



Nikkei Seniors
Health Care &
Housing Society

Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund

Frequently Asked Questions

Please visit jcwellness.org for current information and more frequently asked questions.

Who can apply for a Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund Grant? *Organizations and small groups who provide or can provide health and/or wellness activities, programs, and services to Japanese Canadian survivors are eligible to apply. In addition, there is an underserved category for those individual survivors who meet any of the conditions of the underserved category.*

What kind of projects might be eligible? *Ensure your project has a direct impact on survivors. This could include, but is NOT limited to, projects, events, products, services, supports, or unique ideas that do not fall into these categories. Examples might include: outreach to frail and isolated survivors; self-care; dementia friendly workshops; peer to peer support; reconnecting events; survivor-friendly technology connections; equipment upgrades for seniors' group activities; reflective storytelling; wellness clinics; health & resilience workshops, supports to live independently, supports for frail individuals.*

Can we apply for more than one project? *Yes, if you are an organization, you can apply for up to two grants. If an organization combines with other organizations, it is still considered one of their two. Small groups and the underserved may apply for one grant only.*

If our organization is applying for more than one grant, do we need to submit a separate application for each? *Yes, each project will be a separate application.*

If our organization is combining with one or two other organizations, do we need to submit three separate applications for the same project? *No, one project is one application, but you will need to list the other organizations on the application.*

We are a small group within our cultural organization, do we apply under the small group or organization category? *Sub-groups within an organization will apply under the organization category. Small groups are informal groups that stand alone such as a small group in a bowling league.*

What if COVID-19 delays our project? *Although the deadline for project completion is December 2022, there is flexibility around this date.*

Should our project assume COVID-19 restrictions are over? *You can choose to apply for projects considering the pandemic or assume things are back to normal. The Fund will be flexible in terms of delays due to COVID-19 restrictions.*

Can my project benefit other people besides the survivors? *Yes. Your project must directly benefit the health and/or wellness of survivors but it may have benefits to others as well.*

Can one survivor be counted for many grant applications? *Yes. If a survivor is active in many programs, groups, and organizations, several applications could be including them in their survivor demographic. However, if the survivor is directly benefitting from another Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund grant application, then they cannot apply in the underserved category.*

Do we include as many survivors as we can for a project? *Yes. Projects that directly benefit a larger number of survivors show the committee that the impact of the project is greater.*

Can we apply if we only have one survivor in our organization? *Yes, but again projects that directly benefit a larger number of survivors show the committee that the impact of the project is greater.*

Do I/we have to prove our impact to be counted as a survivor? *If you are completing the Survivor Endorsement for your small group or organization, or if you are applying in the underserved category, you will be asked to explain how you are a survivor. You will be asked to indicate where you lived in BC and/or where were you uprooted to during the internment period. But you do not need to prove or describe the impact.*

Can I apply for help so that I can live independently? *Yes. If you meet any of the conditions of the underserved category, you may apply for an underserved grant for supports to live safely.*

Can we get help with our grant application? *Yes. Our Project Office is available to help if you have questions. We will offer some General Information Sessions on Zoom. And if you, your small group, or your organization needs further assistance, that can be arranged via Zoom, email, or phone. Please note that the Project Office assistance does not guarantee that an application will be successful. The underserved may have a representative to inquire on their behalf and assist them in completing their application e.g. family member, friend, etc.*

After the deadline, when will I/we get notified? *You will be notified whether you are successful or unsuccessful in your application. We are anticipating that these Notification Letters will go out by December 31, 2021.*

If successful, when will I/we get the money? And will I/we get the entire amount? *Once the Notification Letters go out, you will get the entire amount which was approved, upon accepting the terms of your Notification Letter.*

What do I have to do upon completion of my project? *For organizations and small groups, you must submit the one-page Summary Report that is provided with your Notification Letter. This must be submitted within two months of your project completion. Photos are optional should the seniors and survivors wish to share them on the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund website at jcwelness.org. Please follow your organization's protocol for consent to share these photos.*

What if I have more questions that do not appear here? *Please go to the Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund website at jcwelness.org. The Grant Information is located on the website, but you can also enter a question under the Contact Us tab. Or you can contact the Project Office by phone 250-797-6300 or by email eikoeby@nikkeishc.com.*

Is there more money coming from BC Redress? *The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund asks that you contact the National Association of Japanese Canadians for information. Visit bcredress.ca.*