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Parksville Qualicum Foundation takes part in new Healthy Communities Initiative

February 9th, 2021, Parksville Qualicum Foundation announced they will work with other BC Foundations to provide **\$980,170** to transform public spaces in response to COVID-19.

This funding is part of the Government of Canada's new \$31 million Healthy Communities Initiative. This investment by the federal government will support community-led organizations in developing local, small-scale infrastructure projects that respond to the immediate needs arising from COVID-19, while building towards a more pandemic-resilient future.

Starting today, organizations are invited to apply for funding between \$5,000 and \$250,000 to lead projects that help create safe and vibrant public spaces, improve mobility options, and provide digital solutions to help their neighbourhoods or communities navigate the pandemic and look to build back better in the COVID-19 recovery. This could include projects that adapt crosswalks and access to public transport to allow for safe physical distancing, the creation of community gardens, and art installations, and free Wi-Fi in targeted public spaces. A variety of community-led organizations is eligible to apply, including local governments, charities, Indigenous communities, and registered non-profit organizations.

Parksville Qualicum Foundation working alongside Community Foundations of Canada, the Canadian Urban Institute and other partners to serve communities across Canada, including equity-seeking groups interested in applying.

The application period for the first round of funding closes on March 9, 2021 at 5:00PM PST. A second application period for funding will take place starting in May 2021.

<https://www.parksvillequalicumfoundation.com/2021/02/08/canada-healthy-communities-initiative/>

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