



## Youth Initiative Grants

### **What** is available?

- ✚ Up to \$2,000 in funding for a youth-led project that will create positive change in your local community

### **Who** should apply?

- ✚ Youth up to 25 years old living in the Central or South Okanagan/Similkameen
- ✚ Must have a partner organization that will oversee the project (school, church or charity)

### **How** can youth apply?

- ✚ Download the application form -- <http://unitedwaycso.com/what-we-do/community-impact/youth-initiative-grants/> or <http://www.centralokanaganfoundation.org/grants/youth-initiative-grants/>
- ✚ Fill out and submit the application to the United Way CSO by mail, email or fax

### **When** are applications due?

- ✚ 3:00pm on March 1, 2019

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**Together, we are possibility.**

## Need some ideas?

Take a look at the projects that received funding in 2018:

### The Bridge Youth & Family Services Project - More LGBTQ+ Friends



Project: To raise awareness about Etcetera in the community so kids who are LGBTQ+ know there is a safe, supportive place for them in the community. Majority of awareness focused around Pride Week 2018.

### Youlearn.ca School District 53 - Hyphen Project Gardening Initiative

Project: Grow salad vegetables in the Oliver Community Garden which will be donated to the Oliver Food Bank so all people can have access to fresh produce.

### Ineract Club (Rotary Club of Kelowna Ogoopogo) - Take Two

Project: Spread awareness about waste and pollution and reduce it by building four plastic recycling machines that turn recycled plastics into new items.

### Peachland Wellness Centre - Intergenerational Computer Literacy

Project: Connects youth from 15-25 with seniors 65+ to provide youth the opportunity to teach seniors basic computer skills and reduce their social isolation.

### Enactus Okanagan College - Silver Surfers

Project: A middle school leadership class (supervised by college students) teaches seniors how to use everyday technology such as iPads, laptops and smartphones.

### Enactus Okanagan College – Call Home

Project: Providing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness in Kelowna to access iPads with the goal of connecting them with family and friends.



## Projects that received funding in 2017!

### Enactus (Okanagan College) – Accelerate Youth

An alternative school program focused on helping students achieve their educational goals while developing life skills such as cooking, healthy eating and financial literacy.



### UBC Okanagan – One Button Press

This program engages local youth writers and artists and showcases their talents through a chapbook press, poetry readings and art displays.



### Enactus (Okanagan College) – Silver Surfers

A program that aims to increase technological literacy and technology use among seniors by providing them with student mentors.

### UBC Okanagan – Student Okanagan Film Festival

The film festival will screen movies created and produced by local youth. It is focused on showcasing the unique perspectives that youth have on issues of importance to them and their community.

### Dragonfly Pond Society – Uniquely Fashionable Fashion Show

A fashion show that provides individuals with disabilities the opportunity to create, promote and star in a fashion show. This inclusive event aims to bring together families and the entire community.



## Projects that received funding in 2016:

### Enactus (Okanagan College) – Can\$ave

A school-based, financial literacy program for children developed by post-secondary students.



### CRIS Adaptive Adventures – CRIS Youth Challenge

An opportunity for youth with disabilities to be part of a fun, outdoor adventure race that builds endurance, teamwork and skills.

### Kelowna Secondary School – Mini We Day Kelowna

A concert-style, motivational event that strives to inspire grade 6 students to be aware and take volunteer actions on global humanitarian issues.



### School District 67 (Summerland Secondary) – Planting the Seed

A full-day Youth Mental Health Summit for grade 9/10 students in Penticton/Summerland. The aim of the event was to promote good mental health by increasing supports and reducing stigma.

### AS Matheson Elementary School – Aboriginal Drum Project

A cultural project that engages youth in creating traditional drums with an Aboriginal Elder. Drums were then used to support the school's music/cultural programs and community events.

### Dragonfly Pond Society – Dragonfly Cooking Club

A cooking club for youth with disabilities to plan and prepare a weekly social dinner for participants and their families.

