BCTF Kids Matter Teachers Care

Local Social Justice Grants

2026–27

Submission deadline:
April 15, 2027, at 5:00 p.m.

Grants are allocated within the limits of the funds available.

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Local Social Justice Grants Information Package and Application Form

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 sub-local. The grants are intended for activities and/or projects with a local or sub-local 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 (PSID) and are not allocated by grant proposals to a maximum of $2000 each (see grant formula).

Projects and initiatives could be on topics such as gender equity, multiculturalism, antiracism, homophobia/heterosexism, 2SLGBTQIA+ issues, antipoverty, Aboriginal issues, environmental issues, violence prevention, child and youth issues, disability justice, human rights, and peace and global issues.

Criteria for Projects

1. Projects must:
   a. reflect BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) social justice principles as seen through the *Social Justice Lens*.
   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, 2025, and October 16, 2025. Funds not committed by Thursday, April 12, 2026, will be pooled and made available to locals on a first-come, first-served basis, providing their applications meet all criteria.
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.
6. For more details, please refer to the local social justice grant rubric at the end of the application form.

Grant formula

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For example:

$500 local—$2,000 BCTF
$250 local—$1,000 BCTF
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Follow-up/evaluation report
The follow-up/evaluation report is required within 30 days after project completion. 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.

Photos of the project are most welcome. This report should be short (under one page) and highlight the success of your project.

Send a copy of the completed report to Heather Kelley (information below).

Following completion of the project, please write a short article to be published in the Social Justice Newsletter. Photographs are always welcome.

Please note that 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.

Tips

- Do not wait until April—the money may have been spent.
- Ensure that you credit BCTF on any performances, DVDs, publications, reports, etc., that are related to your project.
- Send a follow-up/evaluation report within 30 days of completing the project.

For further information, please contact:

Heather Kelley, Assistant Director, Social Justice
hkelley@bctf.ca,
Direct—604-871-1850
Toll-free—1-800-663-9163 (ext 1850)

2026–27 Social Justice Grant Application Form
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Please fill out all sections of this application form. No further attachments required.

Project title:	
Date of Application:	Name of applicant:
Applicant Address:	
Applicant's phone:	Applicant's fax:
Applicant's email address:	
Name of local/sub-local:	Local association number:
Name of Local President:	Local President's phone:
Local President's email:	
Applicant's school name:	
School address:	
School phone:	School fax:

An applicant may wish to provide, on a voluntary basis, information as to whether they self-identify as a member of an equity-seeking group.
I self-identify as a member of the following equity seeking group(s):

Project Description

Project Title: _____

Rationale/need for project:

Brief outline of project:

How will this project have an ongoing impact on teachers and students in your local?

Who is involved in the project?

Number of teachers involved:	Number of schools involved:
List additional groups involved (if any):	

Proposed timeline (Be sure to list each activity, from commencement to completion, with tentative dates).

Local Social Justice Plan

Please develop this plan with your local social justice committee. It must be approved by your president or local executive.

Name of local/sublocal:
Social Justice contact:
Social Justice committee members:

Document all the social justice objectives of your local/sublocal for this school year in the applicable boxes below and indicate how your project fits within each objective.

Local Social Justice Committee objectives:

Local executive Social Justice objectives:

Social Justice outreach/coalition building:

Political Social Justice objectives:

Social Justice Lens

How socially just is your social justice grant or project?

Use these questions to help you plan your project. Please provide details on how your grant application fits within the Social Justice Lens.

Access: How do you ensure that there are no barriers to participating in this project?

Agency: How will this project empower participants to know their rights, voice their concerns, and create change?

Advocacy: How does this project help participants to develop concrete skills to effect change?

Solidarity action: How does the project allow for networking and coalition building among students, teachers, family, and community groups to effect systemic change?

Project budget (please keep all receipts on file at the local office).

Expenses	
Item	Cost
Total expenses	

External funding

Funding source	Amount
Amount contributed by the local	
Net amount of local social justice grant requested from the BCTF (4x the amount provided by the local, up to $2000)	

Has your local received funding for a similar project in the past? ☐ No ☐ Yes, year(s) _____

Application checklist	
Fully completed application	
Local agrees to contribute 1/4 of funds requested from local social justice grant	
I will write an article for the *Social Justice Newsletter* so that my colleagues can learn about this project.	

Complete follow-up/evaluation report no later than 30 days after project completion and send a copy to Heather Kelley, Assistant Director of Social Justice at the BCTF (*hkelley@bctf.ca)*. Return this form by email to grants@bctf.ca

Applicant signature: _____

Local President signature: _____

Local Social Justice Contact signature: _____

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