

Number of Indigenous Cultural Projects Funded by CFPD

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The Community Foundation of Portage & District recognizes and respects that we live, work, and serve communities on Treaty 1 Territory—the traditional territory of many First Nations Peoples—and the homeland of the Red River Métis. In the spirit of truth and reconciliation, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership and collaboration with Indigenous Communities. Funding cultural activities is one of CFPD's grant-making objectives and we encourage community groups who serve Indigenous Peoples or who need funding for cultural programs to apply for our bi-annual grants.

Cultural Projects Included in CFPD Grant-making Objectives

Several Indigenous cultural projects and programs have been funded through CFPD's grant-making programs over the years, including (but not limited to): women's cultural group activities (Portage Friendship Centre [PFC]); dance classes (Métis Prairie Steppers); regalia library (Portage Friendship Centre); accessible entryway (NIRSMC); and supplies for cultural activities (Women of Mother Earth Network).

Portage Friendship Centre

Through a grant obtained by CFPD in the fall of 2023, the PFC was able to purchase materials to make drums for those who didn't have one, as well as beads and other supplies for ribbon skirts. PFC also received a grant in the spring of 2024, which allowed them to purchase sewing supplies and fabric to make regalia to be shared with many different people as needed through their regalia library. As a result, barriers were removed so that more people could partake in cultural activities by borrowing regalia as needed.

Métis Prairie Steppers

A grant from CFPD in the spring of 2024 allowed the Métis Prairie Steppers to purchase tap shoes for dance classes. The result was that more youth were able to partake in learning the traditional dance of the Métis culture, without financial barriers.

National Indigenous Residential School Museum of Canada

A grant was awarded in the spring of 2025 to the NIRSMC in Keeshkeemaquah, to allow them to do necessary renovations on their entryway, to make it more accessible to all visitors of the facility (including elders and those with physical limitations).

Women of Mother Earth Network

This group was awarded a grant in the spring of 2025 to purchase materials, equipment, and supplies to provide Indigenous cultural activities to local women and girls.

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