September 29, 2025

Attention: BC First Nations and BC First Nation Operated Schools

**ZERO WASTE/EARTH DAY 2026 - Grant Funding Opportunity ($7,500 Per Project)**

IZWTAG is pleased to offer a grant funding opportunity from the Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP) at Indigenous Services Canada (Pacific Region).

A community or school-run project/event that will enhance a community’s or school’s environmental or waste awareness and practices on Earth Day (April 22, 2026) or during the year are eligible for grant amounts up to $7,500.

**Eligibility**

First Nations communities and First Nation operated schools in British Columbia are eligible to apply for the funding and may partner with any other organization(s) to carry out the eligible activities. Other sources of funds and in-kind contributions are welcome. To be eligible, activities must enhance a community’s or school’s environmental/waste management awareness and practices around Earth Day (April 22, 2026) or through the year; the activity must not generate a profit for the eligible recipient. If you have unresolved projects from 2025, you will be asked to complete necessary reporting before being eligible for your 2026 project.

**Application Form**

If interested, please complete the attached Application Form, and return it by email or regular mail **by 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 28th 2026**:

Telephone: 1-877-771-2135

Email proposals to: frontdesk@izwtag.com

Mail proposals to: 210-112 E 3rd Ave, Vancouver BC, V5T 1C8

**Reporting and Payment**

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by ISC. Successful applicants will be notified and sent a reporting form, recipient survey, and project evaluation. A portion of the grant funds will be provided at the commencement of the project and the remaining balance will provided upon receipt of the completion report with invoices.

Earth Day projects should be completed within a week of Earth Day (Wednesday, April 22, 2026). The report form must be completed and submitted by May 22, 2026. Note that incomplete or non-submission of reports could make the recipient ineligible for future grants.

The role of IZWTAG is to administer funding to successful applicants and to ensure that recipients furnish the reporting form. Any questions that relate to the program or refer to the application process should be directed to Emily Chu at echu@uniserve.com.

Kind Regards,

Lucinda Phillips

Executive Director

IZWTAG



***Indigenous Services Canada***

***Lands and Economic Development Services Program* (LEDSP)**

***ZERO WASTE/EARTH DAY 2026 INITIATIVE***

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| ***Application Form*** |
| ***SECTION A: APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION***  |
| Name of First Nation Organization: |
| Name of First Nation Organization to receive funds (if different from above): |
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| Contact Name:  | Position: |
| Address:  |
| City/Town:  | B.C. | Postal Code: |
| Telephone: | Fax Number: |
| E-mail: |
| Signature: | Date: |
| ***SECTION B: PROJECT DETAILS***  |
| **Grant Amount Requested $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Briefly describe the project.****How will it help to improve community or school** **awareness and practices around waste management or the natural environment?** |





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| **Please check all the environmental objectives that apply to the project:**[ ]  Help improve the environmental performance in order to reduce environmental  threat impacts on the health and safety of First Nations and Inuit;[ ]  Help improve the environmental integrity of reserve lands;[ ]  Promote pollution prevention;[ ]  Promote environmental regulatory compliance; and[ ]  Support environmental management best practices with respect to First Nations  and Inuit land and community assets. |
| List project-specific objectives | How will you evaluate the objective has been met? |
| 1. 2. 3. 4.  | 1. 2. 3. 4.  |
| ***SECTION C: PROJECT MANAGEMENT*** |
| ***Work Plan:***  |
| **Activity**  | **Deliverable(s)** | **Start Date** | **End Date** |
| 1.2. 3. 4. 5. | 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. | 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. | 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. |
| ***Project Team:*** |
| **Name, Position, and Org.** | **Work Experience** | **Roles & Responsibilities** |
| *E.g.: Project Leader, Project Coordinator, etc.*1. 2. 3. 4.  | *E.g.: 7 years of experience in project management.*1. 2. 3. 4.  | *E.g.: Oversee the management of the project.*1. 2. 3. 4.  |
| ***Partnerships (if any):***  |
| **Partner** | **Involvement** |
| 1. 2. 3.  | 1. 2. 3.  |
| **Complete SECTION D: PROJECT FUNDS AND COSTS on next page** |

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| ***SECTION D: PROJECT FUNDS AND COSTS*** |
| **Name of First Nation Organization (please enter):** |
|  | **Requested LEDSP Grant** | **Applicant’s Own Funds****(if available)** | **Other (specify source):** |
| **Cost Item (add more items if necessary)** | **Cost** | **Cost** | **In Kind $Value** | **Cost** | **In Kind $Value** |
| Labour |  |   |   |   |   |
| Equipment Rental |  |   |   |   |   |
| Materials |  |   |   |  |   |
| Other Purchases (list items) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Communication Products (e.g. video, brochure, web page, etc) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Venue/Facility Rental |   |  |   |   |   |
| Accommodation |   |   |   |   |   |
| Travel |    |  |   |   |   |
| Miscellaneous |   |   |   |   |   |
| Administrative |   |  |   |   |   |
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| **TOTAL from each source:** |  |  |  |  |  |



Other includes: Provincial, Non-Profit, Individual, Company or another Federal department (please specify name of organization)

Attachments:

* For any single cost item of $2,000 or more, attach supporting information.
* If applicable, any letters of support for the project, or any commitment letters from other funding agents/organizations.