



The City of Edmonton's Chinatown Vibrancy Fund supports the implementation of the Chinatown Strategy by bringing visitors into the area through festivals, events, and cultural projects, building community cohesion, and empowering residents both housed and unhoused.

2026 Chinatown Vibrancy Fund Recipients

Project Name	Group	Amount	Theme	Project Description
Edmonton Chinatown Dining Week	Hot & Noisy Club	\$16,000.00	Culinary	The Edmonton Chinatown Dining Week is a highly anticipated, entirely volunteer-run culinary event. It celebrates the vibrant food scene and cultural heritage of the historic Chinatown. More than just a food festival, it's a curated experience designed to support local businesses and invite the wider community to explore the neighborhood. The event partners with restaurants in both Chinatown North and South to highlight the area's culinary gems. Each participating business offers special menu items at fixed, accessible price points (\$10 and/or \$20), providing a perfect occasion for Edmontonians to discover—or rediscover—some of the city's best food.
2026 Dragon Food Tour	Chinatown Transformation Collaborative	\$45,000.00	Culinary	The Dragon Food Tours and Workshops project is a Chinatown-based cultural activation initiative designed to strengthen the vibrancy, visibility, and long-term sustainability of Edmonton's Chinatown through food, storytelling, and youth leadership development. The project uses culinary experiences as an entry point to engage the public, animate the neighbourhood, and support local businesses while training youth as cultural ambassadors and community leaders.
Destination Chinatowns: Mobilizing Knowledge for Economic and	University of Alberta	\$49,626.00	Seminar/Workshop	The University of Alberta is co-hosting an international conference with over 200 delegates on Chinatowns in September 2026 with Edmonton's

Neighbourhood Vitality and Resilience				<p>Chinese Benevolent Association (CBA), the Chinatown Transformation Collaborative Society (CTC), and Edmonton's Chinatown Business Improvement Association (BIA). The aim of the project is to attract local stakeholders, researchers, professionals, and advocates from Chinatowns and urban ethnic enclaves from around the world. Globally, Chinatowns and their stakeholders share many common challenges, including the threat of redevelopment and gentrification, racism, and economic and political discrimination. Yet they fight against these negative forces through partnerships, investment, and innovation. Designed to facilitate the sharing of these solutions and best practices and to build networks of Chinatown advocates, the conference will be the first international conference to advance cross-sectoral collaboration in support of Chinatown revitalization.</p>
Together Chinatown Arts Festival	Emily Chu Illustration Ltd.	\$33,150.00	Festival	<p>The Together Chinatown Arts Festival embodies the essence of gathering, friendship, and place-making. The events reflect the rich history of Chinatown as a community built on mutual aid, bringing together artists, organizations, and businesses - and anyone who loves Chinatown. It is a celebration of local community arts in Chinatown with a weekend of: lion dances and drumming, magic, music, an artist market/exhibition, photobooth, food, children's activities and games.</p>
Chinatown After Dark 2026	Hot & Noisy Club	\$61,125.00	Festival	<p>Chinatown After Dark (CTAD) is a monthly evening block party held in a back alley in Edmonton's Chinatown North. An underused alley is transformed into a vibrant, joyful, intergenerational gathering space — complete with live entertainment across multiple stages, food from Chinatown restaurants accessed through a ticketing system (modeled on Taste of Edmonton), family-friendly activities, cultural programming,</p>

				harm reduction services, and an inclusive Community Care Crew.
Chinatown Chow Down	Linda Hoang Digital Corp.	\$22,330.00	Culinary	The Chinatown Chow Down is an Edmonton initiative focused on revitalizing the community and supporting local businesses through culinary experiences. It employs a three-pronged approach: consistent low-cost group meals, an incentivized "Chow Down Challenge" with a passport program, and guided food crawls to encourage sustained visitation and exploration of Chinatown.
Chinatown Bonanza	Lui International Group Inc.	\$36,155.00	Festival	Chinatown Bonanza is a multi-weekend indoor culinary and crafts marketplace and cultural activation event. It will take place at Pacific Mall in the south part of Chinatown North at 9700-105 Avenue NW, Edmonton. It will consist of two parts. Part I will be called Pacific Mall Food Bonanza, to be operated on alternate weekends in September and October. Part II will be called Pacific Mall X'mas Bonanza to be held every weekend in November and December. It will feature theme nights for some festivities within the operating period.
Peace and Friendship Walk 2026	Chinatown and Area Business Association	\$15,300.00	Social/Cultural	The Peace and Friendship Walk is a foundational community event that embodies the spirit of reconciliation and cultural unity in Edmonton's Chinatown. Entering its fourth year, this annual tradition was established in 2023 to bridge the gap between residents, local business owners, and diverse community groups. Led by an indigenous elder(s), the walk serves as a powerful cultural ceremony that fosters a sense of belonging and mutual respect.
Chinatown Lunar New Year 2027	Chinatown and Area Business Association	\$44,512.88	Festival	The Chinatown Lunar New Year Festival is a cornerstone cultural tradition that has graced the Chinatown streets for over 20 years, serving as a powerful bridge between Edmonton's past and its prosperous future. This immersive experience transforms Chinatown into a stage for heritage, featuring

				thunderous firecrackers, traditional lion dances, and family-friendly cultural performances.
Chinatown Summer Festival 2026	Chinatown and Area Business Association	\$50,700.00	Festival	The Chinatown Summer Festival serves as a major annual gathering for the community. More than just an event, it is a strategic celebration designed to bridge Edmonton's rich history with a prosperous and inclusive future. This one-day, family-friendly gathering transforms 98 Street between 105 and 107A Avenues into a bustling pedestrian corridor.
The Edmonton 9-Man Volleyball Tournament ("Edmonton Mini") & the Edmonton Xuan Wu 9-Man Volleyball Club	Alicia Chung	\$49,500.00	Athletic	The 9-man volleyball organization (Edmonton Xuan Wu) will expand its programming in 2026 to include a competitive women's team and more recreational, new-to-sport opportunities to learn, train, and play. They are building both infrastructure and capacity to host major sporting events in Chinatown by installing five permanent outdoor courts in North Chinatown, with the intention of launching two new annual volleyball tournaments: the Chinatown Showdown and the Edmonton 9-Man Volleyball Tournament ("Edmonton Mini") starting in 2026.
2026 Dragon Festival	Chinatown Transformation Collaborative	\$55,000.00	Festival	The Dragon Festival is a large-scale, community-led celebration transforming Edmonton's Chinatown into a vibrant civic space. In collaboration with the Canadian Dragon & Lion Dance Sports Association and the Pan-American Dragon & Lion Dance Sports Association, the 2026 Dragon festival will host the Pan-American Lion Dance Championship at Kinistinâw Park from August 20–23. Anchoring the competition is an expanded Taste of Chinatown market showcasing local businesses, food vendors, and artisans, creating economic opportunities while drawing visitors into the district.
Chinatown Lunar New Year Cultural &	Hong De Canada	\$1,601.12	Business Support	The Chinatown Lunar New Year Cultural & Business Activation Program is a district-wide initiative

Business Activation Program			designed to enhance vibrancy, increase foot traffic, and support approximately 130 Chinatown businesses through traditional Lion Dance blessings and a coordinated Opening Ceremony. During the Lunar New Year period, 25-30 performers operating 8-10 lion teams will activate the district over 1-2 days, visiting participating businesses to deliver traditional blessings symbolizing prosperity, good fortune, and renewal. The program will also feature a high-impact Opening Ceremony to launch the celebration and attract visitors to Chinatown.
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2025 Chinatown Vibrancy Fund Recipients

Project Name	Group	Amount	Theme	Project Description
Black Tortoise of the North	Young Ick Cha	\$43,160	Mural	The Black Tortoise of the North is the third installment of the Four Guardians of Chinatown mural series.
Togather Chinatown Arts Festival	Emily Chu Illustration Ltd.	\$26,000	Festival	Togather Chinatown Art Festival is a Lunar New Year Arts Festival in Edmonton's South Chinatown.
2025 Christmas at Hull Block	Chinatown Transformation Collaborative	\$25,000	Festival	Christmas at Hull Block provides a lively public celebration featuring family-friendly activities as well as brown bag meals for the unhoused.
2025 Dragon Festival	Chinatown Transformation Collaborative	\$50,000	Festival	A dragon boat racing festival, hosting the Canadian Finals Dragon and Lion Dance competition.
FascinAsian Presents Reel Chinatown: A Celebration of Arts & Culture	FascinAsian Film Festival, Edmonton	\$35,000	Media/ Cinema	Through three curated events over six months, the FascinAsian Film Festival will showcase Asian cinema and provide a platform for underrepresented artists in media and the arts.
Van bLoc Party 2025	Van Loc Vietnamese Submarine	\$96,641.20	Festival	The Van bLoc Party is a high-energy, inclusive event that showcases Edmonton's diversity through live entertainment, food, and cultural experiences.
Lunar New Year 2026	Chinatown BIA	\$30,000	Festival	Lunar New Year 2026 maintains a long-standing tradition, including cultural performances, lion and dragon dances, and community engagement.
Chinatown Inside Out	Little Bonbon Ice Cream by Yelo'd Inc	\$40,225	Business Support	Chinatown Inside Out will showcase Chinatown businesses, services, and associations. It aims to educate the

				community and the city about Chinatown's diverse offerings beyond its food.
Mary Burlie Day 2025	Bernadette N.Swan Social Care Foundation	\$6,000	Social/ Cultural	Mary Burlie Day celebrates Mary's legacy and the community she loved and served. It's a day of joy, laughter and fun that celebrates the beautiful, diverse communities of Boyle and McCauley. This year the event will take place in Kinistaniw Park since Mary Burlie Park is being redeveloped.
2026 (Not Your Average) Lunar New Year Banquet	Be My Guest Portrait Studio Inc.	\$12,500	Social/ Cultural	(Not Your Average) Lunar New Year Banquet is an annual community-driven event designed to bring young people into Chinatown and reintroduce it as a vibrant space for gathering, connection, and celebration.
Chinatown Chow Down	Linda Hoang Digital Corp.	\$24,950	Food	The Chinatown Chow Down is an initiative aimed at creating community connections through culinary experiences in Edmonton's Chinatown.
Light up Chinatown	Chinatown BIA	\$60,000	Placemaking	Project Light Up Chinatown initiative aims to decorate the buildings along 97, 98, and 101 Streets in Chinatown with vibrant lighting displays.
Chinatown Through the Lens: A Cultural Snapshot Exhibition	Edmonton Chinatown Multicultural Centre Foundation	\$15,523.80	Exhibit	The Chinatown Through the Lens project aims to celebrate and promote the vibrancy of Edmonton's Chinatown through a community photography competition and exhibition.
Tony's Friendship Mural	Albert's Auto Body	\$15,000	Mural	Tony's Sacred Mural is a community-driven art project dedicated to honoring the deep cultural connections between Indigenous and Chinese communities in North Chinatown.

2024 Chinatown Vibrancy Fund Recipients

Project Name	Group	Amount	Theme	Project Description
Dragon Boat Festival Van Loc Party	Van Loc	\$58,429.55	Festival	A celebration in Edmonton's Chinatown during the Dragon Boat Festival Weekend offering a dynamic lineup of entertainment, including live music, dance showcases, and performances by local DJs.
Azure Dragon of the East	Young Ick Cha	\$40,509.50	Mural	The second mural in a four-mural series titled "The Four Guardians of Chinatown 唐人街四象" – depicting one of four mythical guardian beasts from Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Japanese ancestral lore – and an unveiling event in the community.
Summer Festival 2024 and 2025	Chinatown BIA	\$90,000	Festival	The Chinatown Summer Festival is a one-day festival showcasing the cultural heritage of Chinatown through a series of performances, like singing, dancing, martial arts, dragon dance, lion dance and more.
Peace Walk	Chinatown BIA	\$7,000	Other	The Chinatown Peace Walk is a walk where Indigenous elders lead participants in promoting peace, unity, and harmony.
Lunar New Year Celebration 2025	Chinatown BIA	\$28,000	Festival	This annual celebration highlights Chinatown's vibrant cultural heritage and promotes the area as a prime cultural hub and shopping destination.
Edmonton Chinatown Dining Week	Yao Fu	\$9,700	Food	This event partners with food businesses in Chinatown North and South in order to increase awareness about the culinary gems in the area and provide Edmontonians with special menus and deals.
The Chinatown Chow Down	Linda Hoang Digital Corp.	\$20,000	Food	This six month-long initiative aims to create community connections through culinary

				experiences, including planned group meals, food crawls and incentive programs.
Spring GLOW Festival	Quarters Arts Society	\$19,000	Festival	The GLOW festival will have artists and Edmontonians come together to walk through South Chinatown with handmade lanterns that have been created together during the winter months.
Shutter Designs	Chinatown BIA	\$87,500	Business Support	Functional safety shutters throughout the community will be turned into works of art through paint, etc.
Edmonton Dragon Festival	CTC	\$40,000	Festival	The Dragon Festival includes an array of captivating activities orchestrated by merchants in both Edmonton's Chinatown districts, north and south.
Christmas at Hull Block	CTC	\$14,000	Festival	The CTC Storytelling Centre will be decorated with Christmas decorations for the month of December and will be hosting Christmas activities for families and children in the neighbourhood.
Eating Chop Suey	Action Chinese Canadian Together Foundation	\$1,000	Social/Cultural	Preceding the opening of the "Eating Bitterness: Canadian Journey from Exclusion to Inclusion" exhibit, Eating Chop Suey is a community engagement event including workshops and a walking tour of Chinatown.
Chinatown After Dark 2024 and 2025	Hot & Noisy Club	\$65,338	Festival	Chinatown After Dark is an evening block party in a back alley in Chinatown where the back alley is turned into a patio and family-friendly playspace with activities and entertainment.