



2022 Impact Report

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

First West Foundation is knocking down barriers that make it difficult for recipient organizations, with already limited resources, to apply for and receive their required funding. We proudly adopted the principles of Trust Based Philanthropy and the introduction of multi-year commitments to empower organizations to focus more on the people that need them, instead of their funding sources.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Listening, learning, and leading, First West Foundation is proud to be navigating new pathways to help grow and strengthen the social sector. In 2022, the Foundation increased its disbursement rate to 10% and ensured all Impact Grants were released as unrestricted funds.

We made the first investment to help Keep A Good Thing Growing with a \$25,000 grant to the Abbotsford Hospice Society. This is a new partnership with the University of Fraser Valley to research and design an innovative accredited curriculum for hospice care which will be available in September 2023.

As our charitable partners continue to recover and respond to the challenges of 2020, your Foundation team is ready to walk alongside each organization, with the most important question asked "how can we help?"

On behalf of our Board of Directors and Foundation team, thank you to our partner, First West Credit Union, our donors, and community partners.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

165

Charities supported

\$1.7M

Disbursed in grants

\$1,615,367

Donations received



Helping our Communities Thrive

A gift for the future

First West Foundation was founded in 1996 to create a legacy of giving in communities where First West Credit Union operates. Since then, more than \$9 million in grants has been disbursed to hundreds of charities across British Columbia.

Fueling our grantmaking is the generosity of our donors, the heartbeat in each grant that serves our community. This year, the Foundation was honored to receive a donation of \$1,316,719 from First West Credit Union to support our community endowments and \$94,052 from First West employees through our annual payroll giving program.

Leaving a legacy for their community, the Foundation graciously received a \$189,169 bequest from a member of our Abbotsford community. This new endowment will provide education opportunities for nursing students and help vulnerable children participate in one of the greatest pastime activities, attending summer camp.





Trust Based Philanthropy

We're enhancing our granting programs to grow trust, foster collaboration, reduce barriers in the grant proposal process, and to free up our grantee's valuable time and resources to help them do what they do best— help our communities thrive.

153
grant
proposals
received

31
verbal impact
statements
completed

6
Questions on
grant proposal

19
Capacity
grants
awarded

71
Grants awarded
as unrestricted
funds



*Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation
2022 Grant recipient*



I'm very grateful for Take a Hike. Over the last 16 years of my life, I've received help and have made lots of progress. But in the months I have been with Take a Hike, I have made the most progress not only in school but also in life. Thank you to Take a Hike for this program. I'm so much more confident, happy, and feel ok to be me and I feel like I'm back on track and healing. Thank you!"



Helping our Communities Thrive

The New School of Fundraising

First West Foundation and The New School of Fundraising co-created the Fundraising Capacity Accelerator program, a four part workshop series providing small nonprofit organizations with timely, hands-on, results driven topics that will help guide development programs for all who participate. Capacity-building programs are key to helping our social sector grow with confidence and investing in people creates stronger organizations which ultimately helps our communities thrive.

IMPACT

12 nonprofits participated
\$5,400 in bursary funds released
1-1 professional coaching provided

OUR PARTICIPANTS

Bard in the Valley Society
Cowichan Station Area Association
EmotionsBC Health and Wellness Society of BC
Inspired Word Cafe
Launch Financial Education Society
Low Entropy Foundation
Nanaimo Youth Services Association
Native Bee Society of British Columbia
Paws for Hope Animal Foundation
Princeton Leaders for Literacy
South Okanagan Loss Society (SOLS)
Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre

*"I have to say a huge
"thank you" to both of
you. We just had our first
event last Tuesday and
it was such a success!
I'm 100% sure the event
wouldn't have
happened without
participating in the
accelerator program."*

~Jennifer Robins, Executive Director



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SaltSpring Therapeutic Riding Association
2022 grant recipient

2022

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2022 Grant Recipients

First West Foundation is proud to partner with charitable organizations across British Columbia. In 2022, with a 10% disbursement rate, the highest in the Foundation's history, the following organizations received a grant from our community and named endowments.

First West Foundation provides **Impact Grants**--funding to support programs, services and operating needs of our community partners. Additionally, **Capacity Grants** are available to help organizations grow their knowledge, strengthen their infrastructure and engage volunteers.

Enderby Financial Community Endowment

United Way BC, United for Ukraine	\$1,000
A.L. Fortune Secondary	\$5,000
Mothers Against Drunk Drivers	\$5,000
Enderby and District Senior Citizens Complex	\$10,000
Literacy Alliance of the Shuswap Society	\$10,000
Kingfisher Interpretive Centre	\$10,000
Enderby and District Community Resource Centre	\$25,000

Total Impact \$66,000

Envision Financial Employee's Endowment

Charities nominated and selected by Envision Financial employees.

Amici Curiae Friendship Society	\$750
Chilliwack Animal Safe Haven	\$750
Buddhist Vihara Society in BC	\$1,000
North Otter Elementary Breakfast Club	\$1,250
Langley Animal Protection Society	\$1,750
Ann Davis Transition Society	\$2,000
Friends in Need Food Bank	\$2,000
Chilliwack Bowls of Hope Society	\$2,000
Abbotsford Food Bank	\$2,000
Ishtar Transition House	\$2,000
SOS Children's Village BC	\$2,500
Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association	\$3,000
Cyrus Centre	\$3,000
EmotionsBC Health and Wellness Society of BC	\$3,000

Total Impact \$27,000

Envision Financial Community Endowment

BeMorr Society Mental Health & Suicide Awareness	\$5,000
Kwantlen Polytechnic University Foundation	\$5,000
Mothers Against Drunk Drivers	\$5,000
Mackie's Place	\$10,000
Mamas for Mamas	\$10,000
Chilliwack Resource Centre	\$10,000
Unique Get Together Society	\$10,000
Canuck Place Children's Hospice	\$15,000
Care for Women	\$15,000
BC and Alberta Guide Dogs	\$15,000
Stigma Free Society	\$15,000
Langley Hospice Society	\$17,500
BeaYOUtiful Foundation	\$18,000
BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation	\$19,800
M2W2 Association	\$20,000
Volunteer Cancer Drivers	\$20,000
Mission Hospice Society	\$20,000
MOSAIC	\$20,000
Fraser River Indigenous Society	\$20,000
SOS Children's Village BC	\$20,000
Langley Meals on Wheels	\$20,000
SARA for Women	\$20,000
Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland	\$20,000
Art's Umbrella Association	\$20,000
BabyGoRound Helping Families Society	\$20,000
Reach Child and Youth Development Society	\$20,000
Union Gospel Mission	\$20,000
Alexandra Neighbourhood House	\$20,000
YWCA Fraser Gardens	\$20,000
Langley Care Foundation	\$20,000

Fraser Region Community Justice Initiatives	\$20,000
EmotionsBC Health and Wellness Society of BC	\$20,000
Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation	\$20,000
Surrey School District #36	\$20,000
Avalon Recovery	\$20,000
Langley Animal Protection Society	\$20,000
Cares Counseling Society	\$20,000
Paws for Hope	\$20,000
SHER Vancouver LGBTQ Friends Society	\$20,000
Kids Play Youth Foundation	\$20,000
Surrey Hospitals Foundation	\$22,500
Abbotsford Hospice Society	\$25,000
Phoenix Society	\$25,000
United Way BC	\$27,500
Ann Davis Transition Society	\$30,000

Capacity Grants

Mission Literacy in Motion	\$2,000
Mission Hospice Society	\$2,500
Compassionate Neighbourhood Health Partners	\$4,950
Alouette River Management Society	\$5,000
Kitimat Senior Association	\$7,000
Langley Community Services	\$8,850
Abbotsford Hospice Society	\$10,000
Langley Meals on Wheels	\$10,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Fraser Valley	\$10,000
Backpack Buddies (Community First Foundation)	\$10,000
M2W2 Association	\$10,000
St. John Society (BC and Yukon)	\$10,000
Lumara Grief and Bereavement Care Society	\$10,000
Fraser Inclusive and Supportive Housing Society	\$10,000

Total Impact \$930,600

Island Savings Community Endowment

Fairfield Community Association	\$2,500
Balfour's Friends Foundation	\$5,000
1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project Society	\$7,000
The Men's Resource Centre	\$7,000
Growing Chefs Society	\$7,500
BeaYOUtiful Foundation	\$8,000
Edward Milne Community School Society	\$8,588
Gulf Island Marine Rescue Society	\$9,025
Nanaimo Region John Howard Society	\$10,000
Nanaimo Brain Injury Society	\$10,000
Take A Hike Youth at Risk Foundation	\$10,000
Life Cycles	\$10,000
Parkinson Wellness Projects	\$10,000
Victoria Compost and Conservation Education Centre	\$10,000
Gulf Island School District #64	\$10,000
South Island Centre for Counseling and Training	\$10,000
Nanaimo Community Kitchen Society	\$10,000
The Circle Salt Spring Island Education Society	\$10,000
Nanaimo Science & Sustainability	\$10,000
Silver Threads Society	\$10,000
The artsREACH Society	\$10,000
Seniors Serving Seniors Association	\$10,000
BC Black History Awareness Society	\$10,000
Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria	\$10,000
Wisteria Community Association	\$10,000
Victoria Native Friendship Centre	\$10,000
United Way BC, United for Ukraine	\$10,000
Burnside Gorge Community Association	\$25,000

Capacity Grants

Clements Centre Society	\$10,000
Salt Spring Therapeutic Riding Association	\$10,000

Total Impact \$289,613



2022 Grant Recipients

Valley First Community Endowment

Kelowna Visual and Performing Arts Society	\$2,000
O'Keefe Ranch Interior Heritage Society	\$2,000
OCCA Communities Association	\$2,500
John Alison Elementary School	\$2,500
Princeton Secondary School	\$2,500
Westside Senior Centre	\$3,320
South Okanagan Loss Society	\$4,950
Mothers Against Drunk Drivers	\$5,000
TFL Technology for Living	\$5,000
Literacy Society of the North Okanagan	\$5,000
Westside Seniors Centre Services Association	\$5,000
One Sky	\$7,000
BeaYOUtiful Foundation	\$9,000
Canadian Mental Health Association SOS	\$10,000
Okanagan Fruit Tree Society	\$10,000
Hopewell Clinic and Pregnancy Centre	\$10,000
Kelowna Community Resources (KCR)	\$10,000
Upper Room Mission Society	\$10,000
Launch Financial Education Society	\$10,000
Soupateria	\$10,000
Kamloops Immigration Services	\$10,000
Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society	\$10,000
Vernon & District Immigrant & Community Services Society	\$10,000
Young Naturalist Club of BC	\$10,000
United Way BC, United for Ukraine	\$11,500
Vermilion Forks Elementary School	\$12,500
The Bridge Youth and Family Services	\$20,000
YMCA of Southern Interior BC	\$31,500

Capacity Grants

Central Okanagan Emergency Shelter Society	\$10,000
Take a Hike Foundation Youth at Risk Foundation	\$10,000
Third Space Charity	\$10,000

Total Impact \$271,270



2022 Grant Recipients

First West Credit Union Leaders Fund

Bard in the Valley Society	\$450
Cowichan Station Area Association	\$450
Emotions Health Wellness Society Of BC	\$450
Launch Financial Education Society	\$450
Low Entropy Foundation	\$450
Nanaimo Youth Services Association	\$450
Paws For Hope Animal Foundation	\$450
Salt Spring Island Community Services Society	\$450
SGL Community Resource Centre	\$450
South Okanagan Loss Society	\$450
Eldercare Foundation (Victoria)	\$5,000
Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning	\$10,000
Okanagan Fruit Tree Project	\$10,000

Total Impact \$29,500

Named Endowment Grants

Ben H. Voth Legacy Fund	Construction Foundation of BC	\$1,725
Dewar Family Legacy Fund	Movember Canada, Victoria Hospitals Foundation	\$3,500
Gord & Enrica Huston Fund	BC Cancer Foundation	\$2,186
Peter Bell Legacy Fund	Seniors' programming in Enderby, BC	\$15,594
Peter Podovnikoff Fund	Scholarships, Kwantlen Polytechnic University Students	\$5,111
SOS Children's Village BC	Youth programs	\$5,352
Sally O'Sullivan Legacy Fund	SOS Children's Village BC	\$1,245
Haukeland Family Legacy Fund	Wototo Canada, Spartan Foundation, BC Lupus Society & MS Society of Canada	\$3,412
Frank Jamieson Memorial High School	Recognizing Chilliwack secondary school student	\$400
Curling Bursary Fund		

Total Impact \$38,525

2022 Flow Through Grants

Abbotsford Food Bank	\$2,426
Armstrong Food Bank	\$823
BC Cancer Foundation	\$259
BC Children's Hospital Foundation	\$10,903
Canadian Red Cross	\$1,321
Central Okanagan Food Bank	\$2,184
Chemainus Food Bank	\$520
Chilliwack Food Bank	\$2,001
Coquitlam Food Bank	\$1,118
Duncan Food Bank	\$1,890
Feed Enderby & District Food Bank	\$52
Fraser Valley Gleaners	\$481
Friends in Need Food Bank	\$546
Hope Food Bank	\$727
Kamloops Food Bank	\$485
Keremeos Food Bank	\$433
Kingfisher Interpretive Centre	\$22
Kitimat Food Bank	\$464
Langford Food Bank	\$1,151
Lumby Food Bank	\$175
Mill Bay Food Bank	\$208
Nanaimo Food Bank	\$421
Oliver Food Bank	\$476
Peachland Food Bank	\$52
Penticton Food Bank	\$6,169.50
Princeton Food Bank	\$530
Salt Spring Food Bank	\$260
Sidney Food Bank	\$260
Sooke Food Bank	\$390
SOS Children's Village BC	\$586
Sources Langley Food Bank	\$2,012
Sources South Surrey/White Rock Food Bank	\$1,493
South Delta Food Bank	\$2,084
St. Joseph's Food Bank	\$597
Surrey Food Bank	\$3,861.50
Tillicum Adult Learning Centre	\$791
United Way BC	\$4,947
United Way Southern Vancouver Island	\$1,575
Vernon Food Bank	\$154
Victoria Food Bank	\$1,825
Whitevalley Community Resource Centre	\$78

Total Impact \$56,751



We couldn't have done it without your generous

support.

Thank you to our donors and community partners.

First West Foundation is proud to be the charitable partner to First West Credit Union and its regional divisions, Enderby & District Financial, Envision Financial, Island Savings, and Valley First.

As part of its annual community investment, First West provides the Foundation with an annual donation, a portion of which covers the Foundation's operational costs, ensuring 100% of your donation has charitable impact.

First West Foundation is grateful every day for the privilege of working and serving its communities on the unceded, ancestral, and traditional territory of Coast Salish peoples, specifically the S'ólh Téméxw (Stó:lō), Nuxwsa'7aq (Nooksack), Kwantlen, šxʷməθkʷəy̓əməʔt təməxʷ (Musqueam), Stz'uminus, sḡəciyaʔt təməxʷ (Katzie), Nl̓eʔkepmx Tmíxʷ (Nlaka'pamux), Semiahmoo, sc̓əwaθenaʔt təməxʷ (Tsawwassen), ḐLEṆENEṬ ɁTE (W̱SÁNEĆ) and Ɂà'isla w̱ áwis (Haisla).



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Langley Care Foundation, 2022 Grant Recipient

