

Provincial Funding for French Language Services 2018 – 2019 Supported Projects

Francophone Immigrants' Economic Integration through Entrepreneurship (\$100,000)

Project description: The goal of the project is to strengthen the professional capacities of Francophone immigrants and increase their understanding of British Columbia's work culture to facilitate their economic integration in British Columbia. The project is divided in two parts: (1) enabling immigrants to become entrepreneurs, and (2) reorienting their professional career to facilitate their integration. Once implemented, the Société de Développement Economique de la Colombie-Britannique (SDECB) will seek funding from other sources (i.e. RDÉE Canada, Small Business B.C. and the Government of Québec) to continue running the program.

As part of this project, the Société de Développement Economique de la Colombie-Britannique (SDECB) plans to develop tools and materials to facilitate Francophone immigrants' entry into the workplace and in becoming entrepreneurs.

Vancouver Bilingual Community Health Center (\$84,000)

Project description: *RésoSanté* is proposing to open a francophone community health center to address the need for French health service delivery in British Columbia. *RésoSanté* will conduct survey research to identify francophone medical service needs to create a business plan. The funding will support the development, tabulation and analysis of the survey, writing of the business plan including the funding model, and the clinic's workplace design. The ultimate goal is to open the French health clinic in 2021.

Summit on the Transmission of the French Language (\$50,000)

Project description: The Summit proposed by the Fédération des parents francophones de la Colombie-Britannique (FPFCB) is aimed at identifying concrete actions to ensure an active transmission of French language and culture to toddlers, children and youth. The Summit will be held on November 3rd, 2018, in partnership with other Francophone organisations.

Mental Health – Finding the Right Words and the Right Space to support youth and families (\$16,000)

Project description: The project, delivered by La Boussole, will provide interactive in-person workshops and videoconference/webinar to parents to help them navigate the mental health system, provide them with available resources and explore how to cope or deal with a youth with mental health issue. The project will also enable youth to recognize signs of mental health issues and provide knowledge on what to do when they are faced with mental health problems.

The workshop and videoconference/webinar will cover questions such as how to build resilience in mental health among young people; how to detect mental disorders, unusual behaviors and addictions among young people from a family and peer's point of view.

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Conservation of the Archives of Association Historique Francophone de Victoria and the Société Francophone Historique de la Colombie-Britannique (\$54,450)

This project aims to conserve, digitize and create an online catalogue for documents (print, photos, audio or video) collected and archived by the two main francophone historical associations of BC.

Bilingual Health Community Centre in Vancouver (\$84,000)

This is year two of a 3-year proposal to establish a bilingual health community centre in Vancouver. Year two includes the creation of a business plan and implementation model. By the end of year three, starting in 2021, the project proponent foresees that Francophones will be able to receive health services in French at a bilingual Community Health Centre in Vancouver.

Kids Boost Immunity (KBI) French Pilot Project (44,550)

This project aims to raise literacy around immunization for children through a series of articles, videos and online quizzes linked to francophone and French immersion school curriculum. KBI is a made-in-BC program that was developed over several years and involves many partnerships.

French version of Planet Protector Academy (PPA): H2WHOA! (\$67,000)

This pilot project will be delivered to 20 francophone and/or French immersion elementary classrooms, reaching approximately 500 kids aged 8 to 11. It integrates Indigenous knowledge and perspectives and a culturally diverse cast into a web-based format. Lessons learned from the process of developing and piloting the French version will also help producing the program in other languages in future; and will inform the French versioning of other PPA programs on climate and zero waste, which are currently available only in English. This project will lay necessary groundwork to eventually scale H2WHOA! across Canada.