BCTF Kids Matter Teachers Care

Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant 2026–27

Submission deadline: December 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.*
*If funds are not allocated, additional applications will be considered until April 15, 2027

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Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant

About the grant

The Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant is administered by the Professional and Social Issues Division (PSID). Grants are awarded on a yearly basis to support social justice projects that have an ongoing and systemic impact on teachers and students across the province, and in their community. Projects may involve local community groups but should not be donations to these groups. The total amount of grant funds awarded in each school year is a maximum of $5,000. This amount may be awarded to one applicant or divided among more than one applicant.

Criteria

To be considered for a grant, projects must meet the following criteria:

- teacher initiatives for educational change in areas of social justice, such as antiracist and multicultural education, gender equity, LGBTQ2S+ support, environmental justice, human rights, Aboriginal education, peace and global education, disability justice, poverty issues, and violence prevention project reflects the principles of the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) Social Justice Lens: access, agency, advocacy, and solidarity/action
- involve several teachers, where possible
- impact students and teachers across the province and in their community
- demonstrate potential for systemic change
- take place within the current school year
- may be used for the following but are not limited to these purposes—release time, materials, publicity, communications, and coalition-building
- grants are not relating to donations to outside groups, overseas projects, or school supplies, hardware, or materials that are the responsibility of the school district or Ministry of Education.

Process

Prior approval is mandatory before undertaking the project.

- Applicants must submit the BCTF Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant application form for approval of the grant. All grant applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2026.
- If there are any remaining grant funds available after the initial funds have been allocated, applications that meet the grant criteria and are submitted by April 12, 2026, will be considered for funding on a first-come, first-served basis.
- All applicants will be informed of the decision in writing.
- Funds will be sent to the local president for distribution to the grant recipient.
- Locals must keep a copy of all receipts on file.
- T4 forms must be issued for honoraria over $500.

Application guidelines

The application form must be fully completed, and include:

- a description of the project, with all fields completed

- a detailed budget, including a list of other sources of funding applied for and/or received
- signatures of the BCTF member (the applicant) and the Local President.

For more details on the above, please refer to the Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant Rubric at the end of the application form.

Final report and sharing teaching resources
Following completion of the project, please write a short final report including details from the project, successes and lessons learned to *hkelley@bctf.ca*. Reports must be received by the end of the school year. Any teaching resources produced using grant funds should be posted by grant recipients on TeachBC. Photographs are always welcome as part of the report.

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)

Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant Rubric

Criteria	Meets all criteria	Meets some criteria	Not within criteria
Initiative for educational change in one or more area of social justice	Applicant clearly describes how the project will effect educational change in at least one area of social justice.		No evidence of how the project will effect educational change in at least one area of social justice.
Potential impact on students and teachers	High potential degree of impact	Moderate potential degree of impact	Low potential degree of impact
Potential for broad scope of impact	Project will benefit teachers and students at the provincial level.	Project will benefit teachers and students at a regional or local level.	Project will benefit students at a school or classroom level.
Potential to create systemic change	Project addresses underlying causes of an issue and provides participants with tools to effect systemic change.		Project responds to an immediate need but does not address underlying causes of an issue.

Degree of collaboration	High degree of collaboration among teachers, may include outside partners.	One teacher involved in majority of the planning, with some input from other partners.	Project planned and run by one teacher with no collaboration involved.
Addresses all quadrants of the *Social Justice Lens*	All quadrants of the Social Justice Lens are explained clearly with connections to the project.	Some quadrant connections are made while others are tenuous in nature.	No consideration of the Social Justice Lens in planning or content of the project.
Project is innovative in nature	A similar project has never been funded by the Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant.	Projects somewhat similar in nature have been funded in the past.	A project that closely resembles this project has been funded previously by the Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant
Newness of proposal	Brand new proposal	Modified proposal base don previous projects of similar nature	Repeat proposal
Application only covers allowable expenses.	Application only covers allowable expenses with additional funding from other sources covering ineligible expenses.		Expenses include items that the BCTF does not pay for.

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2026–27 Grant application Form

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):

Who is involved in the project?

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

Project Description:

Project goals:

Proposed timeline (list each activity, from commencement to completion, with tentative dates):

Intended systemic impacts on students and teachers at the community level

Intended school-based systemic impacts on students and teachers at the provincial level

List of any resources that will be created and shared on TeachBC

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
Total external funding	
Net amount of Provincial Social Justices Initiatives Grant requested from the BCTF	

The applicant may apply for up to $5,000 from the Provincial Social Justice Initiatives Grant.

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

Grant cheques will be issued to the local, not to the applicant. The first cheque will be for 50% of the total grant; the balance will follow upon BCTF's receipt of the final report showing all budget expenditures, which must be submitted no later than June 16, 2027.

You may mail or fax this application to:

BC Teachers' Federation
100–550 West 6th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Z 4P2
Fax: 604-871-8886
Email: *grants@bctf.ca*

Applicant signature: _____

Local President signature: _____

Local Social Justice Contact signature: _____

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