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United Way British Columbia Grant Table of Recipients

#1	Anglican United Fellowship of Port McNeill	Hiring a part-time garden manager and new grow beds, composting systems, and heated grow beds.	\$53,036	Port McNeill
#2	Cowichan Green Community Foundation	Aggregation/dc, training facility, HACCP kitchen, and retail garden center.	\$55,675	Duncan
#3	Cumberland Community Schools Society	Purchasing a commercial convection oven, fridge, shelving, and serving dishes.	\$24,258	Cumberland
#4	District of Tofino	Commercial kitchen and tools/equipment - serving multiple community needs.	\$100,000	Tofino
#5	Hupačasath First Nation	Expand the gardening program, enhance food security and community resilience. Develop workshops on environmental education, food processing, and preservation, offering training in freezing, dry freezing, canning, and pickling.	\$45,000	Port Alberni
#6	Ladysmith Family and Friends Society	Hire a food equity coordinator, increase volunteers, expand the Food Pantry, secure more kitchen hours, provide BC Food Safe training, and improve storage and distribution infrastructure.	\$17,954	Ladysmith
#7	Lush Valley Food Action Society	Purchasing additional space, expansion of the Good Food Box, Hot Meal Program, Healthy Student Meals, Fruit Tree, and Farm Gleaning programs	\$85,000	Courtenay
#8	Nanaimo Foodshare	Purchase a new van to transport food for multiple programs.	\$41,248	Nanaimo
#9	Nawalakw Healing Society	Irrigation equipment, preserving supplies, and a truck for food distribution.	\$100,000	Alert Bay
#10	One Straw Society	Build a small, mobile community kitchen at One Tiny Farm, Construction, flooring, finishings, and wheelchair ramp for the kitchen.	\$65,000	Roberts Creek
#11	A Rocha Canada	Build essential infrastructure for efficient vegetable processing, storage, and distribution. Walk-in freezer, cooler, and processing facilities	\$83,900	Surrey
#12	ANHBC Neighbourhood	Recruiting volunteers, involving additional local businesses, enhancing food storage capacity.	\$23,372	Vancouver

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	Houses Foundation			
#13	Ann Davis Transition Society	Food pantry based on dietary, religious, or personal preferences.	\$17,719	Chilliwack
#14	City Beet Farm	New infrastructure, expand Veggies for Neighbours initiative and increase CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) memberships by 19.7%. and enhance its capacity to provide fresh vegetables to local food banks and meal programs	\$16,865	Vancouver
#15	CityReach Care Society	4 new commercial-grade stand-up freezers and 2 new stand-up fridges.	\$49,384	Vancouver
#16	Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society	Fridge and additional shelves, enhance community garden facilities for greater accessibility.	\$44,789	Vancouver
#17	Ek-Oh-Ung-Kaar Alliance	Fridges, freezers, food-safe shelving, and storage totes.	\$21,081	Langley
#18	Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	To establish Síma7wi ílhen: Sunrise Community Kitchen, an additional 900 square feet of food programming space.	\$92,801	Vancouver
#19	Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC DBA Gordon Neighbourhood House	Accessible kitchen and food production facilities.	\$24,806	Vancouver
#20	Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society	2 shipping containers into functional storage, office, and cooler spaces.	\$100,000	Vancouver
#21	Hope Community Services	Generator, freeze dryer, commercial-grade machines, upgrade dishwashing facilities with stainless steel sinks and countertops.	\$100,000	Hope
#22	House of Omeed	Install a scissor lift, add gravel to rear of building, equip their van with a tailgate, and purchase an electric pallet jack.	\$99,952	Port Moody
#23	Kwantlen First Nation	Shelves, a deep freezer, and a fridge, and to stock the store with culturally appropriate food items and basic household needs.	\$47,090	Fort Langley
#24	Mission School District 75	3 grow towers involve students and teachers in cultivation and harvesting, and host weekly recipe sessions with community elders.	\$17,000	Mission

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		Educational workshops will teach sustainable food production and preservation.		
#25	Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House	Mini van, freezers and fridges, and acquiring specialized equipment for sustainable and culturally relevant food practices.	\$75,833	Vancouver
#26	NightShift Street Ministries	Installing fully enclosed stainless-steel cabinets.	\$16,000	Surrey
#27	Squamish Nation	Construction of an industrial walk-in fridge and freezer.	\$100,000	North Vancouver
#28	St. Aidans Presbyterian Church	2 x 12000 BTU with Cool-Bots air conditioners, vents with fans, an insulated door, and necessary electrical work.	\$14,625	New Westminster
#29	Surrey School District	Focus on improving food infrastructure, including acquiring a large fridge cooler and storage cabinets,	\$62,500	Surrey
#30	The Salvation Army Chilliwack Community Church	Essential food hampers, fresh produce, and hot meals.	\$18,986	Chilliwack
#31	Tsleil-Waututh Nation	Trail restoration, traditional smokehouse construction, and knowledge-sharing workshops, the project will enhance food access, literacy, wellness programming, and community resilience	\$97,635	North Vancouver
#32	Yale First Nation	Construct a food storage building – The building will include a cold room, commercial freezer, drying racks, and storage bins to preserve harvested produce. Additionally, a generator will be purchased to provide power during winter power outages.	\$73,702	Hope
#33	Blueberry River First Nations	Establish a facility for processing and freezer storage of traditionally harvested meats, such as moose, deer, caribou, elk, and bear. By repurposing an existing metal Quonset hut, the project will include renovations like adding walls, a concrete floor, and electrical and water services. The facility will be equipped with commercial-grade meat processing equipment, storage appliances, and a backup power generator to ensure preservation during power outages.	\$100,000	Buick Creek

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#34	Canadian Mental Health Association of Northern BC	Expand NFB and Sprout Kitchen Food Hub (SK) into a vacant warehouse, enhancing food storage, receiving, and distribution capabilities.	\$100,000	Prince George
#35	Islands Wellness Society	Renovate the current storage into shopping model pantry, enhancing access to locally sourced foods on Haida Gwaii. Additionally, the project will increase the capacity for food preservation.	\$53,064	Daajing Giids
#36	Lake Babine Nation Tachet	Purchase of a Growcer hydroponic unit to produce 10,000 pounds of fresh produce year-round. The initiative will also employ 1-2 persons to operate the unit.	\$100,000	Granisle
#37	Nuxalk Nation	Purchase of food processing, preserving, and storage equipment, and retrofit two shipping containers as storage facilities. This project will enhance food access and security and provide educational opportunities in food processing and preservation.	\$77,337	Bella Coola
#38	Positive Living North: No Kheyoh t'sih'en t'sehena Society	Industrial canning equipment, five new freezers, five vacuum sealers, and new coffee and juice makers. Additionally, the program will host two food processing workshops for staff and patrons, improving skills and employment opportunities in the food and beverage sector.	\$95,000	Prince George
#39	Prince George and District Senior Citizens Activity Center Society	New refrigeration unit and updated shelving for the center's kitchen.	\$5,000	Prince George
#40	Qqs (Eyes) Projects Society	Construction of an enhanced Food Storage Unit in Bella Bella, BC, to support Heiltsuk community food security programs. This includes cold storage, communal kitchen appliances, and shelving, along with a backup power system to ensure resilience against power outages.	\$100,000	Bella Bella
#41	Skin Tyee Nation	Grant will fund the purchase of a refrigerated trailer and meat processing equipment to support year-round access to traditional foods for urban Indigenous members.	\$79,000	Southbank

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#42	Takla Nation	Purchase mobile trailers capable of functioning as reefer storage and freezing units, facilitating the transportation of bulk food options to Takla Landing.	\$100,000	Takla Landing
#43	Wilp Gwininitxw Land and Resource Management Society	Build an outdoor covered kitchen for community members to process, preserve, and share food, fostering resilience and ensuring access to healthy foods for vulnerable groups such as youth, elders, and individuals facing poverty or health challenges.	\$51,500	New Hazelton
#44	Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government	Build infrastructure such as a root cellar, geodesic growing domes, and smokehouses, as well as implementing off-grid solutions like a solar system. Funding is sought for fencing, solar power, and a gathering/processing space.	\$95,000	Nemiah Valley
#45	Ashcroft Indian Band	Purchase essential equipment such as fridges, freezers, stainless-steel meal prep workbenches, shelving, canning and dehydrating equipment, and vacuum food sealers.	\$23,000	Ashcroft
#46	Boundary Community Ventures Assn	A 72 cubic foot upright reach-in freezer to improve food processing and storage, replacing aging chest freezers.	\$8,620	Christina Lake
#47	Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen	Build the capacity of food distribution organizations in Penticton and the South Okanagan by procuring shared food preparation and storage infrastructure.	\$70,658	Penticton
#48	Eagle Valley Community Support Society	Addition of an 8x10 walk-in cooler, an 8x8 loading dock, and reconfiguration of dry food storage space. This will more than triple cool storage capacity and create a larger free produce room.	\$98,661	Sicamous
#49	Kimberley Wellness Foundation	Install a commercial ventilation and fire suppression system, along with two induction cooktops, enabling onsite meal production, eliminating off-site kitchen rentals, and fostering social enterprise initiatives and community collaborations.	\$100,000	Kimberley
#50	Kootenay Christian	This upgraded infrastructure will improve food storage capacity, extend shelf life of	\$45,000	Nelson

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	Fellowship / Our Daily Bread	perishable items, and enable the organization to efficiently serve a growing number of community members.		
#51	Revelstoke Local Food Initiative Society	Hire a Food Commons Infrastructure Development Manager and build essential infrastructure for a community farm.	\$100,000	Revelstoke
#52	Shuswap Band	Training and equipment for Shuswap community members to test wild meat for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). This includes training Shuswap guardians in tissue sample collection and purchasing necessary storage and testing equipment.	\$7,761	Invermere
#53	Splatsin First Nation	Relocating the Nation's food pantry and community garden to a safer, central location near the Splatsin Community Centre and Health Centre. This move will facilitate shared programming, leadership, and management under the Social Development Department, enhancing food security and sovereignty.	\$66,176	Enderby
#54	The Lumby Food Bank Society	Support the improvement of the Society's food distribution system by acquiring shelving units to store perishable items more efficiently.	\$15,999	Lumby
#55	Burnside Gorge Community Association	Enhance the Resource Room by purchasing a commercial-grade fridge and cart, allowing safe storage of perishable items like dairy products and fresh produce.	\$5,482	Victoria
#56	Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group Society	The grant will fund two main components: increasing cold storage capacity to expand the Good Food Boxes (GFB) program and creating a community farm behind the centre.	\$100,000	Victoria
#57	Hornby Island Farmland Trust Society	Installing hydro, a backup generator, propane tank, water distribution system, and heating/cooling systems in an engineered steel building.	\$85,531	Hornby Island
#58	Stqeeye' Learning Society	Expanding garden space (2.4 acres), installing a greenhouse (25' x 50'), and implementing infrastructure for processing deer and storing vegetables. This includes purchasing a 20-ft shipping container, installing a walk-in fridge, and constructing a food-safe processing area within the container. Additionally, they aim to build shelters for poultry and distribute	\$100,000	Salt Spring

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		traditional foods to elders and community members.		
#59	Victoria Rainbow Kitchen Society	Expand the receiving and processing infrastructure for donated foods at Rainbow Kitchen by 200 square feet.	\$62,026	Victoria
#60	Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations	Mobile Kitchen This project will upgrade essential infrastructure like refrigeration, water systems, and grills to ensure the kitchen's continued success and reach.	\$75,000	Kamloops
#61	Interior Community Services	Support the Community Food Centre in Kamloops in enhancing its food access kitchen, food skills kitchen, and learning garden. This funding will enable vital improvements such as kitchen redesign, equipment purchases, and garden upgrades to ensure the center's functionality, capacity, and sustainability.	\$100,000	Kamloops
#62	Stswecem'c Xget'tem First Nation	Upgrade the Community Garden by installing a deer fence.	\$20,000	Dog Creek
#63	Whispering Pines Clinton Indian band	Creation of a multifunctional space, including a walipini (already purchased) for year-round growth, cold storage, and processing center equipped with dehydrators, freezers, freeze dryers, and food sealers. Additionally, a new garden area will be established, supported by fertile soils and seedlings, along with fruit trees planted to enhance food production.	\$100,000	Kamloops
#64	Yellowhead Community Services Society	Installing new induction stoves, a commercial cooler, stainless steel workstation, shelving, and a portable cooling unit. Meanwhile, the community garden project at 612 Park Drive focuses on improving food sovereignty by purchasing garden soil, installing irrigation systems, and fostering local food production. Additionally, the Gleaning Program in Barriere will be supported with safety ladders and fruit picking baskets, furthering food recovery efforts.	\$37,853	Clearwater
#65	Snuneymuxw First Nation	Purchasing commercial cold storage units, ovens, and planting 250 fruit trees. The	\$100,000	Nanaimo

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		project will include training for community members on equipment usage and plant care, with a focus on sustainable operation and emergency preparedness.		
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