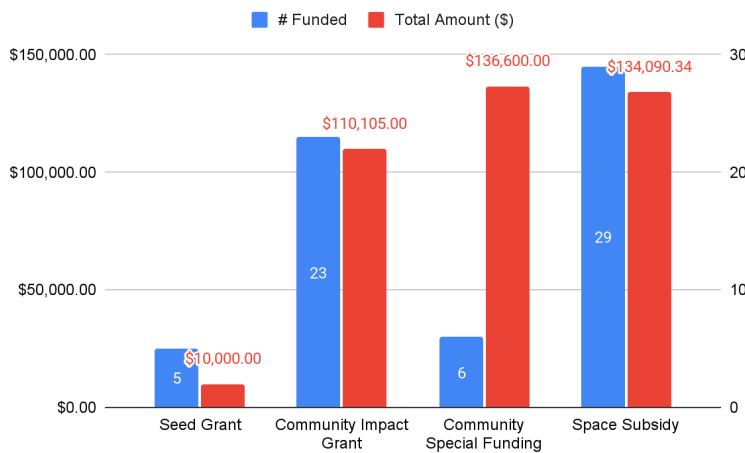




The Emerging Immigrant and Refugee Community (EIRC) Grant Program contributes to Edmonton’s City Plan - #4 Big City move of being an Inclusive and Compassionate city. The EIRC grant exists to support grassroots immigrant and refugee communities who are in the process of settling and integrating.

In 2023, 53 unique organizations received EIRC funding and delivered 63 programs/services to over 4,861 people of all ages. Figure 1 provides a summary of the total number of funded programs for each funding stream and funding allocated. Some examples of the types of programs/services funded included: social support, afterschool/summer programs, employment/entrepreneurial support, cultural support and capacity-building support.

**Figure 1: Total Number of Funded Program and Total Funding Awarded**



**EIRC Updates**

Final reports are due at different times based on the funding stream and project funded. Table 1 provides a snapshot of data based on 62 final reports received to date, most from 2022.

Measures	2023	2022
Number of organizations funded	53	78
Number of applications received	95	94
Number of projects funded	63	89
Number of participants	4861	3867
Number of volunteers	255	216
Number of volunteer hours	2396	6105

<b>Seed Grant</b>		
<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Program/Project Name</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
IGNITE Diverse Horizons	Diverse Horizons: A non-traditional networking event that introduces 20 BIPOC teens to 5 successful BIPOC individuals in non-traditional careers and fostering a mentorship opportunity.	\$2,000.00
Lebalem Cultural and Development Association (LECDA) Edmonton	Our culture, our identify, a path to community building and inclusion	\$2,000.00
Oroko Cultural Association Edmonton	Launching of Oroko Cultural Association to Enhance Networking with other Diverse Cultural and Emerging Immigrant Groups	\$2,000.00
Immigrants Inclusive Credit	Community Empowerment: Systemic racism is deeply rooted into the foundation of western culture, and the economic system is no exception. Tips and tricks for financial success.	\$2,000.00
Afro-Canadian Entrepreneurs Association (ACANEA)	Edmonton Together: the goal is to increase participation in civic life and community in Edmonton.	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Seed Grants</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Community Impact Grant</b>		
<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Program/Project Name</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
Ethiopian Community Association in Edmonton	Making Time for Me Time as a Parent: Supporting parents of children with special needs.	\$5,000.00
Azerbaijan Cultural Society of Edmonton	Azerbaijani Novruz: showcasing Azerbaijani and Novruz culture and traditions.	\$2,000.00
Pasi Marimba	PASI MARIMBA: The aim of these programs is to bring together people of African descent and other racialized communities, to connect with each other through the joy of ethnocultural African music.	\$5,000.00
BIPOC Teen Beauty & Confidence Camp	Teen & Confidence Camp: Dealing with the issues facing BIPOC youth including self-esteem, body image, stress at home, bullying, depression, cyber addiction, underage sex, appearance, peer pressure, friendship & relationships, eating disorders.	\$5,000.00
Black Owned Makers Inc.	Feed the Soul YEG: dedicated to promoting events and opportunities that provide safe(r) spaces for	\$4,980.00

	local Black-owned businesses to grow	
International Students FeelAtHome	International Students FeelAtHome: connect people with food and activities, boost up their mental health, provide them with workshops, culture awareness, career planning; and also connect them with local business owners for job shadowing, mentorship and more.	\$4,750.00
Cultural Enclave for African Seniors	Spring/Summer Program: Getting seniors out into the community with field trips.	\$5,000.00
Employment Action Table (E.A.T.)	Employment Action Table "Phase 1": planning our approach at addressing the significant challenges faced by immigrants and newcomers in finding meaningful employment.	\$5,000.00
5 Artists 1 Love	5 Artists 1 Love: A Juneteenth Story at the Winspear	\$5,000.00
TCLI Foundation	Believe and Rise: seeks to empower visible minority families to be financially empowered and subsequently experience good mental health due to financial security.	\$5,000.00
Africa Centre	African Older Adults Exploring Edmonton Initiative: Supporting outings for seniors to local festivals and businesses.	\$5,000.00
Shiloh Centre for Multicultural Roots	Melody, Harmony, The Arts and Soul BHM '23	\$3,500.00
Edmonton Culture Society	Melodies of Harmony and Heritage: Engaging and fostering cultural exchange, inclusivity and unity in the community.	\$5,000.00
Horn Youth Services Foundation KULAN	KULAN 2nd Annual Youth Summit: Youth conference	\$4,900.00
Ethiopian Community Association in Edmonton	Youth engagement: Connection with Ethiopian culture	\$5,000.00
Francophonie Canadienne Plurielle Societé (FRAP)	Semaine d'orientation de nouveaux arrivants (SONA): Orientation to the Alberta Educational system for parents of children newly arrived in Edmonton. (Sessions are in french)	\$4,975.00
Foundation for Oromian Culture Education and Arts Services	The Hope Shine Project: project developed to help women and girls to cope with abuse in a culturally motivating manner, and reduce feelings of social isolation, promote networking by bringing them together to share their experiences, build meaningful relationships and normalize their past traumatic experiences.	\$5,000.00

Jewish Family Services	Newcomer Support: provide case managed outreach and community integration for Jewish newcomers with intake, assessment, service plans and client goals as well as referrals and follow-ups to ensure clients are connected with the social supports they require for wellbeing in the community.	\$5,000.00
Ethiopian Canadian Community Association in Edmonton	Financial Literacy 101 for Next Generation: Educate children and young adults on the value of money and the importance of responsible financial management.	\$5,000.00
The Y Challenge	The Y Challenge: The community project is an opportunity to train, empower, inspire and mentor youth and young adults to reach their full potential.	\$5,000.00
AfricanShift Mindset Institute	Building Self-Confidence through Dual Identity: Supporting youth of our community to grow in harmony within their current environment and become change makers.	\$5,000.00
Ethiopian Canadian Community Association in Edmonton	Empowering Women as family leaders: The workshop allows women to express themselves in their native tongue and learn about issues that need to be addressed.	\$5,000.00
Shri Sadguru Sai Baba Mandir of Edmonton	"Women Empowerment - Cross Culture" Conference: continue the conversation of building leadership and community, share the resources and learning opportunities for women and connect through various networking platforms.	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Community Impact Projects</b>		<b>\$110,105.00</b>
<b>Community Special Projects</b>		
<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Program/Project Name</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
Horn Youth Services Foundation KULAN	KULAN cultural & Heritage celebrations: The Project will increase opportunities for our youth artists and heritage performers. It also allows us to commemorate our local history and heritage.	\$11,600.00
African Canadian Performing Arts Foundation	The Roots & Drum Festival: The goal is to target the Banyamulenge population in Edmonton, to	\$25,000.00

	bring them together to celebrate their culture and interweave it with Canadian culture to begin to help refugees understand and cherish their new home.	
Sisters Dialogue Inc.	Reclaiming Amanah - Curating Safe Spaces for Muslim Women: By reclaiming amanah, Muslim women can learn to trust again - trust their own agency, trust in the strength of sisterhood and community, and trust that they will have the means and tools to keep themselves safe and well.	\$25,000.00
Alberta Immigrant Women & Children Centre	Creating a safe space: This project is designed to create an inclusive space for women.	\$25,000.00
Africanival	Africanival Cultural Exhibition and Education Project: Through informal information with young people during Africanival we hope to connect kids with their cultural heritage and in that help them to better understand themselves as Canadians.	\$25,000.00
Islamic Family and Social Services Association	Roots on 6: World Refugee Day: is a digital storytelling platform that aims to honor the resilience of multigenerational newcomer and Indigenous communities.	\$25,000.00
<b>Total Community Special Projects</b>		<b>\$136,600.00</b>
<b>Space Subsidy</b>		
<b>Organization Name</b>		<b>Funding Amount</b>
Multicultural Diaspora Society		\$5,000.00
Somali Canadian Cultural Society of Edmonton		\$6,000.00
Horn Youth Services Foundation KULAN		\$5,000.00
Arbredevie Fine-Arts World Fellowship		\$5,000.00
Alberta Chinese Cultural Education Society		\$5,119.88
Somali Canadian Education & Rural Development Organization (SCERDO)		\$5,000.00
Afro-Canadian Entrepreneurs Association (ACANEA)		\$3,960.00
Bafut Development Manjong Association Edmonton		\$1,920.00
The Kamunga Foundation		\$3,960.00
Hope Kata Society of Edmonton		\$2,880.00
Association Canadienne-francaise de l'Alberta- regionale d'Edmonton		\$4,628.48
Somali Canadian Parents & Youth Association		\$4,680.00
Garacad Development Society		\$5,000.00
Alberta Somali Community Centre		\$5,000.00
Azerbaijan Cultural Society of Edmonton		\$4,800.00

Lebialem Cultural and Development Association (LECDA) Edmonton	\$720.00
Association of Kenyans in Alberta	\$5,000.00
Somali Canadian Arts Club	\$4,680.00
Igbo Cultural Association of Edmonton	\$4,680.00
African Canadian Society for Aid and Immigration Development	\$5,913.60
Alberta Immigrant Women & Children Centre	\$5,000.00
Hope and Care Canada Association	\$5,000.00
The Alberta Society of Islamic Fellowship	\$4,320.00
Sinkunia Community Development Organization	\$6,000.00
Oro International Entertainment & Cultural Association	\$4,028.58
Union of Somali Society of Alberta	\$5,000.00
Edmonton Multicultural Coalition Association	\$6,000.00
Towunmi Coker Literary Initiative	\$5,000.00
United Cultures of Canada Association	\$4,800.00
<b>Total Space Subsidy Funding</b>	<b>\$134,090.34</b>