

2023

CITY OF VICTORIA



2015 – 2024

INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF

**AFRICAN DESCENT**

**Youth Grant**

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In 2022, four projects received a total of \$25,000 in funding through the City's first International Decade for People of African Descent (IDPAD) Youth Grant. Information about the grant recipients, their projects and allocated funding are in the table below.

Grant Recipient	Project Title	Project Description	Funding Amount
African Heritage Association of Vancouver Island (AHAVI)	AHAVI Youth Council's Safe and Inclusive Hub	The project created a safe and inclusive space for youth of African descent to connect with each other and feel a sense of belonging. A safe space was provided to host artistic workshops in poetry, music, dance, comedy, drama, storytelling and drumming. The project also provided leadership mentoring and recruited youth leaders living in the community.	\$7,300
Binkadi Wellness Society	Inaugural Celebration of Excellence and Achievement for Students of African Descent	The inaugural Celebration of Excellence and Achievement was a family- and community-focused celebration to honour students of African descent of all ages who achieved a significant milestone in their academic journey. The June 2023 ceremony and reception included various ceremonial traditions, food, student speakers, musicians, poets and a student-centred slide show.	\$3,100

HINGA	Hinga (to cultivate)	Hinga is a project containing three aspects: entrepreneurial, interpersonal and artistic. The three components worked together to build a community that celebrates intersectionality. Each component of the project not only empowered African youth but allowed them to navigate networking and collaborative work for the overall growth of the project.	\$7,300
Congolese Community of British Columbia	Youth Empowerment Workshops and Civic Engagement	A series of workshops were hosted on inclusion and civic engagement including topics of immigration and racism, education, inclusion and multiculturalism, and leadership. Through education and empowerment, youth shared experiences and explored potential solutions.	\$7,300

## Contact information

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