

CITY OF VICTORIA

# IDPAD Youth Grant Recipients



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In 2023, five projects received a total of \$25,000 in funding through the City's second 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
<b>St. Nakhita Anakdiar Peace Foundation (SABAPEF)</b>	Promoting Youth-led Journalism of Youth of Sudanese and African Descent	<p>The project aimed to promote diversity by encouraging Sudanese youth and those of African descent to share their cultural perspectives through youth-led journalism initiatives to counter the exclusion of their voices from mainstream newsrooms. This included five workshops.</p> <p>The project aimed to empower youth by preserving cultural knowledge through storytelling, fostering diversity in journalism and preparing them for media careers.</p>	\$5,500
<b>Solange Dorsainvil</b>	The Untold Stories: Stories of Systemic Racism Within the School System in Victoria	<p>The project produced a professionally edited documentary highlighting the experiences of Black students and teachers navigating a predominantly white school culture in Victoria, BC.</p> <p>The documentary challenged misconceptions about racism in Victoria and serves as a tool for teaching, social commentary, and fostering empathy and understanding within the school system and broader community.</p> <p>A screening of the documentary was held in April 2024.</p>	\$4,500

<b>Binkadi Wellness Society</b>	Celebration of Excellence and Achievement for Students of African Descent (COEA)	The Celebration of Excellence Awards (COEA) was a community-driven event that honored elementary, middle, secondary and post-secondary students of African descent for their academic achievements. The ceremony featured African ceremonial traditions, guest speakers, drummers and food from vendors of African descent. It marked significant milestones in students' academic journeys such as transitioning to middle or secondary school or graduating from secondary, college or university.	\$5,000
<b>Slam Dunk</b>	Slam Dunk for Black Empowerment	The league honoured and celebrated its players of African descent, who made up 50% of its roster, by hosting a themed tournament during Black History Month. The tournament featured awards, food and a post-event celebration. Additionally, throughout the season, the league conducted workshops for all players to educate them on the significant legacy of people of African descent in the sport of basketball.	\$5,000
<b>AHAVI African Heritage of Vancouver Island</b>	Empowering Youth Through Enterprise and Creativity	The project aimed to empower and educate youth, encouraging them to develop their talents and acquire new skills to contribute positively to their community and prepare them for successful futures. It focused on overcoming systemic barriers through mentorships and community engagement. Workshops and courses covered diverse sectors including construction, accounting, business, music, entertainment, design and entrepreneurship, aiming to inspire and educate youth in these areas where people of African descent have historically excelled. Participants received tools and resources to support their interests and were mentored to ensure their ongoing success in their chosen endeavours.	\$5,000

## **Contact information**

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