



Please find enclosed the description and criteria for the following BCTF Social Justice Grants:

- Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant
- Ed May Social Responsibility Education Fund
- Local Social Justice Grant.

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Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant

Application deadline: December 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.*

**If funds are not allocated, additional applications will be considered until April 9, 2021.*

About the grant

The Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant is awarded on a yearly basis to support social justice projects that have an ongoing and systemic impact on teachers and students across the province and in their community. Projects may involve local community groups but should not be donations to these groups. The total amount of grant funds awarded each school year is a maximum of \$5,000. This amount may be awarded to one applicant or divided among multiple applicants.

Criteria

To be considered for a grant, projects must meet the following criteria:

- demonstrate teacher initiatives for educational change in areas of social justice, such as antiracist and multicultural education, gender equity, LGBTQ2S+ support, environmental justice, human rights, Aboriginal education, peace and global education, poverty issues, and violence prevention
- reflect the principles of the BCTF Social Justice Lens: access, agency, advocacy, and solidarity/action
- involve several teachers, where possible
- impact students and teachers across the province and in their community
- demonstrate potential for systemic change
- take place within the current school year
- may be used for the following but are not limited to these purposes—release time, materials, publicity, communications, and coalition-building
- grants are not related to donations to outside groups, overseas projects, or school supplies, hardware, or materials that are the responsibility of the school district or Ministry of Education.

Process

Prior approval is mandatory before undertaking the project.

- Applicants must submit the BCTF Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant application form for approval of the grant. **All grant applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2020.**
- If there are any remaining grant funds available after the initial funds have been allocated, applications that meet the grant criteria and are submitted by Thursday, April 9, 2020 will be considered for funding on a first-come, first-served basis.
- All applicants will be informed of the decision in writing.
- Funds will be sent to the Local President for distribution to the grant recipient.
- Locals must keep a copy of all receipts on file.
- T4 forms must be issued for honoraria over \$500.

Application guidelines

The application form must be fully completed. For more details, please refer to the Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant Rubric at the end of the online application form.

Final report and sharing teaching resources

A completed copy of the Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Final Report form must be received by the end of the school year. The report may be published and distributed to members. Please use the Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant Final Report form posted on the BCTF Grants and Funds web page (bctf.ca/SocialJusticeGrants.aspx). Any teaching resources produced using grant funds should be posted by grant recipients on TeachBC.

Following completion of the project, please write a short article to be published in the *Social Justice Newsletter*. Please note that in order for photographs of students to be published, the school must have written parental permission.

Ed May Social Responsibility Education Fund

Application deadline: November 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.*

**If not all funds are allocated, additional applications will be considered until April 9, 2021*

About the fund

The BCTF Ed May Social Responsibility Education Fund was established at the BCTF AGM in 1994 to support teachers in promoting socially responsible teaching practices in the province. The funds are administered by the Professional and Social Issues Division (PSID) and are allocated by grant proposals, to a maximum of \$2,000 each. This fund is a practical memorial to the ideals of Ed May.

Criteria

The following criteria will be used to determine allocation from the fund:

- demonstrate teacher initiatives for educational change in areas of social responsibility teaching, such as antiracist and multicultural education, gender equity, LGBTQ2S+ support, environmental education, human rights, Aboriginal education, peace and global education, poverty issues, and violence prevention. The proposed project may be classroom-based or school-based, or it may involve the school and community.
- Proposals may be based on new initiatives or projects that are currently underway.
- Proposals that are innovative in nature will be considered prior to repeat proposals from individual schools or districts.
- Grants may be used for the following but are not limited to these purposes: release time, materials, publicity, communications, and coalition building.
- Grants are not provided for overseas projects or school supplies, hardware, or materials that are the responsibility of the school district or Ministry of Education.

Consideration of geographical/topical balance will be given to all proposals. Priority will be given to:

- new proposals
- projects of a highly innovative nature
- projects that actively involve students, are collaborative, and have a major impact on the learners
- proposals that address all quadrants of the Social Justice Lens.

Process

Applicants must submit the BCTF Ed May Social Responsibility Fund application form for approval of the grant before undertaking the project. **All grant applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2020.** If there are any remaining grant funds available after the initial funds have been allocated, applications that meet the grant criteria and are submitted by Thursday, April 9, 2021 will be considered for funding on a first-come, first-served basis. All applicants will be informed of the decision in writing. Successful applicants will receive 50% of approved funds in advance to get their project started. Funds will be sent to the Local President for distribution to the grant recipient. The other 50% of the funds will be paid to the local once the project has been fully completed and an Ed May Social Responsibility Fund report form has been submitted to the BCTF, no later than December 1, 2020. Locals must keep a copy of all receipts on file. T4 forms must be issued for honoraria over \$500.

Application guidelines

The application form must be fully completed. For more details, please refer to the Ed May Social Responsibility Fund Rubric at the end of the online application form.

Final report

A completed copy of the Ed May Social Responsibility Fund report form on successful Ed May projects from the 2020–21 school year must be received by December 1, 2021. No late reports will be considered. The report must be submitted before funding for new projects will be approved.

Following completion of the project, please write a short article to be published in the *Social Justice Newsletter*. Please note that in order for photographs of students to be published, the school must have written parental permission.

Local Social Justice Grants

July 1–October 15, 2020

Grants are allocated within the limits of the funds available.

Purpose

Local social justice grants are meant to provide seed money for activities or projects that will bring about systemic change for social justice within a local or sublocal. The grants are intended for activities/projects with a local/sublocal scope or involve multiple schools and that have an ongoing impact beyond an individual classroom or school. They are not meant to replace the funding of school activities that should be paid for by the school district. The funds are administered by the Professional and Social Issues Division and are allocated by grant proposals to a maximum of \$2,000 each (see grant formula).

Projects/initiatives could be on topics such as gender equity, multiculturalism, antiracism, homophobia/heterosexism, LGBTQ2S+ issues, antipoverty, Aboriginal issues, environmental issues, violence prevention, child and youth issues, human rights, or peace and global issues.

Criteria for projects

1. Projects must:
 - a. reflect BCTF social justice principles as seen through the Social Justice Lens (see bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/SocialJustice/Publications/SJLens.pdf)
 - b. have ongoing impact on teachers, or teachers and students in your local/sublocal
 - c. involve several teachers and schools within a local/sublocal
 - d. include a written summary of the project and its impact within the local.
2. Funding is for projects that take place within the current school year.
3. Projects may involve the local community.
4. Funds may **not** be used for travel, school supplies, hardware, or materials that are the responsibility of the school district.

Process

1. Locals/sublocals submit an outline of proposed activities with estimated costs to the BCTF with a completed BCTF Local Social Justice grant application form (no further attachments required) to the BCTF for approval of the grant before undertaking a project/activity.
2. The Federation will provide up to \$2,000 matching the local on a 1:4 ratio (e.g., \$500 local=\$2,000 BCTF; \$250 local=\$1,000 BCTF). The maximum for any BCTF social justice grant is \$2,000.
3. Locals/sublocals are eligible for one grant each school year to be submitted between July 1, 2020, and October 15, 2020. Funds not committed by October 15, 2020, will be pooled and available to locals on a first-come, first-serve basis, providing their applications meet all criteria up to April 9, 2021
4. The grant recipient must submit a follow-up/evaluation report no later than 30 days after project completion.
5. The local must keep copies of all receipts on file. T4 forms must be issued for honoraria over \$500.

For more details please refer to the Local Social Justice Grant Rubric at the end of the online application form.

Follow-up/evaluation report

The follow-up/evaluation report is required within 30 days after project completion or end of June. Please use the [Local Social Justice Grant Report form](#) located on the BCTF [Grants and Funds web page](#). It should include:

- a summary of how the money was spent
- a description of how the project unfolded
- a description of the impact of the project on the local.

Following completion of the project, please write a short article to be published in the *Social Justice Newsletter*. Please note that in order for photographs of students to be published, the school should have written parental permission.

Please remember to keep all receipts on file at the local office.

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