Shade of Peace Association (CASPA)</p>	<p>Storied Futures: Participatory Action Research to Address Racism and Social Dislocation Among Black Refugee Youth in Edmonton The "Storied Futures" project is a new initiative using youth-led participatory action research (PAR) and digital storytelling to address systemic racism, bullying, and exclusion experienced by Black refugee children and youth (ages 10–24) in</p>	<p>\$40,000</p>

	<p>Edmonton. The project aims to fill a critical gap in anti-racism programming by providing safe spaces, promoting healing, and empowering youth as co-researchers. Methods include digital storytelling workshops, focus groups with youth and families, and public engagement (podcasts, social media) to amplify voices and generate policy-relevant recommendations for municipal policymakers, educators, and service providers. This approach was chosen based on project objectives, past program feedback, and literature review, as it promotes empowerment, intercultural understanding, and actionable outcomes.</p>	
<p>Foundation for Inclusion and Societal Transformation</p>	<p>Unveiling workplace racism against Black Africans in Edmonton</p> <p>This research project aims to provide current baseline data on the level of work-related racism experienced by Black Africans in Edmonton, who represent an estimated population of 38,510. The project is led by Dr. Richard Osei and will investigate if racism partly explains the 13.9% unemployment rate among Black residents (the highest among minority groups). The methodology involves developing a questionnaire, pretesting it, and then interviewing at least 500 Black Africans (18+ years) working and living in Edmonton. The questionnaire will use a five-point Likert Scale to measure the degree of racial experience at the workplace. The minimum statistically representative sample size required is 381 respondents (95% confidence level). The data will be supplemented by open-ended questions and group discussions, and then subjected to advanced statistical analyses.</p>	<p>\$35,200</p>
<p>Berean Church of God International-Edmonton</p>	<p>Working to Inspire & Nurture Generation to Soar (W.I.N.G.S)</p> <p>The project addresses the "double invisibility" and isolation experienced by Black children and youth with Autism in Edmonton, stemming from the intersection of racism and disability, which leads to issues like misdiagnosis, lack of acceptance, and difficulty accessing support.</p> <p>**Goal:** To break the cycle of isolation and combat stigma and shame by creating more welcoming and inclusive spaces (physically and emotionally) for African, Black, and Caribbean (ABC) Autistic children and their families within spiritual-centered community organizations.</p> <p>**Key Activities (Led by Berean Church of God International Edmonton and NorQuest College through Community-based Participatory Action Research):** * **Create sensory-friendly spaces** in places of worship and document these changes as "best practices." * **Conduct community-based research** to address stigma and shame, resulting in **educational workshops and community conversations** focused on cultural competency</p>	<p>\$25,000</p>

	<p>and the unique needs of Autistic children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * **Host specific Autism awareness workshops** (free of charge) emphasizing cultural competencies, for families, congregations, and the general public, with assistance from local Autism support agencies. * **Create a welcoming space** using consultation from Autism support and anti-racism organizations. * **Develop a "best-practices" catalogue** resource for other community organizations. 	
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Shifting the Perspective

Win Together Canada Foundation	<p>Animated Voices Against Racism</p> <p>The "Animated Voices Against Racism" project aims to confront racism and systemic inequities in Edmonton by fostering empathy and inclusion through digital media. The initiative selects 15 youth leaders (aged 17-25) from the Win Together Canada Foundation for advanced training in scriptwriting, storytelling, and animation. These youth will adapt authentic testimonies of racism gathered from community members (aged 18+) into two sets of educational resources: five animated cartoons (8–10 minutes) for children, and five short videos for youth and adults. Produced in English and French, these resources will be distributed via schools, youth organizations, and digital platforms, accompanied by facilitated dialogues to encourage reflection and collective action. The project empowers participating youth with advanced technical and leadership skills while providing culturally responsive anti-racism tools for the wider community.</p>	\$50,000
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Creatives Empowered	<p>Creatives Empowered - Shifting the Perspective on Racism and Mental Health in Edmonton</p> <p>Creatives Empowered (CE) will fund and support six IBPOC digital creators (2 Indigenous, 2 Black, 2 People of Colour) in Edmonton to produce 3-5 minute videos on racism, its effects on mental health, and anti-racism. The videos will be shared as a public anti-racism advocacy campaign via CE's digital channels. This project addresses systemic inequities and limited public narratives about racism in Edmonton by centering IBPOC creators' lived experiences, using digital storytelling to shift public discourse, and fostering critical awareness and anti-racist action within the wider community. CE is uniquely positioned to lead this initiative due to its trust within the IBPOC community and its media production expertise.</p>	\$50,000
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Towunmi Coker Initiative (Let Love Champion)	<p>Maple Ink Book Fair</p> <p>The Maple Ink Book Fair is a new initiative in Edmonton designed to shift narratives around race, identity, and belonging by centering stories from Black, Indigenous, and other racialized communities. The fair will feature authors and publishers, and include storytelling circles, panels, workshops,</p>	\$50,000
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	<p>and the production of a short documentary. It addresses the underrepresentation of racialized authors in mainstream spaces and aims to promote anti-racism education, foster dialogue, and create a more equitable community. The project benefits racialized communities in Edmonton and the broader community through cultural exchange and learning opportunities. Partnerships include Connected North, JD Bracco schools, and various cultural associations.</p>	
<p>Trade Winds To Success Training Society</p>	<p>Shifting the Perspective: Indigenous Excellence in the Trades This digital storytelling campaign aims to challenge negative stereotypes about Indigenous peoples in Edmonton and dismantle systemic racism within the skilled trades by highlighting the positive impact and success stories of Trade Winds to Success (TWTS) alumni and employer partners.</p> <p>The campaign will use a "Myth / Reality" sub-series to directly confront stereotypes and will consist of: * **Digital Storytelling Video Series:** Alumni, employer, and master compilation films (3-8 minutes), plus cutdowns for social media distribution on LinkedIn (targeting employers/professionals), Facebook/Instagram (targeting youth/potential students), and YouTube.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * **Paid Digital Campaign (6 Weeks):** Targeted ads on LinkedIn (40%), Facebook/Instagram (40%), and Google/YouTube (20%) to build awareness and engagement. * **Impact Infographics & Photography:** Visuals and portraits for social media, reports, and PR kits. * **Website Hub:** A dedicated section on the TWTS website hosting all campaign content. * **Screening Event:** Community and employer event with a film screening and panel discussion. * **PR, Media & Research-Based Outreach:** Media kit and outreach focusing on research and success rates to shift perspective. The core strategy is to use positive success stories to improve the work environment for Indigenous apprentices, moving away from negatively framed anti-racism tactics. 	<p>\$50,000</p>
<p>The Live Initiative</p>	<p>STAGE: Shared Stories, Shared Strength STAGE: Shared Stories, Shared Strength is a Musical & Dance Theater Production by The Live Initiative, based in Edmonton, aiming to challenge stereotypes and shift the narrative on racism. The project seeks to foster an inclusive and unified society by collecting and presenting lived experiences of Edmonton's diverse residents, particularly immigrants, who have faced racism (45% of racialized residents in Canada aged 15+ reported discrimination in 2023–2024). The production will use theatrical form, featuring music (including traditional instruments), dance, drama, and poetry. Scripts will be created organically from discussions and interviews with seniors/elders, teachers, parents, and students. The project is "made by</p>	<p>\$48,500</p>

	<p>Edmontonians for Edmontonians" and will be accessible via live performance, live-streaming, and digital video. Partnerships with local organizations (e.g., community leagues, schools) ensure a broad and diverse reach to promote equity, anti-racism, and unity. Grant funds will cover artist payments, costumes, set, technical requirements, editing, and digital media production.</p>	
<p>John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights</p>	<p>Stories of Food Justice: Shifting the Narrative on Racism and Food Security</p> <p>This project aims to reframe food insecurity in Edmonton as an issue of human rights, justice, and anti-racism by spotlighting grassroots food growing innovations and food sovereignty efforts led by racialized community members, newcomers, Indigenous Peoples, and low-income residents. The primary methodology involves collaborating with Campfire Kinship to host three storytelling workshops with approximately twelve diverse community members. These workshops will capture first-person narratives about community-led growing practices, systemic barriers (racism, land access), and visions for resilient food systems. The resulting narratives will be developed into a community anthology, digital pieces, and advocacy briefs for a public campaign ("Growing for Justice"). These stories will be used in strategic advocacy meetings with policymakers (municipal, provincial, and federal) to advance reforms. Key partners include the Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative (MCHB), whose Grow Plan the project will amplify, and the Food Asset Map, which the project will promote. The ultimate goal is to shift public and policy narratives toward recognizing food as a right rooted in dignity and sovereignty, building on existing community solutions and creativity.</p>	<p>\$50,000</p>
<p>MacEwan University</p>	<p>Voices of Resilience: Indigenous Anti-Indigenous Racism Research & Digital Resource</p> <p>The Indigenous Storytelling Gathering: Addressing Anti-Indigenous Racism is a new, one-day community event in Edmonton designed to share stories, knowledge, and strategies to address anti-Indigenous racism, filling a current gap in large-scale, Indigenous-led, public-facing projects. The primary outputs will be a professional documentary film and a research-based teaching guide, ensuring wide accessibility and practical application. The project benefits Indigenous communities across Treaty 6, as well as educators, public organizations, and the broader Edmonton population by centering Indigenous experiences and providing non-Indigenous audiences with tools to better understand and address systemic and interpersonal discrimination. The approach utilizes Indigenous storytelling, artistic performance, and panel discussions, grounded in ceremony, to build empathy and understanding, pairing cultural integrity with academic</p>	<p>\$49,500</p>

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