



# *2024 Grant Summary*



# Grant Management

Grant applications and contract timelines vary depending on the funding provider. Therefore, the City of Kelowna is in a constant cycle of planning, securing, and managing grants.

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Grant Status	Definition	Value of Grants
<b>18 Grants Awarded</b>	Refers to grants that were approved and awarded in 2024.	\$7,412,693 <sup>1</sup>
<b>45 Grant Contracts Managed</b>	Refers to the grants that were awarded in 2024, as well as multi-year grants managed in 2024.	\$115,139,155

<sup>1</sup>Note – This total does not include direct allocations or annually allocated funding the City was awarded.

## 2024 Grants Awarded

**Project Name:** YLW ChildCare Expansion  
**Government:** Provincial  
**Program:** ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund  
**Description:** The City of Kelowna is enhancing the childcare facilities at YLW to offer a total of 110 spaces, including 24 additional spots for children under 36 months. This expansion is designed to reduce waitlists and provide childcare support for families working at or near the airport, including those employed by KF Aerospace. The project budget has been increased by \$2.5M to facilitate these improvements.  
**Amount Awarded:** \$2,536,800

**Project Name:** Kelowna's H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre Energy Modernization Project  
**Government:** Federal-Provincial  
**Program:** CleanBC Communities Fund  
**Description:** This project aims to modernize energy usage at the Kelowna H2O Adventure + Fitness Centre, significantly reducing natural gas consumption by 14,230 GJ annually and cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 700 tonnes per year. It involves installing solar power infrastructure to generate 130,000 kWh annually and adding 10 EV chargers with a capacity for 24 vehicles. These improvements support Kelowna's clean energy initiatives while enhancing an important community facility.  
**Amount awarded:** \$2,460,248

**Project Name:** Annual ICBC Road Safety Improvement Grants 2024  
**Government:** ICBC  
**Program:** Road Safety Improvement Program  
**Description:** To complete small road improvement upgrades around the community.  
**Amount awarded:** \$601,265

**Project Name:** Rail Trail to Greenway ATC  
**Government:** Provincial  
**Program:** BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Fund  
**Description:** The project involves the construction of 600 metres of protected bike lanes on Leckie Road. This section will connect the multi-use pathway south of Highway 97 to the Okanagan Rail Trail and Mission Creek Greenway, enhancing connectivity between two of Kelowna's major off-street active transportation corridors.  
**Amount awarded:** \$500,000

**Project Name:** 2024 FireSmart Program  
**Government:** Provincial  
**Program:** 2024 FireSmart Community Funding & Supports Grant

**Description:** To conduct ongoing FireSmart activities, initiatives, the annual chipping program and the homeowner rebate program. Additional funding to support impact of the 2023 wildfires will be solely allocated to the Homeowner Rebate program.

**Amount awarded:** **\$400,000**

**Project Name:** **Canadian Country Music Week**

**Government:** Provincial

**Program:** Fairs, Festivals and Events Fund

**Description:** Kelowna is set to host the Canadian Country Music Awards in September 2025 for the first time ever. The event will take place at Prospera Place on September 2025, and will celebrate the best in country music. This marks a significant milestone for Kelowna, as it will be the first time the city hosts this prestigious event

**Amount awarded:** **\$200,000**

**Project Name:** **City of Kelowna's Safe Mobility Action Plan**

**Government:** Federal

**Program:** Enhanced Road Safety Transfer Payment Program (ERSTPP)

**Description:** The City of Kelowna's Safe Mobility Action Plan focuses on improving road safety and reducing collisions within city limits. The project establishes a clear safety vision and sets measurable collision reduction targets, aiming to enhance overall road safety outcomes.

**Amount awarded:** **\$137,680**

**Project Name:** **HAF Dashboard and Kelowna Housing Leadership**

**Government:** Federal

**Program:** ACT Agreement

**Description:** Development of a Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) dashboard designed to provide real-time access to grant details. The dashboard includes features such as initiative progress tracking, housing target updates, funding allocation summaries, and alert systems to support project management.

**Amount awarded:** **\$100,000**

**Project Name:** **2023 City of Kelowna Wildfire Mitigation project (Additional Funds)**

**Government:** Provincial

**Program:** FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program

**Description:** This project focuses on a variety of wildfire risk reduction initiatives in our community, including our unique FireSmart Community Chipping Program. This helps improve community awareness and knowledge of wildfire mitigation, manage hazardous vegetation in several areas of our community, and overall reduce the risk of wildfire.

**Amount awarded:** **\$100,000**

**Project Name:** **Indigenous Engagement Requirements**

**Government:** Provincial

**Program:** Emergency Management and Climate Readiness



**Description:** This project focuses on fostering collaboration in emergency management and preparedness. The work involves ensuring consistent practices and accurate reporting across the City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Lake Country, and the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

**Amount awarded:** **\$82,000**

**Project Name:** **Edith Gay Park Upgrades**

**Government:** Foundation

**Program:** Jays Care Field of Dreams

**Description:** The Edith Gay Park Upgrade project focuses on enhancing the quality and functionality of two significant baseball fields in Kelowna. These fields support a large number of participants, particularly during critical stages of their long-term athletic development as outlined in the Canadian Sport for Life framework.

**Amount awarded:** **\$72,500**

**Project Name:** **Improvement District Conversion Engagement**

**Government:** Provincial

**Program:** Restructure Planning Grant

**Description:** This project focuses on transitioning the Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District (GEID) to join the City of Kelowna's water utility. This initiative includes the development of a communications strategy, public engagement plan, and associated resources to support the initiative.

**Amount awarded:** **\$60,000**

**Project Name:** **OHM Washroom and Ramp Retrofits**

**Government:** Federal

**Program:** Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF)

**Description:** The Okanagan Heritage Museum (OHM) Upgrades involve the installation of grab bars, emergency call buttons, faucet and toilet sensors, interior ramps, lighting, tactile stripping and color contrasting to improve accessibility.

**Amount awarded:** **\$40,993**

**Project Name:** **BC Transit Bus Shelters**

**Government:** Provincial

**Program:** BC Transit Bus Shelter Program

**Description:** The project involves the installation of bus shelters at several key locations to enhance public transit infrastructure. The work includes installing new bus shelters, and improving bus shelters.

**Amount awarded:** **\$31,207**

**Project Name:** **UBCO/City of Kelowna Accessibility and Disability Justice (ADJ) Competency Training**

**Government:** University of British Columbia

**Program:** Community-University Engagement Support (CUES) Fund

**Description:** This project involves the development and delivery of training to enhance Accessibility and Disability Justice (ADJ) competencies at UBCO and the City of Kelowna. The initiative aligns with the requirements of the Accessible BC Act, focusing on building organizational capacity in ADJ to address identified gaps.

**Amount awarded:** **\$25,000**

**Project Name:** **A path to the future: Westbank First Nation and City of Kelowna**

**Government:** Federal-Provincial

**Program:** Regional Community to Community Program

**Description:** This project involves a collaborative effort between Westbank First Nation and the City of Kelowna to engage in a relationship-building initiative titled A Path to the Future. A consultant will facilitate a forum bringing together elected officials and senior staff from both organizations. The forum will focus on strengthening relationships, fostering constructive dialogue, and promoting shared cultural understanding.

**Amount awarded:** **\$20,000**

**Project Name:** **Scaling Up Heat Pump Adoption in Kelowna's Climate**

**Government:** Foundation

**Program:** Climate Internship Program

**Description:** This project focuses on promoting heat pumps as a viable low-carbon heating and cooling solution in BC, particularly in regions with colder winters like the Okanagan. It aims to provide accurate data on real-world performance to address misconceptions and build trust in the technology.

**Amount awarded:** **\$15,000**

**Project Name:** **Farmland Advantage Partnership**

**Government:** Provincial

**Program:** Advance Biodiversity Conservation on Private Lands

**Description:** This project aims to support riparian enhancements on private agricultural lands through a payment mechanism for ecosystem services. The focus is on improving biodiversity conservation, enhancing carbon sequestration, and supporting Species at Risk habitat in riparian areas, while ensuring the continued productivity of adjacent farmland over the long term.

**Amount awarded:** **\$15,000**

**Project Name:** **Drought Resilience Audit Program**

**Government:** Okanagan Basin Water Board

**Program:** Water Conservation and Quality Improvement Grants

**Description:** The project involves conducting irrigation system audits that include visual inspections, catch can collections, soil observations, water pressure tests and discussions with site staff. These audits inform system upgrades aimed at enhancing uniformity, reducing irrigation

timeframes, optimizing water use, and improving overall plant health, contributing to cost efficiencies for the City of Kelowna.

Amount awarded: **\$15,000**

**Total Grants Awarded: \$7,412,693**

## 2024 Contracts Managed<sup>1</sup>

**Project Name:** Kelowna's Housing Accelerator Program  
**Government:** Federal (administered by CMHC)  
**Program:** Housing Accelerator Fund  
**Description:** To implement system-changing actions to accelerate housing supply in Kelowna. This funding is to support the development of complete, low-carbon and climate-resilient communities that are affordable, inclusive, equitable and diverse.  
**Amount awarded:** **\$31,558,610**

**Project Name:** Mill Creek Flood Protection Project  
**Government:** Federal  
**Program:** Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund  
**Description:** This project aims to reduce flooding in Kelowna by upgrading the creek corridor from the airport to Okanagan Lake. It includes a diversion structure to redirect flood flows and completion is expected by winter 2027.  
**Amount awarded:** **\$22,000,000**

**Project Name:** Parkinson Redevelopment Child Care  
**Government:** Provincial/Federal  
**Program:** ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund  
**Description:** To build 91 childcare spaces at the new Parkinson Redevelopment, including: 12 group spaces (under 36 months), 25 group spaces (30 months to school age), and 54 group spaces (school age).  
**Amount awarded:** **\$9,100,000**

**Project Name:** Kelowna Septic System Elimination and Sewer Connection Project  
**Government:** Federal/Provincial  
**Program:** Investing in Canada Infrastructure – Environment Quality  
**Description:** To eliminate approximately 600 aging septic fields from Central Rutland, Rio/Rialto and Hall Road, and a creek crossing for servicing of the Hall Rd connection area.  
**Amount awarded:** **\$9,034,256**

<sup>1</sup> 2024 Contracts Managed identifies active grant contracts. Some of the projects may have been completed, however the contractual reporting requirements were still active for the grant in the calendar year.

**Project Name:** **Glenmore Activity Centre Child Care**  
**Government:** Provincial  
**Program:** ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund  
**Description:** To build 91 childcare spaces at the new Glenmore Activity Centre, including: 12 group spaces (under 36 months), 25 group spaces (30 months to school age), and 54 group spaces (school age).  
**Amount awarded:** **\$8,009,151**

**Project Name:** **Mission Activity Centre Child Care**  
**Government:** Provincial  
**Program:** ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund  
**Description:** To build 91 childcare spaces at the new Mission Activity Centre, including: 12 group spaces (under 36 months), 25 group spaces (30 months to school age), and 54 group spaces (school age).  
**Amount awarded:** **\$8,003,491**

**Project Name:** **YLW Combined Operations Building**  
**Government:** Federal  
**Program:** Airport Critical Infrastructure Program  
**Description:** To improve efficiencies in aircraft rescue, firefighting and operational responses to ensure the highest safety standards.  
**Amount awarded:** **\$7,100,000**

**Project Name:** **Next Generation 911**  
**Government:** Provincial  
**Program:** Next Generation 911 Funding  
**Description:** To support local preparedness for the implementation of Next Generation 911 and the transition of existing 911 services, in compliance with the Canadian-Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission mandate.  
**Amount awarded:** **\$3,045,000**

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**Government:** Provincial  
**Program:** Next Generation 911 Funding  
**Description:** To support local preparedness for the implementation of Next Generation 911 and the transition of existing 911 services, in compliance with the Canadian-Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission mandate.  
**Amount awarded:** **\$3,045,000**

**Project Name:** **Turtle Lake Dam and Septic Elimination Project**  
**Government:** Provincial  
**Program:** Critical Community Infrastructure Fund  
**Description:** To complete permanent earthworks stabilization on Turtle Lake Dams and install a sewer main and service connections in the Rutland area. The project enhances environmental quality, densification and community safety.



<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Kelowna Youth Gang Reduction and Prevention Strategy (Year 2-4)</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Federal
<b>Program:</b>	Building Safer Communities Fund
<b>Description:</b>	To collaborate with Central Okanagan Public Schools to implement a Youth Gang Reduction and Prevention Strategy.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$1,818,860</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Kelowna's Outdoor Navigation Strategy</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Federal/Provincial (administered by UBCM)
<b>Program:</b>	Strengthening Communities' Services Program
<b>Description:</b>	To provide critical services and supports for people sheltering outdoors such as the overnight sheltering site, day services, hygiene and personal belonging services.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$1,129,891</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Island Stage Rejuvenation</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Provincial
<b>Program:</b>	Destination Development Fund
<b>Description:</b>	To rejuvenate Island Stage, which is currently underutilized due to ageing infrastructure, lack of spectator space, and lack of amenities.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$998,868</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Enhance Accessibility and Inclusivity at Kelowna's newest waterfront park on Cedar Avenue</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Federal (PacifiCan)
<b>Program:</b>	Canada Community Revitalization Fund
<b>Description:</b>	To construct accessibility and inclusivity features including an accessible floating dock and kayak launch, accessible wash station, lighting, accessible wayfinding signage, and accessible picnic tables.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>YLW Mass Timber Demonstration Program</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Provincial (administered through Forestry Innovation Investment)
<b>Program:</b>	Mass Timber Demonstration Program
<b>Description:</b>	To utilize digital twin technology to develop, incorporate, and share new technologies for mass timber construction during YLW's project to expand the Air Terminal Building.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Annual ICBC Road Safety Improvement Grants</b>
<b>Government:</b>	ICBC
<b>Program:</b>	Road Safety Improvement Program
<b>Description:</b>	To complete road improvement upgrades around the community.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$364,900</b>

**Project Name:** PEOPLE Peer Navigators and Capacity Building Program  
**Government:** Federal  
**Program:** Substance Use and Addictions Program  
**Description:** Additional funding to extend the PEOPLE Peer Navigator program to build capacity of people with lived and living experience of past or current substance use through harm reduction or healing.  
**Amount awarded:** \$225,000

**Project Name:** 2023 City of Kelowna Wildfire Mitigation  
**Government:** Provincial  
**Program:** Firesmart Community Funding & Supports  
**Description:** To support various local FireSmart activities including hazard assessments, outreach activities, curbside removal of vegetation from FireSmart priority zones and a fuel modification project.  
**Amount awarded:** \$180,410

**Project Name:** North End Plan  
**Government:** Federal (administered through FCM)  
**Program:** Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan  
**Description:** The project focuses on sustainable development in Kelowna's North End, addressing land use, transportation, parks, and utilities. It aims to expand housing diversity, improve access to amenities, and retain industrial lands. The plan includes significant redevelopment of industrial sites and enhancing green spaces.  
**Amount awarded:** \$175,000

**Project Name:** Kelowna Urban Centres Planning Framework  
**Government:** Provincial  
**Program:** Complete Communities Program  
**Description:** To develop an Urban Centres Planning Framework; a unique approach to planning for Kelowna's five urban centres, where half of the rapid growth is anticipated.  
**Amount awarded:** \$149,500

**Project Name:** Ecological Restoration and Fuel Management in Wildland Urban Interface Environments  
**Government:** Federal  
**Program:** Environment and Climate Change Canada  
**Description:** To promote restoration of key habitats while simultaneously reducing risk of catastrophic wildfire.  
**Amount awarded:** \$132,025

**Project Name:** City of Kelowna Fleet Level 2 Chargers  
**Government:** Federal  
**Program:** Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program  
**Description:** To install 12 EV chargers at yards office and 12 EV chargers at wastewater treatment facility to support the expansion of the City's EV fleet.

<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>YLW Airfield Lighting and Supporting Infrastructure Design</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Federal
<b>Program:</b>	Airport Critical Infrastructure Program
<b>Description:</b>	This project aims to upgrade airfield lighting systems at YLW. It includes upgrading approach lighting, runway edge lighting, and airfield guidance signs to LED, and improving electrical infrastructure to enhance safety and meet regulatory requirement.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Accessibility Ratings and Upgrades – City Buildings</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Provincial (Rick Hansen Foundation)
<b>Program:</b>	RHF BC Grant Program
<b>Description:</b>	To undertake accessibility ratings for the Kelowna Museum, Parkinson Activity Centre, and the Kelowna Community Theatre including various accessibility upgrades.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$82,500</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Kelowna Food Innovation Project</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Provincial
<b>Program:</b>	Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Grant
<b>Description:</b>	To improve access to healthy, local food for people with lived and living experience of poverty. It focuses on collective governance, lived experience engagement, and innovative impact initiatives to enhance food security, with the goal of scaling these initiatives across the city.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Extreme Cold Weather Operations for People Sheltering Outdoors in Kelowna</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Provincial
<b>Program:</b>	Extreme Temperature Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning
<b>Description:</b>	To complete an Asset and Resources Systems Map and subsequent Response Plan that will identify local resources and provide guidance to assist those sheltering outside during extreme cold.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>MCRI Restoration and Effectiveness Monitoring</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Okanagan Basin Water Board
<b>Program:</b>	Water Quality and Conservation Improvement
<b>Description:</b>	This project focuses on assessing the effectiveness of restoration works in Mission Creek. It involves monitoring fish habitat, structural stability, and channel conditions to ensure long-term conservation and restoration.
<b>Amount awarded:</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Marinas &amp; Drinking Water on Okanagan Lake</b>
<b>Government:</b>	Okanagan Basin Water Board
<b>Program:</b>	Water Quality and Conservation Improvement

**Description:** To complete a data-guided assessment of potential effects of a proposed marina in Sutherland Bay on the Poplar Point intake.  
**Amount awarded:** \$24,000

**Total Grants Managed:** \$115,139,155<sup>2</sup> (refer to footnote for calculation)

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<sup>2</sup> Grants managed = \$107,726,462 (multi-year grants) + \$7,412,693 (2024 grants awarded)