



British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program Information Package – October 2023

The **British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program** (the 'Grant Program') provides up to \$20,000 for each project aimed at protecting vulnerable road users, people who walk, cycle, or scoot, when they travel around their communities. Organizations can use these funds to make infrastructural improvements to roadways, enact policies or enforcement measures, launch educational campaigns, or carry out other innovative projects that make travelling safer and more equitable.

Who Can Apply?

- Local governments,
- Indigenous governments, and
- Non-governmental organizations.*

What Projects Are Eligible For Funding?

- Projects that take place in British Columbia and on roads NOT under Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) jurisdiction;**
- Focus is on improving the safety of vulnerable road users;
- Aligns with Vision Zero principles of safe roads, safe speeds, and creating safe environments;
- Project activities and expenditures can be completed by March 31, 2025.

**This can include, but is not limited to: school districts, Parent Advisory Councils, road safety advocacy groups, Indigenous Friendship Centres, and charitable organizations.*

***Projects involving MoTI right-of-ways are ineligible for funding. These are often, but not always, numbered highways and side roads outside of municipalities. If you have a road safety concern involving these roads, please contact your [regional MoTI office](#).*

Program Streams

Applicants may apply to one of two program streams. Please refer to Our Projects page for examples of funded projects and their program stream.

- **Stream #1** is for the design and installation of low-cost infrastructural improvements - temporary (pilot) or permanent changes - to roadways. Funds can be used to support costs associated with acquiring engineering department or local government administrator approval for construction-related projects. Implementation of these projects may also involve contributions from partner organizations (e.g., for professional services, labour, materials) to supplement this grant.

This stream can also include other project goals, such as enacting policies or other proven or innovative initiatives that address vulnerable road user safety.

- **Stream #2** projects fund projects that are directed by Indigenous communities and governments. This aligns with the BC Government's commitment to reconciliation and working with Indigenous governments in a government-to-government relationship. Indigenous communities can set and direct their own priorities.

Stream #2 grants may include any items listed under Stream #1, but also include other Indigenous-led road safety priorities, such as road safety planning, driver training, impaired driving, community consultations, stakeholder engagement, public awareness, a bike-share program, etc.

In Partnership With



Projects involving MoTI Roads

Projects involving MoTI right of way – most often numbered highways and side roads outside of municipalities – are not eligible to apply for the Grant Program. If you have a road safety concern involving these roads, please contact your [regional MoTI office](#).

To find out whether a road is under MoTI jurisdiction, please go to the [iMapBC website](#) and follow the instructions below:

1. Click on 'Launch iMapBC' on the right-hand side
2. On the left-hand side Home panel, click on 'add layers now'
3. Navigate to Transportation > Ministry of Transportation – Road Network > select 'Road Features Inventory (RFI) Highways – MoT'. The map layer showing MoTI roads has now been selected.
4. To view this layer, click 'layers' in lower left corner > the selected layer arrow on the left panel > select 'zoom to visible scale'.
5. Roads/Highways with brown lines are under MoTI jurisdiction. Roads that do not have the brown lines are under municipal jurisdiction.

For more information about iMapBC, refer to their [online training manual](#).

Funding Details

Successful projects can receive up to \$20,000 in funding dependent on its scope and its alignment with the program's principles and goals.

Larger funding amounts are likely to be considered if:

- The project is expected to benefit a large number of people;
- At least one partnership has been secured that offers additional financial contributions; or
- A strong implementation and evaluation plan has been created, and the applicant has sufficient expertise to execute the project successfully.

Funding will not be provided for:

- Profit-making activities, programs, and/or projects;
- Cash prizes;
- Purchases of alcohol and/or other drugs; and
- Ongoing operating expenses for established programs or projects.

Reporting

Grant recipients will be required to complete a midpoint check-in in September 2024, submit a final project evaluation report in April 2025, and applicable photos and communication materials to be uploaded on Vision Zero BC.

Application Process

All applications must be submitted online via the [Vision Zero in Road Safety application portal](#) by January 15, 2024 at 3:00PM PST.

Vision Zero Program Timeline

1. October 16, 2023: Applications open
2. January 15, 2024: Applications close at 3:00PM
3. Mid-January – February 2024: Adjudication
4. Late February – March 2024: Notice of decisions
5. September 2024: Midpoint check-in/evaluation
6. April 2025: Final evaluation report

For More Information:

- [Adjudication Rubric](#) - the scoring rubric for Vision Zero applications
- Community Evaluation Manual (in development)
- Vision Zero video series (in development)
- [FAQ page](#) - a list of frequently asked questions by past grant applicants
- [Resources page](#) - a list of road safety resources and links to other road safety funding

Contact Us

Visit our website at Visionzerobc.ca for more information.

For questions related to the application process and how to maximize the value of your proposed project idea, please contact the BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit (bcinjury@bcchr.ca) and they will connect you with a local health authority grant lead. Discussing your proposal idea with your local grant lead will assist you in determining whether or not your grant application is eligible for the Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program, and can help you define and refine key elements of your application.

Sample form, not for offline completion.

Visit <https://visionzerobc.grantplatform.com> to apply.

Application Form 2023/24

The **British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program** (the 'Grant Program') supports governments and organizations in improving the safety of their communities. The focus of our Grant Program is to protect people who walk, cycle, or scoot from serious injury, disability, and death.

Up to \$20,000 in funding per project is available. Funding allows organizations to make infrastructure changes, enact policy or other proven or innovative road safety initiatives.

More information can be found at VisionZeroBC.ca.

Email your questions to BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit: bcinjury@bcchr.ca

This application is divided into seven (7) tabs

1. **Start Here** - identify the Health Authority you are applying from & name your application
2. **Part A: Eligibility Screen** - complete this section to check that you meet the requirements of the Vision Zero grant
3. **Part B: Applicant Info** - provide information about your organization and main project contacts
4. **Part C: Basic Info** - provide basic information about your proposed project
5. **Part D: Project Info** - provide details on what your project aims to achieve
6. **Part E: Bonus** - one question for bonus points
7. **Part D: Additional Documents** - an extra section to upload relevant documents (e.g., letters of support, images, references, etc.)

Application name

Project Title:

Provide a descriptive but concise title that reflects what your project will achieve.

What project stream are you applying for?

- Stream 1: Temporary or permanent road improvement project
- Stream 2: Indigenous community applying for a road safety improvement project

Is this project taking place in British Columbia?

- No
- Yes

Projects must take place in British Columbia to be considered for funding.

Have you acquired approval from an engineering department or a local government administrator to proceed with this project?

- No
- Yes
- Not Applicable

Please click on "Check Eligibility" before proceeding with the application.

You may preview the rest of the application form without checking your eligibility by selecting "Save + next". However, you will not be able to fill in the form until the "Check Eligibility" process is completed.

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Enter your full organization name.

Organization Type:

- Local Government
- Indigenous Community Government
- Non-Governmental Organization

Non-governmental organizations can include, but is not limited to: school districts, Parent Advisory Councils, road safety advocacy groups, Aboriginal Friendship Centres, and charitable organizations.

Organization Mailing Address:

Physical cheques will be mailed to successful grant recipients at this address. Please ensure this information is valid.

Contact Information

Primary Contact Person

First and Last Name:

Position Within Organization:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Secondary Contact Person

First and Last Name:

Position Within Organization:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Basic Project Information

Proposed Start Date:

Provide an estimated date when your project would begin if successfully funded.

Proposed End Date:

Provide an estimated date when your project would conclude if successfully funded.

Has your organization received a Vision Zero Grant previously?

No

Yes

Project Executive Summary

Vision Zero believes in creating a traffic environment that works by design to make road user deaths and serious injuries nearly impossible outcomes. This is the “safe systems approach” that aims to make roads safer for everyone, including vulnerable road users like pedestrians and cyclists. In this section, please provide a summary (maximum 150 words) of your project and how it aligns with Vision Zero’s principles.

This summary should include the project’s name, a brief overview of what it is, the goal it is trying to achieve and how it relates to Vision Zero’s principles of equity, safe roads, safe speeds, and creating safe environments.

Question 1: Project Need Overview

Please describe why the project is needed and the road safety concern(s) it will address.

Wherever possible, please provide evidence or data to explain this need.

Project Need (12 points)

500 words

Question 2: Potential for Impact

Please explain how this project will address the need identified.

Please share evidence of the expected impact (effectiveness) of the project in addressing the road safety concern(s). This may be in the form of data, surveys from the community, focus groups, Elder or expert opinion or other relevant information. If the community was engaged in deciding on the project, please provide relevant information from that engagement (e.g. data, quotes, etc).

Project Impact (12 points)

500 words

Question 3: Equity-Grounded Approach

Please describe the populations this project will serve.

Please identify if your project will serve a rural, remote or Indigenous community. If it applies, explain how this project may improve safety for under-resourced (vulnerable) population(s), such as people with lower income or older adults. If it applies, describe how improving fairness (equity) was considered in the planning for this project, and how it will shape the implementation and evaluation.

Equity Considerations (18 points)

500 words

Question 4: Evaluation

Please describe how you will measure if your project was successful.

Using the evaluation toolkit, please include specifics about what data or information will be collected, as well as the methods that will be used to collect this data. For example, will you do an impact assessment, a process evaluation, or a survey of participants? Please indicate how you will make sense of the data and how your evaluation will connect directly to your program's goal. Evaluation practices reflective of Indigenous knowledge and approaches are welcome and supported.

Project Evaluation (12 points)

Question 5: Budget

All projects must include a reasonable budget that lists all anticipated costs included in the project activities. The maximum funding is \$20,000 per project.

Please fill in the following including the total funds requested from Vision Zero and a breakdown of how those funds will be utilized in the project. Wherever appropriate, please provide a short justification for budgeted items.

Total Vision Zero Funding Requested (6 points)

Please indicate the funding required to complete this project as proposed:

The requested funding is sufficient to complete the project by March 31, 2024

The requested funding will be supplemented by additional contributions of money or value-in-kind support by the applicant organization(s) in order to complete the project by March 31, 2024. (Please ensure these additional contributions are listed in the project budget)

The requested funding plus any additional contributions by the applicant organization(s) is NOT sufficient to complete the project by March 31, 2024 and additional external co-funding has been secured. (Please ensure all additional internal and external contributions are listed in the project budget, and letters confirming specifics of external supports are included with your application)

If the requested funding plus additional internal support plus confirmed external funding does not cover the total project cost, the proposal will not be considered for funding. We welcome your inquires regarding possible sources of additional external funding. Please email us at bcinjury@bcchr.ca.

Project Staffing Costs

Expense Item	Amount Secured from External Sources	Amount Requested From Vision Zero	Additional Notes
1			
2			
3			

Please enter "N/A" in the Expense Item Column if this item is not relevant for your project.

Project Supplies and Services Costs

Expense Item	Amount Secured from External Sources	Amount Requested from Vision Zero	Additional Notes
1			
2			
3			

Please enter "N/A" in the Expense Item Column if this item is not relevant for your project.

Administration Costs

Expense Item	Amount Secured from External Sources	Amount Requested from Vision Zero	Additional Notes
1			
2			
3			

Please enter "N/A" in the Expense Item Column if this item is not relevant for your project.

Bonus Question

Partnerships could make meaningful contributions towards your program's goal. Please list any organizations that will contribute to the success of your program with a brief description of their role.

The B.C. Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program acknowledges that not all projects need partnership with other organizations to be successful. If your project does not need any partnerships, please describe why.

Partnerships (3 points) (optional)

Additional Documents

(Optional) You may upload relevant links and/or documents (max 10 documents at 10MB size each) that support your Vision Zero application. This may include letters of support, equipment quotes, references etc.

Attachments