

Generate Opportunities (GO) Fund – 2019 update

In 2016, BC Hydro launched the Generate Opportunities (GO) Fund, an \$800,000 fund to support Peace Region non-profit organizations. The GO Fund will be distributed over an eight-year period to organizations that provide services to vulnerable populations including children, families and seniors.

The GO Fund is administered by Northern Development Initiative Trust on behalf of BC Hydro. Applications for funding are accepted on an ongoing basis and funds are distributed on a quarterly basis. Organizations are eligible to apply for individual grants up to \$10,000 per year.

As of December 31, 2019, BC Hydro had distributed \$437,691 to 49 projects. For more information and to apply, please visit www.siteproject.com/GoFund or www.northerndevlopment.bc.ca (search “GO Fund”).



Participants in North Peace Gymnastics Association’s Special Abilities Program enjoy gymnastics with instructors and educational assistant support persons, supporting students in growing their physical and social skills. Each child receives an individual plan which may include speech and physiotherapy. The Special Abilities Program is run in partnership with School District 60 and ran as a pilot in 2018. NPGA received a GO Fund grant in June 2019. Photo credit: North Peace Gymnastics Association

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In 2019, we distributed \$151,046 to 17 non-profit organizations in the Peace Region, supporting non-profit organizations in providing services to vulnerable groups, including children, families and seniors, related to recreation, the arts, health, restorative justice and literacy.

2019	
Recipient organization:	Funding received:
BC SPCA (North Peace)	To assist low-income families and fixed-income seniors in having their cats spayed/neutered.
Community Bridge	To provide monthly Daddy and Me programs for dads, grandfathers and other male caregivers to enjoy an activity with children aged 0-6 years old.
Fort St. John & Area Senior's Care Foundation	To grow the Meals and Wheels and Better at Hope programs by providing wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and canes, and other necessary care supplies.
Fort St. John Association for Community Living	To provide residents with accessible, safe and reliable vehicle transportation to connect them with employment, services and community events.
Fort St. John Literacy Society	To build children's literacy with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program for free to vulnerable families, and to deliver a nutritional literacy program in 2020.
Fort St. John Metis Society	To deliver trapping and traditional Michif language programming by connecting Elders with youth and adults in cultural practices and revitalize the language.
Fort St. John Public Library Association	To deliver the CLICK program: computer literacy training to vulnerable populations, seniors and youth who may not otherwise have access to computer literacy training.
Fort St. John Women's Resource Society	To fund a coordinator to maintain food and clothing donations to the store, organize client volunteers and work with varying agencies within the community to provide community outreach and support to clients.
Hudson's Hope Fall Fair Society	To support low-income families and seniors in attending the Fall Fair and dinner, and to provide a wheelchair-accessible porta potty at the event.
North Peace Family SuperPark Society	To fund family programs for children of all ages and needs, with nutrition education through gardening and physical activity.
North Peace Gymnastics Association	To provide programming for special-needs students who require extra support to access the physical and social curriculum at school.
North Peace Justice Society	To provide a volunteer facilitator training program in financial responsibility, program sustainability as well as increase the depth and quality of training.
Northeast Aboriginal Business Centre Society	To provide nutritional information and kitchen tool-kits to vulnerable families currently struggling to provide healthy meals for themselves.
Northern British Columbia Volleyball Club	To provide free access to the Northern B.C. Volleyball Club Skills Camp to all children in Fort St. John, including those outside the Club.
Peace Passage Skating Club	To fund registration fees for 20 children skaters for the 2019/2020 season.
Sources Community Resources Society	To fund an ADHD Conference to provide training and information to professionals and caregivers who live and work with those living with ADHD.
Tansi Friendship Centre Society	To supply children from vulnerable families with school-supplies-filled backpacks, and to run a lunch program to provide healthy snacks, and include the family members in making the meals, thereby increasing food-safe skills.