



**FUTURE  
GENERATIONS  
FOUNDATION**  
Honouring Survivors



*Join us in amplifying impact*

# BEYOND RECONCILIATION

A case for support



# WHO WE ARE

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The **Future Generations Foundation** (FG Foundation) is Canada's largest First Nations-led non-governmental funder, supporting the prosperity and well-being of First Nations through connection to way of life, language, and culture — now and for future generations. We provide flexible grant funding that strengthens education, cultural revitalization, healing, and community development from coast to coast to coast.

Our approach is relationship-centred and grounded in First Nations governance, cultural understanding, and lived experience. We honour community autonomy, uphold cultural protocols, and work to ensure resources reach the people and places driving long-term, self-determined change. Our support reaches remote and urban Nations alike, enabling language programs, healing initiatives, land-based education, post-secondary learning, and community-led development. Each year, thousands of individuals and organizations turn to the FG Foundation to advance their own paths to well-being and cultural strength.

As stewards of the remaining Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) funds, we carry a profound responsibility to Survivors of Residential Schools. Since our inception, we have redistributed over **\$130 million to 910 organizations and 10,600+ individuals**, reaching more than **150,000 Residential School Survivors** and their **descendants**.

## VISION

First Nations thrive with strength, resilience, and prosperity for generations to come.

## MISSION

To create and provide opportunities and resources that support the prosperity of First Nations through connection to way of life, language, and culture - now and for future generations.



# HOLISTIC SUPPORT FOR LASTING IMPACT

In our commitment to supporting and strengthening opportunities for beneficiaries, the FG Foundation embraces a holistic approach to granting and success. We honour the whole person and their unique journey, recognizing the interconnectedness of their needs and aspirations.

The FG Foundation supports diverse, self-identified needs in key areas:



## LANGUAGE & CULTURE:

Language and culture are inextricably tied to First Nations' identity. They preserve our history, values, and traditions while shaping who we are and how we connect across generations.

## EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT EDUCATION:

Education is viewed through a lens of interconnected well-being - spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional. Support extends beyond post-secondary opportunities to include initiatives centred on land, language, and ceremony, fostering a comprehensive approach to learning and growth.



## HEALING & RECONCILIATION:

While history cannot be changed, what we do today can improve the present and lay purposeful groundwork for a brighter future for future generations.

Every dollar invested fosters resilience, preserves culture, and creates meaningful opportunities, leaving a lasting impact on individuals, families, and communities.

# INDIVIDUALS

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## INDIVIDUAL BENEFICIARIES FUNDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025:



**Scholarships**  
1,004 totaling  
**\$5.81M**



**Cultural Learning**  
84 totaling  
**\$443,240**



**Training & Trades**  
29 totaling  
**\$129,966**

### Emily Eckloff

Waywayseecappo First Nation  
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# ORGANIZATIONS

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## ORGANIZATION BENEFICIARIES FUNDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025:



**Culture Programs**  
35 totaling  
**\$3.73M**



**Healing and Reconciliation**  
29 totaling  
**\$2.62M**



**Education and Employment**  
18 totaling  
**\$1.78M**



**Language Revitalization**  
20 totaling  
**\$1.94M**



**Youth Initiatives**  
9 totaling  
**\$753,550**



**Family connection**  
3 totaling  
**\$302,500**



**Other Initiatives**  
1 totaling  
**\$125,000**

# CONTINUING THEIR JOURNEY

Created in 2021 as a response to the recovery of unmarked burial grounds at former Residential School sites, Continuing Their Journey **supports Survivor- and community-led healing, research, memorialization, and ceremony.**



**Healing Circles &  
Mental Health  
Support**



**Knowledge  
Gathering & Field  
Surveyors**



**On-site  
Ceremonies &  
Commemoration**



**Community  
Involvement**



**Burial Sites &  
Archaeological  
Investigations**

**\$9.15M**  
Funding Available

**\$3.35M**  
Awarded to Date



# CLOSING THE GAP, STRENGTHENING THE FUTURE

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Across Canada, First Nations communities are carrying forward powerful work to revitalize languages, strengthen cultural knowledge, and support healing. In many places, Elders are teaching the next generation the words and stories that have sustained their Nations since time immemorial. Families and communities are rebuilding relationships disrupted by generations of systemic harm. Youth are returning to the land to reconnect with cultural identity and increasingly, they are seeking higher education opportunities to shape strong futures for themselves, their families, and their Nations.

These efforts are vibrant, community-led, and full of promise, but they continue to face systemic barrier and significant gaps in access to the resources needed to sustain them. **Indigenous peoples represent 4.9% of the population, but receive less than 1% of all philanthropic support.** This inequity limits opportunities for communities to advance the cultural, educational, and healing initiatives they are leading with courage and determination. Community leaders know what their people need, yet available funding rarely matches the scale of their vision. Each year, more requests come forward than can be supported, leaving critical initiatives underfunded or delayed.

This is where you can make a profound difference.

By joining the movement to uplift community-driven work, you can help close the gap between vision and resources — ensuring more language speakers are supported, more cultural knowledge is passed on, and more young people can thrive in strong, healthy communities.

Together, we can help ensure that the resurgence underway today continues to grow — for the next generation, and the ones yet to come.



# THE RESOURCE GAP

Under the restrictions of the court settlement, only 50% of the IRSSA funds can be allocated to current granting streams, with the remaining 50% held in investment and inaccessible until 2035, leaving many needs unmet year after year.

Further constraints include:

- The maximum benefit for a regional organization or institution is **\$200,000**
- Organizations are only eligible for **two funding agreements within a ten-year period**, limiting their ability to drive sustained impact and progress on critical programs.

Despite these challenges, the FG Foundation has directly impacted over 315,000 First Nations peoples from coast to coast to coast in just ten years. However, **the demand for support far exceeds the resources available.**

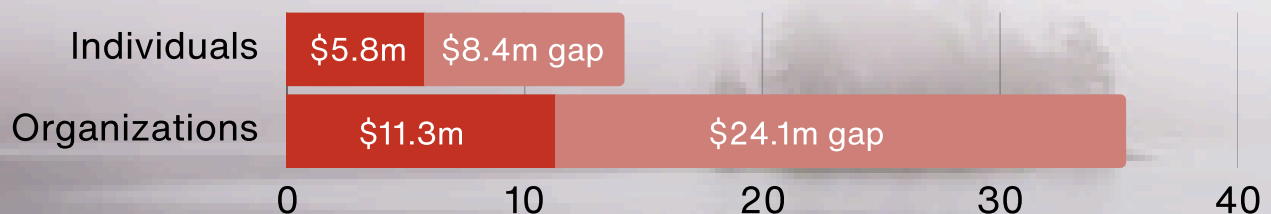
*Historically, 53% of individual applicants and 61% of organization applicants are denied funding due to limited resources.*

*Those who do receive funding are often supported at amounts far below what they request, limiting the full potential of their projects.*

**Donor contributions strengthened our ability to meet community demand in 2024–2025:**

- We funded **77% of individual applicants**, a **24% increase** because of **additional funding partnerships**, while meeting **41% of the total funding requested**.
- We supported **58% of organizational applicants**, a **19% increase** because of **additional funding partnerships**, while covering **32% of the requested funding**.

## Awarded versus amounts requested in 24/25 FY





# GROWING OUR INTERNAL CAPACITY

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To fully realize our mission, the Future Generations Foundation must have the internal capacity to support the scale of work First Nations communities are leading. Under the IRSSA, our administrative spending is restricted, which limits our ability to expand our team and strengthen the systems needed to serve a growing national network. While these restrictions ensure responsible stewardship of Survivor-directed funds, they also constrain our ability to evolve as a modern, strategic, culturally grounded funder.

Demand for our support continues to grow each year. To meet this demand — and ensure our grantmaking remains aligned with our strategic vision — we must strengthen the foundation that enables effective, responsive service to communities.

Philanthropic investment in our capacity will allow us to:

## **Expand Our Team**

We need additional staff in grants administration, community engagement, finance, data, and communications to ensure timely processing, stronger support for applicants, and deeper relationships with communities.

## **Advance Impact Measurement**

We are developing a comprehensive impact study — including a Theory of Change, Key Performance Indicators, and a Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning framework. This work is essential for understanding long-term outcomes and strengthening accountability to Residential School Survivors, First Nations communities, partners and donors.

## **Elevate Storytelling and Shared Learning**

With thousands of funded initiatives, there is tremendous knowledge to share. Building our capacity in communications will help us honour Survivors, highlight community leadership, and amplify the impact of this work.

# WHY PARTNER WITH US?

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## **1. We Support First Nations Non-Qualified Donees**

We are one of the few national funders able to provide grants to First Nations as non-qualified donees. This ensures resources reach communities without unnecessary barriers and supports the autonomy and self-determination of Nations leading their own healing, cultural, and educational work.

## **2. Sound Management & Consistent Growth**

We have a proven track record of stable growth, responsible stewardship, and strategic investment. Our governance model, oversight, and internal systems ensure funds are managed with integrity and aligned with community priorities.

## **3. Supporting Self-Determination**

Our programs enable individuals and organizations to make decisions rooted in their own priorities — whether education, cultural learning, or healing. Support is flexible and responsive, ensuring people can pursue what is most meaningful to them.

## **4. Diverse and Culturally Grounded Education Funding**

We fund a wide range of learning pathways, from post-secondary degrees to land-based teachings, language instruction, cultural mentorship, and traditional knowledge passed down by Elders. Education is defined by the individual themselves.

## **5. Unique Focus on Healing**

We are the only national funder dedicated to addressing the harms of Residential Schools by supporting cultural activities, language revitalization, healing journeys, and education.

## **7. National, First Nations–Led Governance**

Our eleven-member Board of Trustees represents every region of the country, ensuring strategies and investments reflect the diversity of Nations across Turtle Island and remain grounded in lived experience.





# THE PATH FORWARD

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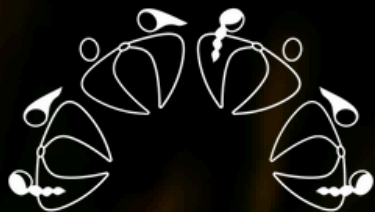
The Future Generations Foundation invites you to partner with us in supporting First Nations-led solutions and creating meaningful, lasting impact for generations to come.

## Your support will:

- Be **free from IRSSA restrictions**, allowing funds to be used immediately where communities need them most.
- **Bridge the annual funding shortfall**, enabling us to support more of the qualified applicants we cannot currently reach.
- **Support internal capacity building**, allowing us to strengthen our team, systems, and impact measurement so we can better serve communities and ensure our grantmaking remains aligned with our long-term strategic vision.
- Move us closer to supporting **1,500+ additional individual beneficiaries on an annual basis**, helping more people pursue education, reconnect with culture, and continue healing from the intergenerational harms of the Residential School system.

Join us in honouring tradition, uplifting self-determined growth, and driving meaningful change for Future Generations.





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8,140 totaling  
**\$37.9M**



**Cultural Learning**  
1,495 totaling  
**\$5.9M**



**Training & Trades**  
931 totaling  
**\$3.88M**

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**\$19.09M**



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233 totaling  
**\$18.25M**



**Education and Employment**  
168 totaling  
**\$13.13M**



**Language Revitalization**  
149 totaling  
**\$11.98M**



**Youth initiatives**  
75 totaling  
**\$5.28M**



**Family connection**  
24 totaling  
**\$2.29M**



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9 totaling  
**\$1.02M**