



BUILD BC-Yukon Call for Proposals

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Information Session Recap: January 8, 2026

Eligibility & Who Can Apply

Q1: Who is eligible to apply?

A: BUILD BC–Yukon supports BIPOC-led grassroots organizations and collectives across British Columbia and Yukon. Priority is given to groups led by racialized immigrant and newcomer communities. All BIPOC-led initiatives serving these communities are welcome to apply.

Q2: Does my organization need to be formally incorporated?

A: No. Both incorporated and unincorporated organizations can apply. Unincorporated groups may be asked to demonstrate operational structure, governance practices, and accountability mechanisms.

Q3: Are there geographic restrictions?

A: Applications are accepted from organizations operating anywhere in British Columbia and Yukon. Projects should demonstrate impact within these regions.

Q4: Does previous BUILD or other funding affect eligibility?

A: No. Organizations that have previously received funding are eligible to apply. BUILD BC–Yukon encourages both new and returning applicants.

Q5: Are there size or budget requirements?

A: There is no minimum organizational budget requirement. Eligible applicants must be grassroots community organizations with an annual operating budget of \$800,000 or less. In some cases, organizations with budgets above this threshold may be considered, depending on context, demonstrated capacity to manage the requested funding, and alignment with program goals.

Q6: What does “BIPOC-led” mean for this program?

A: BUILD BC–Yukon uses a relational rather than strictly numerical approach. We look at how leadership is guided by and accountable to the communities served, and whether leadership is culturally responsive and representative. This approach is intended to reduce barriers for grassroots BIPOC-led organizations.

2. Newcomer Definitions & Client Eligibility (IRCC-Aligned)

Q7: What is the definition of a “newcomer” in this context?

A: In alignment with IRCC 2026 guidelines, newcomers primarily include Permanent Residents (PRs) and Protected Persons. This can also include racialized persons and migrant women within the IRCC-eligible framework.



- **Eligible clients:** Permanent Residents, Protected Persons, and certain pre-arrival clients
- **Generally ineligible clients:** Temporary Foreign Workers and International Students

Q8: Can organizations serving non-status refugees or mixed-status communities apply?

A: Yes. The Equity Stream is designed to strengthen organizations supporting equity-seeking and underserved communities, including those that fall outside traditional settlement funding structures, such as unincorporated grassroots groups.

Important condition: Ultimate Recipients should be organizations that support newcomer clients and plan to serve IRCC-eligible clients, as outlined in the Settlement Program Terms and Conditions, once their capacity has increased.

Q9: If our programs serve a mix of eligible and non-eligible clients, does that affect eligibility?

A: No. Serving mixed client groups does not disqualify you. As long as your organization supports newcomer communities and has a plan to serve eligible clients as capacity grows, you are eligible to apply.

3. Funding Priorities & Eligible Activities

Q10: What types of projects does BUILD BC–Yukon fund?

A: Funding supports capacity-building initiatives, including governance development, leadership training, mentorship, network building, funding readiness, strategic planning, and advocacy. Activities may include workshops, training series, community engagement, and organizational development work.

Q11: What is the funding amount and duration?

A: Funding amounts vary by tier and project scope. This grant cycle covers Year 2 of program cycle that is (2026-2027)

4. Financials & Eligible Expenses

Q12: Can funding be used for physical office space and equipment?

A: Yes. Eligible expenses include rent, furniture, and hardware such as laptops. Given rising costs, applicants are encouraged to consider sustainability when requesting funding within their tier.

Q13: Can funding be used for salaries, including my own role?

A: Yes. Budgets may include up to 15% for administrative costs, including Executive Director or leadership salaries. If you are directly delivering or managing capacity-building work, your salary may be included.



Q14: Is the funding multi-year, and how is it distributed?

A: Yes. Funding is allocated annually in alignment with IRCC fiscal years. Continued funding is subject to annual review.

Q15: Will a new application be required for the second year?

A: Yes. A simplified follow-up application will be required for continued funding. This process will be streamlined for organizations already participating in the program.

5. Application Support & BUILD Assist

Q16: What is BUILD Assist?

A: BUILD Assist provides application support for both technical issues (such as portal uploads) and application-related questions. While it is not a grant-writing service, the team will identify common challenges and offer targeted guidance.

Q17: Are there sample applications or tools to help applicants?

A: Yes. Application samples demonstrating different successful approaches are being developed. Guided questions within the application portal and readiness checklists are also available.

Q18: Are there self-assessment or 1:1 supports?

A: Yes. Applicants can access a readiness checklist and optional 1:1 survey-based assessments with an equity consultant to help determine the most appropriate stream or tier.

6. Application Process & Key Dates

Q19: How and where do I submit my application?

A: Applications must be submitted through the BUILD BC–Yukon online application portal.

Q20: What documents are required?

A: Typical submissions include:

- Completed BUILD BC–Yukon application form
- Organizational overview (mission, structure, leadership)
- Project description and budget
- Evidence of community engagement or partnerships (if applicable)

Q21: What is the application deadline?

A: February 15, 2026, at 11:59 pm PST. Late submissions will not be accepted.



Important Dates:

- **February 11–12, 2026:** 1:1 budget and application support sessions
- **February 15, 2026:** Final application deadline
- **Upcoming:** “Case for Support” training focused on revenue development and CFP proposal writing

7. Partnerships, Strategy & Selection

Q22: Does partnering with other organizations increase funding amounts?

A: Partnership strategies are currently under review by the Advisory Committee. Further guidance will be shared before final assessments.

Q23: Can an organization apply for more than one tier?

A: No. Each organization may submit one application for one funding tier.

Q24: How many organizations will be funded?

A: Approximately 20 grants are expected to be awarded across tiers, with some flexibility depending on final recommendations.

Q25: How are applications evaluated?

A: Applications are reviewed by a panel of BIPOC leaders and sector experts. Evaluation criteria include alignment with BUILD BC–Yukon objectives, community impact, organizational capacity, feasibility, sustainability, and equity values.

Q26: Is lived experience leadership valued?

A: Yes. Leadership rooted in lived experience relevant to the communities served is highly valued.

8. Post-Funding Expectations

Q27: What reporting is required?

A: Funded organizations must submit progress reports, financial updates, and impact summaries using provided templates.

Q28: Are capacity-building supports mandatory?

A: Participation in mentorship and training is strongly encouraged, as these supports are designed to enhance project success and long-term sustainability.



9. Support & Contact

Q29: Who can I contact if I have questions?

A: Please contact the BUILD BC–Yukon Program Team at buildbcy@dcrs.ca for eligibility questions, application guidance, or technical support.

Q30: Are first-time applicants supported?

A: Yes. BUILD BC–Yukon offers guidance sessions, workshops, and peer-based support for applicants with limited grant-writing experience.