

ABOUT US

On May 21, 2022, the British Columbia (BC) Government acknowledged its role in the historical wrongs perpetuated against 22,000 Japanese Canadians during the 1940s and made a pledge to support a \$100 million legacy initiatives package developed and recommended by the National Association of Japanese Canadians BC Redress Project (2019-2022).

The Japanese Canadian Legacies Society (JCLS) was created to implement the framework of initiatives developed under six pillars: Education, Anti-racism, Monument, Heritage Preservation, Community & Culture, and Seniors Health & Wellness. (www.jclegacies.com)

The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund Society operates the key program in the Seniors Health & Wellness pillar, created to develop and distribute health support grants to Japanese Canadian Survivors impacted by the actions of the BC Government between 1942-1949.

WHO IS A SURVIVOR?

A living person of Japanese descent born before April 1, 1949 who was directly impacted by BC Government actions in the 1940s. Survivors include persons who were not displaced but were living in BC, and persons who, after their families left BC, were born prior to April 1, 1949, which was the day Japanese Canadians were given full voting rights and the legal restrictions used to control the movement of Japanese Canadians were removed.

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- *Frequently Asked Questions*
- *Regional events*

We are grateful to be doing this work on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples.

Japanese Canadian Survivors Health & Wellness Fund

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GRANTS AVAILABLE

Open Feb 1, 2024 - Mar 31, 2025

GRANT 1: \$650

For Survivors who did not receive the 2021 Survivors Fund Grant that was offered between September 1 to October 31, 2021.

GRANT 2: \$4500

A new grant for living Survivors to support their individual health and wellness needs.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants for both Grants 1 and 2 must:

- be of Japanese descent
- be born **before April 1, 1949**
- **have lived in BC before April 1, 1949** OR had parents or grandparents who lived in BC before April 1, 1949
- have been directly impacted by the actions of the BC government before April 1, 1949

DOCUMENT PREPARATION

We suggest you prepare documents to support the following:

- Personal identification (e.g. birth certificate, passport, a picture ID)
- Birthdate before April 1, 1949
- Proof of current mailing address (e.g. Driver's License, recent credit card statement, utility bill)

***DO NOT** send the Society any personal documents by email or mail for your protection.*

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HOW TO APPLY

Please apply in one of the following two ways:

ONLINE:

Apply online at www.jcwellness.org

Please do **NOT send your personal documents.*

ASSISTED BY AN OUTREACH WORKER:

Contact an outreach worker for further information or for support to make your application.

Outreach Workers are available to meet online, in person, or at events in your area.

AFTER APPLYING

Outreach Workers will be contacting all Survivors to validate their eligibility and identity.

A cheque 10-12 weeks after having your application validated by an Outreach Worker. However, due to the volume of applications, this may take longer.