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## Welcome!

Now accepting grant applications until April 30, 2025 at 11:59 PM PST.

We're offering grants to support non-profit organizations and registered charities that are making a difference in their communities.

**Important dates to remember:**

Review period: May to June 2025.  
Funding decision: Applicants will be notified of the grant decision by email approximately eight weeks after the application intake period ends.

**Our grants are given out in three focus areas:**

- Building the STEM workforce of tomorrow
- Safety education
- Developing a clean and sustainable future

Learn more at [bchydro.com/grants](https://www.bchydro.com/grants) (<https://www.bchydro.com/grants>).

By supplying electricity to the people and businesses of this province, we provide an essential and important service. But we also believe in doing more than that.

**Questions on eligibility?**

Use the blue bars under the BC Hydro logo to browse through the form and see the questions you will be asked. By understanding the information we want to know, you can determine your request's eligibility and alignment with our focus area priorities.

This web form is dynamic, meaning that the answers on each page can determine which questions come next. **Complete the first two sections** to ensure you see the questions for your chosen grant type.

Click on "Help" in the bottom right of the screen to learn more about completing, sharing, and saving your application.

**Have you read our guidelines and eligibility criteria?**

☒ Yes


☐ No

Please proceed if you feel your request meets our criteria.

# Eligibility Check

Our grants program is designed to help non-profit organizations and registered charities strengthen B.C. communities in the areas of building the STEM workforce of tomorrow, safety education, and developing a clean and sustainable future.

Before you begin your application, please note we only support applications that are aligned with our focus areas and eligibility criteria.

 *Learn more about our eligibility guidelines*

## Are you a Canadian organization with a base in British Columbia?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please select the B.C. region that your organization is based in. Find out which region your organization falls under using our Community Relations map. (<https://storage.benevitygrants.org/files/bchydro/public/general/community-relations-regions-map-and-list.pdf>)

- ☒ Lower Mainland
- ☐ Northern
- ☐ Southern Interior
- ☐ Vancouver Island

## How is your organization classified?


- ☐ An organization registered as having charitable status by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
- ☒ A provincially registered not-for-profit organization
- ☐ An unregistered non-profit community organization
- ☐ A municipality or a public institution
- ☐ An Indigenous community or organization
- ☐ I am an individual seeking funds for myself or another individual / family

## Is your initiative based in British Columbia?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please select the B.C. region that your program or initiative is based in. Find out which region your initiative falls under using our Community Relations map (<https://storage.benevitygrants.org/files/bchydro/public/general/BC+Hydro+Community+Relations+Regions+Map+and+List.pdf>).

- ☒ Lower Mainland
- ☐ Northern
- ☐ Southern Interior
- ☐ Vancouver Island
- ☐ More than one region

Please confirm which BC Hydro focus area best aligns with your initiative?  
Learn more about BC Hydro's focus areas (click to expand). 

- ☒ Building the STEM workforce of tomorrow
- ☐ Safety education
- ☐ Developing a clean and sustainable future
- ☐ None of the above

Is this request for in-kind support?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Is this funding request for an event sponsorship?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Is this request for a fundraising event?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Is this request for salaries, wages, stipends, operating costs, or travel costs?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

# Overview

We provide funding up to \$10,000 for organizations to either expand an existing program or to develop a new program in B.C. communities.

You may request up to \$10,000. How much are you asking for?

\$10,000

Are you requesting this grant to:

Develop a new program

Has this organization (or any department thereof) received funding or support from BC Hydro (including Powerex Inc. and/or Powertech Labs Inc) in the past two years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

# Organization Profile

What is the name of your organization?

RAINBOWVI EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Enter your organization's registration number.

S0078962

Please include letters, numbers, and dashes only. Ex: 123-456789

Address line 1

236 - 9855 AUSTIN RD

Address line 2 (if applicable)

City

BURNABY

Province

British Columbia

Postal Code

V3J 7W2

Should this request be approved, is this the organization name and address to which the payment should be directed?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please tell us about your organization's mission or purpose (1-2 sentences only).

We provide free e-learning, training, and tools to empower youth with well-being and life skills knowledge for fulfilling lives and a positive impact on society.

Please tell us how your organization supports communities in B.C. (1-2 sentences only).

Youth age 15-29 in the Lower Mainland, British Columbia

Organization web site address (Optional)

https://rainbowvi.org/

Organization Facebook page (eg.  
http://www.facebook.com/username/) (Optional)

Organization X page (eg. http://www.x.com/username/) (Optional)

Please provide other social networking profiles the organization  
uses (Optional)

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/103358646/>

# Contact Information

Are you the primary contact for this request? All email communications regarding this application will be sent to you.

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide **your** contact details below

First name

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Last name

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Title

Executive Director

Phone number

250-668-5042

Email

vi.ly@rainbowvi.org

Extension (if available)

Mobile phone (if available)

250-668-5042



# Application Profile

What is the name of your program or initiative?

Empowering Youth as STEM eLearning Designers: Creating Free Sa

You are requesting a \$ Community Grant. Please explain how the grant funds will be used to support your program or initiative.

BC Hydro’s \$10,000 grant will directly support the implementation of the first cycle of RainbowVI’s youth-led digital learning program. The funding will cover critical costs such as:

- Fee and cost to train four youth designers to design four courses; Fee and cost to design one course in STEM.
- Honoraria for mentors and subject matter experts
- Technology tools, hosting, and accessibility features to ensure inclusive course delivery
- Outreach and promotion to reach 5,000+ youth across the Lower Mainland

This grant will bring these safety and sustainability courses to life faster and serve as a public endorsement of a bold, youth-powered model for education and community empowerment.

What is the total initiative budget?

\$51,000

Please attach your initiative budget

 RainbowVI\_Full\_Project\_Budget\_with\_Chart.xlsx (<https://forms.benevity.org/ap>)  
158.16 kB

How much have you raised to date?

\$41,000

Do you have other funders committed to this initiative?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

# Focus Area Alignment and Impact

Please describe how your program or initiative aligns with our focus areas and how it will positively impact the community.

RainbowVI proposes a youth-led digital learning initiative to train four Canadian youth (ages 16–25) as course designers in digital instructional design, a growing STEM field. These youth will create and launch four short, accessible online courses using Tally, an interactive learning platform. Topics include electrical safety, water safety, carbon reduction, and environmental conservation. A fifth course, Protecting Your Online Identity, will be developed by our technology expert. All courses will be delivered through a custom-designed web app developed in collaboration with BCIT. This model fosters peer-to-peer education, digital skill-building, and real-world STEM application for community impact.

- Obvious Key Outcomes for BC Hydro:
- 4 youth (with at least 3 girls) gain STEM-aligned skills (course design, digital tools, project management). RainbowVI is committed to inclusive participation, with intentional outreach to underrepresented gender identities in STEM fields.
  - 5 accessible, online courses in clean energy and safety topics.
  - Reach 5,000+ youth learners in BC.
  - Strong peer engagement model = scalable, sustainable community learning.

How long has your program been operating or running?

- ☒ Less than one year
- ☐ 1-3 years
- ☐ 3-5 years
- ☐ 5+ years

Please describe the geographic reach of your program or initiative and where it will have the most impact (e.g., cities, communities).

Based in Burnaby, BC, RainbowVI will launch this project locally in 2025-2026, starting with youth participants from our home city. Through our online learning model, we will expand access to youth across the Lower Mainland of British Columbia, including Vancouver, Surrey, Coquitlam, Richmond, and surrounding communities.

Our long-term vision is to relaunch this program in future cycles, each time focusing on different cities and youth groups, ensuring localized relevance while building a growing network of empowered young eLearning designers across the province.

Please identify the age groups that would benefit from this program. Select all that apply.

Children (Ages 0-17)

Adults (Ages 18-64)

Projected number of individuals impacted.

- ☐ Less than 50 people
- ☐ 50-100 people
- ☐ 101-300 people
- ☐ 301-500 people
- ☒ 500+ people

Estimate the percentage of individuals impacted by this program.

Category	Percentage of Individuals	
Female	<div><div>60</div><div>%</div></div>	
Male	<div><div>30</div><div>%</div></div>	
Other/Gender Non-binary	<div><div>10</div><div>%</div></div>	
Total	<div><div>100</div><div>%</div></div>	

Does your initiative directly benefit Indigenous People?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

# Application Details

Program Start Date

2025-07-01



Program End Date

2026-06-30



What are the predicted timelines for this initiative?

- Timeline:
- Jul – Aug 2025      Project Setup & Outreach
  - Sep 2025      Recruitment & Onboarding
  - Oct 2025      Training & Skill Building
  - Nov 2025      Course Design & Development
  - Dec 2025      Pilot Testing & Refinement
  - Jan 2026      Course Launch & Promotion
  - Feb – May 2026      Learner Engagement & Impact Tracking
  - Jun 2026      Evaluation & Reporting
  - Jul 2026      Planning for Expansion

Tell us what your primary deliverables are for this initiative.

- 4 Trained Youth eLearning Designers
- Youth (ages 16–25) trained in instructional design, digital tools, and safety/sustainability content
  - Includes mentorship and skills development in STEM-related fields
- 5 Free Online Micro-Courses
- Topics: Electrical Safety, Water Safety, Environmental Conservation, Reducing Carbon Emissions, Protecting Your Online Identity
  - Designed by youth, for youth; hosted on an accessible, mobile-friendly platform
- Course Engagement & Reach Metrics
- Target: 5,000+ youth reached across the Lower Mainland
  - Includes learner analytics, feedback collection, and engagement reports
- Project Summary Report for BC Hydro
- Final report with impact evaluation, course links, youth reflections, and outreach data
  - Includes recommendations for future scale-up
- Scalable Program Model
- Documented framework for replication in other BC cities or with different youth groups
  - Includes training materials, course templates, and facilitation guides

Please provide additional metrics and key performance indicators your organization will measure.

**Outputs:**

- Youth gain STEM-aligned skills: # of youth trained as eLearning designers (Target: 4); Training session attendance/completion rate; Pre/post self-assessed confidence in course design, digital tools, and communication; # of mentorship hours provided; # of peer review feedback interactions.
- Youth create educational tools: # of courses launched (Target: 5)

**Short-Term Outcomes:**

- Enhanced self-confidence among youth: Pre/post confidence scores from youth designers; Qualitative reflection from youth (quotes, testimonials)
- Increased knowledge in well-being and life skills: # of learner feedback shows increased awareness of safety and sustainability topics
- Youth empowered through community: % of youth who report feeling more connected to peers through the program
- Improved knowledge and skills in e-learning design, one of STEM careers: Skills self-assessment rubric; mentor evaluation; # of trained youth get skills assessed

**Long-Term Outcomes:**

- Increased real-world application of learning: % of learners reporting they applied safety/sustainability tips in real life
- Greater collaboration in innovative solutions: # of collaborative efforts (teamwork on courses, cross-promotion with youth groups)

**Impact:**

- Enhancement in youth well-being: # Course content covers actionable well-being and safety habits; # of learners report increased agency, safety, or sustainability behavior after being involved in the initiative; # of learners report increased agency, safety, or sustainability behavior after learning from the created course content
- Youths driving social impact and generational change: # Youth-created learning content continues to be used/shared post-program; # of downloads/shares of public course content; # of new courses created by the trained youths

**How will BC Hydro's contribution be recognized?****Digital Recognition:**

- Logo Placement on all five course landing pages as "Proudly supported by BC Hydro"
- Acknowledgement in social media campaigns (Instagram, LinkedIn, etc.) promoting each course, including a dedicated launch post tagging BC Hydro
- Feature in RainbowVI's website, newsletter, and blog with a thank-you highlight
- Credit in final video assets or interactive elements embedded in courses (where appropriate)

**Community Engagement:**

- Recognition at any virtual or in-person youth showcase or celebration events tied to the project (with opportunity for BC Hydro rep to attend or speak)
- Inclusion in any public presentations or conference sessions about the program model or impact

**Long-Term Visibility:**

- Courses will remain free and public for ongoing access, with BC Hydro recognition remaining visible beyond the grant term

- BC Hydro's support will be included in future replication materials, showing your role in piloting and scaling the initiative

**Are there any opportunities for BC Hydro employees to volunteer? (Optional)**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

**Please describe the opportunities.**

RainbowVI welcomes the involvement of BC Hydro employees in meaningful, skill-based volunteering roles that directly support youth development and education:

- Subject Matter Experts Talks: BC Hydro employees with expertise in electrical safety, sustainability, STEM careers, or energy systems can join as guest speakers during youth training sessions (October–November 2025)
- Mentorship & Feedback: Employees can offer light-touch mentorship or Q&A sessions with youth designers (virtually or in-person) during the course development phase (Nov 2025–Feb 2026); Option to review early drafts of courses related to BC Hydro themes and offer insights or suggestions

**Are there any opportunities for BC Hydro to become more involved in the program or initiative? (Optional)**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

**Please describe the opportunities.**

- Strategic Program Involvement: Collaborate on shaping or reviewing learning objectives for courses aligned with electrical safety, environmental stewardship, and sustainable practices; Provide access to existing BC Hydro educational resources to enhance the accuracy and credibility of youth-created content.
- Community Events & Youth Showcases: BC Hydro team members will be invited to join any virtual celebration or launch event to speak, present certificates, or share encouragement with youth participants
- Community Visibility & Long-Term Collaboration: Co-brand on a shared awareness campaign promoting the courses, showcasing BC Hydro’s leadership in education and youth empowerment; Explore BC Hydro’s continued role as a regional partner as RainbowVI expands the program to new cities or underserved communities across BC.

**Is there an event associated with your program or initiative?**

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

What is the name of this event?

Community Events & Youth Course Showcases

Event date

2026-01-17



Where is the event taking place?

Burnaby

Do you have any additional documents to support your application? You may attach up to three files. (Optional)

# Review and Agreement

Thank you for your interest in submitting a request to BC Hydro.

## What's next?


### Review your application

Please review your application to ensure that all the information is accurate before proceeding. To make changes, use the tabs at the top of the page to navigate back to the corresponding page.

Please note you will no longer be able to edit your application once you click “Submit Form” at the bottom of this page.


### Submit your application

Click "Submit form" at the bottom of this page. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your application. If you do not receive an email contact grantsupport@benevity.com (mailto:grantsupport@benevity.com).

Save a PDF of your submitted application (click to expand) .

For any technical questions regarding the application form you just filled, please click the *Help* link on the bottom right side of the page.

We'll let you know of our grant decision by email approximately eight weeks after our intake period ends. Please note that due to the volume of applications we receive, we are unable to accept telephone or email inquiries regarding the status of your application.

Visit our Grants for community groups page (<https://www.bchydro.com/community/community-giving/grants.html>)  (<https://www.bchydro.com/community/community-giving/grants.html>) for program timelines and updates.

BC Hydro Community Investment Team

## Agreement

By submitting this application, I confirm that I have the authority to submit this request and agree to the conditions described below.

All information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge;

Should BC Hydro agree to provide support for the initiative proposed in this application, I agree that information about this initiative may be highlighted in some of BC Hydro corporate communication vehicles,

Should BC Hydro agree to provide support for the initiative proposed in this application, I agree to abide by any sponsorship or partnership rules agreed upon with BC Hydro, and

Should BC Hydro agree to provide support for the initiative proposed in this application, I agree to complete a project or event evaluation via Benevity after the initiative has taken place.

NOTE: If your application is approved, in whole or in part you may be required to submit a follow up report after your project or initiative has launched and/or completed.

☒ I have read the Agreement above and agree to all the terms therein.

Please note that after submitting this form you will no longer be able to edit your application. Please make sure all information is accurate before you proceed. We recommend that you save/print a copy of your responses for your



records.