



British Columbia Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant Program Information Package

Background:

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 vulnerable road users (people who walk, cycle, or scoot) from serious injury, disability, or death.

Who can apply?

- Local governments,
- Indigenous governments, and
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) including, but not limited to: School Districts, Parent Advisory Councils, road safety advocacy groups, Aboriginal Friendship Centres, and charitable organizations

Up to \$20,000 in funding per project is available. Funding allows organizations to make infrastructure changes, enact policy or enforcement measures, or launch educational campaigns.

Preference will be given to local and Indigenous government applicants. Where NGOs apply, preference will be given to those that are working in partnership with local or Indigenous governments.

More information can be found at VisionZeroBC.ca.

In Partnership With



Funding Streams

There are two streams of funding that applicants may apply to:

- **Stream #1** funding is for the design and installation of low-cost road infrastructure improvements—temporary (pilot) or permanent—that increase the safety of vulnerable road users. It also includes other projects, such as policy changes or other proven or innovative initiatives.

Examples include:

- Traffic signal timing changes
- Raised crosswalks
- Solar powered speed feedback signs
- Rectangular rapid flashing beacons
- Innovative pavement markings

This stream supports the cost of local projects that require engineering department/local government administrator approval in order to proceed with construction and installation. Projects may focus on unsafe locations in neighbourhoods, or local areas with socioeconomic or other forms of social inequity. Design and implementation of these projects may also involve contributions by other partner organizations, such as local or Indigenous governments or ICBC, to supplement grants (e.g., for professional services, labour, materials).

- **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.

Projects involving Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Roads

Projects involving Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (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](#). If you are unsure whether your project involves a road under MoTI jurisdiction, please confirm using [iMapBC](#). Instructions on navigating this website can be found on our [FAQ page](#).

Funding Details

Successful Stream #1 or Stream #2 projects can receive between \$5,000 and \$20,000 in funding. This depends on the project scope and its alignment with the Grant Program's principles, aims, and objectives.

Projects for larger funding amounts are more 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
- Ongoing operating expenses for established programs or projects

Reporting

Grant recipients will be required to submit a midterm evaluation report in September 2023 and a final project evaluation report in April 2024. A report template will be provided to successful applicants. We will also request photos and communication materials to promote funded projects on our website and social media.

Project activities and expenditures must be completed by March 31, 2024. Please consider these timelines when developing your project proposal.

Application Process

All applications must be submitted online via the [Vision Zero in Road Safety application portal](#).

updated The application deadline has been extended to January 23, 2023 at 3pm PST.

Vision Zero Program Timeline

1. November 1, 2022: Applications open
2. ***updated*** January 23, 2023: Applications close
3. February 2023: Applicants notified of decisions
4. March 2023: Funding is provided for successful projects
5. September 2023: Midpoint check-in/evaluation
6. Next April 2024: Final check-in/evaluation

For More Information:

[Link to information webinar](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions page](#)

[Resources page](#)

Contact Us

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.

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Application Form (Example)

Reminder Only applications submitted through the [Vision Zero Application Portal](#) are accepted. A fillable version of the application form can be found after the account creation and login.

Part A: Basic Project Information

Primary contact name: _____

Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Tel No: _____

Secondary contact name: _____

Position: _____

Email Address: _____

Tel No: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Organization type:

Local government (stream #1)

Indigenous government (stream #2)

Non-government organization (stream #1 or #2) (e.g., School Districts, Parent Advisory Councils, road safety advocacy groups, Aboriginal Friendship Centre, charitable organizations etc.)

Which stream are you applying for?

Stream #1 - Road infrastructure or other road safety improvement

Stream #2 - Road safety initiative directed by Indigenous communities

Project Name: _____

Proposed Start Date: _____

Proposed End Date: _____

Community, or Communities, Where Project Will Take Place: _____

Total funds requested for this project: _____

Did your organization receive a Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant in 2021/2022?

Yes

No

Part B: Minimum Requirements

- 1. In plain language, describe your project and the key goals that will be achieved.**
(Free text/max 150 words).
- 2. What are the road user group(s) that your project is targeting,** e.g., pedestrians, cyclists, e-scooters, drivers, etc.? (Free text/max 10 words)
- 3. What road safety problem(s) does your project target,** e.g., speeding, failure to stop for pedestrians, drunk driving, etc.? (Free text/max 20 words)

Part C: Project Information

You may choose to complete this section (Part C) of the application form in text or in an alternative format not limited to videos and PowerPoint presentations. If the latter, please upload your preferred submission format to a file transfer service (e.g., Dropbox, Google Drive, YouTube) and respond to each question with the appropriate links/URLs.

- 1. Explain why your project is needed and the strength of its potential impact.** You may include any evidence supporting the effectiveness of the proposed intervention(s) and how your project aligns with community needs. If you received a Vision Zero grant in 2021-2022 for a related project, indicate how this new project may or may not build upon it.

If applicable, please include pictures/diagrams/schematics of the location where the project will take place. Maximum file size is 5MB. Accepted file types are: doc, docx, pdf, ppt, pptx, xls, xlsx, gif, jpeg, jpg, png (Free text/max 500 words).

- 2. Explain how your project aligns with the principles of Vision Zero and the Safe Systems Approach** (Free text/max 500 words).
- 3. Describe the feasibility of your project and if it involves partnerships with external organizations/individuals.** You may include information about your project timeline and information about partners or contracted companies that will help carry out the project (Free text/max 500 words).
- 4. Complete Appendix A: Project Budget.**
- 5. How does your project improve equity?** For example, does your project take place in a rural/remote or Indigenous community, does it serve a disadvantaged group, does it consider an Indigenous community perspective? (Free text/max 500 words).

6. **What is your plan to evaluate the effectiveness of your project?** Please include specifics about the data or information that you plan to collect, the method of collecting and making sense of data, and importantly, how the data and evaluation connects directly to the goals and purpose of your project.

For example, if you have identified that your project intends to increase active transportation (e.g., walking, cycling, rolling), please describe how you will evaluate the impact of the project on this goal. To assess impact on active transportation, various tools can be used, such as usage counts, a survey of community members or another method that suits your project and community needs (Free text/max 500 words).

7. **What are the long-term benefits from your project that will carry forward past the project completion date? What is your plan for sustaining these benefits?** (Free text/max 500 words).

Appendix A: Project Budget

Please complete the table below. **Text submissions only.**

Project expenses must be reasonable in relation to proposed activities, and estimates well supported. Wherever possible, please include supplier/service-provider/vendor price and purchase quotes.

<u>Expense Description</u> including basic details about projected expenses	<u>Amount (\$)</u> requested from the Vision Zero Program	<u>Amount (\$)</u> secured from other sources	<u>Notes</u> (e.g., details, additional breakdown, rationale for the expense, etc.)
<u>Project Staffing (Labour) Costs</u> <i>(Indicate staff positions, e.g., Project Coordinator, Contracted Services, Facilitator, etc.).</i>			
Total Staffing (Labour) costs:			
<u>Project Supplies/Services Costs</u> <i>(Indicate details below and in the notes section).</i>			

Total Supplies/Services costs:			
<u>Administration Costs</u> <i>(Cannot exceed 10% of requested funding. Indicate details below and in the notes section.)</i>			
Total Administration Costs			
<u>Total Project Costs</u> <i>(Total Labour, Project Supplies/Services, Administration Costs)</i>			
Please provide additional notes regarding your budget to show the proposed use of funds, anything to indicate how you have covered all items, and what steps you have taken to ensure cost estimates are reasonable yet realistic (Free text/max 500 words).			