

**FOUNDATION  
FOR BLACK  
COMMUNITIES**

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POUR LES  
COMMUNAUTÉS  
NOIRES**

# **B.I.G. Black Ideas Grant:**

**Bridge and Build 2023 Informational Webinar**

## **S.A.G.I. Subvention pour accélérer les grandes idées des communautés noires: Connection et croissance 2023**

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# **Key Information**

## **Translation, Interpretation, ASL, & LSQ**

# Today's Presenters

- The Honorable Marlene Jennings – FFBC Board Co-Chair
- Liban Abokor – FFBC Board Co-Chair
- Michelle Musindo – Program Manager, Community Impact

*The Foundation For Black Communities is currently on the **land of Indigenous communities who have been stewards of these lands since time immemorial** and who continue to be systematically erased by policies and practices that remove their histories from this place.*

*We also acknowledge board and staff members of African descent whose ancestors were forcibly displaced as part of the transatlantic slave trade, brought against their will, and made to work on these lands. **We believe that advancing Indigenous sovereignty and Black liberation are deeply and inextricably linked to one another** and we remain committed to advancing both.*

*Nous nous trouvons sur  
les terres des communautés autochtones qui en prennent soin depuis les  
temps immémoriaux et qui continuent de faire systématiquement l'objet de  
politiques et de pratiques contribuant à effacer leurs histoires de cet endroit.*

*Nous reconnaissons également les membres de notre conseil d'administration et  
de notre personnel, qui sont de  
descendance africaine et dont les ancêtres ont été déplacés de force pendant le  
commerce transatlantique des esclaves, amenés sur ce continent contre leur gr  
é et forcés d'y travailler. Nous croyons que les luttes pour  
la souveraineté autochtone et  
la libération des personnes noires sont inextricablement liées, et  
nous maintenons notre engagement à faire avancer les deux causes.*

*(Traduction d'un paragraphe tiré du site Web de la Fondation Inspirit).*

# Agenda

- About FFBC
- Introduction of the Grant
- Grants and Application Process
- Information Sessions and Dates
- Questions & Answers
- Community Selection Circles





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# About FFBC

# FFBC

- *To uplift Black-led, Black-focused, and Black-serving (B3) non-profits and charities who stand as pillars of strength and support to Black communities*
- *To celebrate and continue to invest in B3s crucial role in cultivating Black communities that are healthy, vibrant, and thriving*
- *To build, sustain, and expand transformational ideas and initiatives driven by Black communities.*



# Why a Foundation?

## Why Philanthropy

- To reclaim Black sovereignty
- To provide grants that facilitate self-determination
- To commit to not only financial stability but to the sustained development of Black communities nationwide
- To support the aspirations of Black communities
- To ensure resources return to where they can make the most significant impact

# A year in review



- Built capacity, partnerships, and the foundation itself
- Expanded our reach, enhanced our capabilities, and laid the groundwork for future initiatives
- Continued to invest in research, collaboration, and policy
- Granted 3.1 million to Black Canadians and communities



# What's next?

- B.I.G. Black Ideas Grant: Bridge and Build Fund 2023
  - allocate an additional \$9 million in grants by March 2024
  - support over 120 initiatives across Canada
  - focus on the diverse needs and aspirations of Black communities

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# About the Grant



# Black Ideas Grant (B.I.G.)

Bridge and Build 2023



# B.I.G. Black Ideas Grant: Bridge and Build 2023

FFBC's Black Ideas Grant: Bridge and Build 2023 is a significant investment of \$8.9 million to acknowledge and support solution-oriented initiatives led by Canada's Black communities. This inaugural program will fund some of the immediate and direct needs of Black communities and give valuable insights for future funding programs.

# Important Dates and Deadlines

- Applications open: December 18, 2023
  - All applicants will receive notification of the outcome of their application in March 2024. Applicants are invited to apply to three streams.
- Deadline to apply: February 1, 2024

# Eligibility

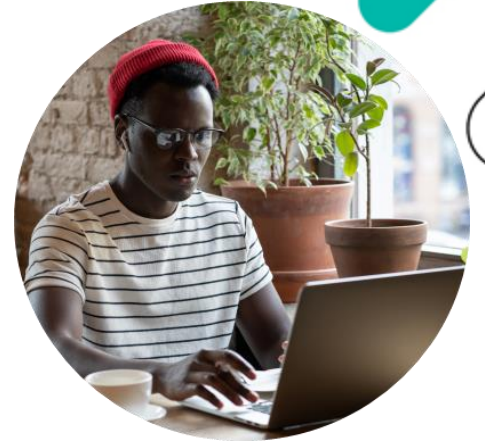
- Be Black-led, Black-focused, and Black-serving (B3) organizations, groups, and collaboratives.
  - Majority of organizational leadership at all levels are Black. The organization's primary goal is to meaningfully support and engage Black communities, and a significant portion of program activities prioritize serving Black communities.
- Be a registered charity, incorporated non-profit, other qualified donee or an unincorporated non-profit or group working with an incorporated partner.
  - Unincorporated groups could include Black collaboratives, Student Unions, Affinity Groups, etc.
- Be located in Canada.
  - Proposed activities must be based in Canada.



# About the Grant

Applicants are invited to apply to three streams:

- The Core stream
- Catapult stream
- Community Capital stream



# Core

- Eligible organizations and groups can apply for up to \$40,000 to address core funding needs.
- This stream will fund core activities related to the operational success of the organization or group.
- Applicants can submit proposals for staffing, non-staffing, and administrative costs unrelated to programming.



# • Catapult

Eligible organizations and groups can apply for \$40,000 to \$100,000 to explore new or existing approaches to improving socio-economic well-being in Black communities, including the research, design, piloting, and evaluation of initiatives.

- New ideas and approaches: \$40,000 - \$75,000.
- Expanding programs or services: \$40,000 - \$100,000.



# Community Capital

- Bold and big ideas that advance the social and economic infrastructure of Black communities
- Up to \$250,000 to scale programs, services, or commercialization initiatives
- Contribute to a stronger ecosystem for Black communities and lay the groundwork for transformative change



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# What's Next?

# Webinar Schedule



- December 19 at 3:00 pm EST  
(Simultaneous Translation)
- December 21 at 11:00 am  
EST(Simultaneous Translation)
- January 16 at 1:00 pm EST  
(English)
- January 18 at 1:00 pm EST  
(French)



# Questions?



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# Community Selection Circles

Participatory Grantmaking Process



# Community Selection Circles

- All FFBC Funding decisions are made by Community Selection Circles, composed of 50% applicants and 50% wider community members.
- Community Selection Circles will recommend applicants for consideration by the board
- Community Selection Circles will attend a selection meeting and be presented with the overall granting strategy, share feedback, and identify learnings.

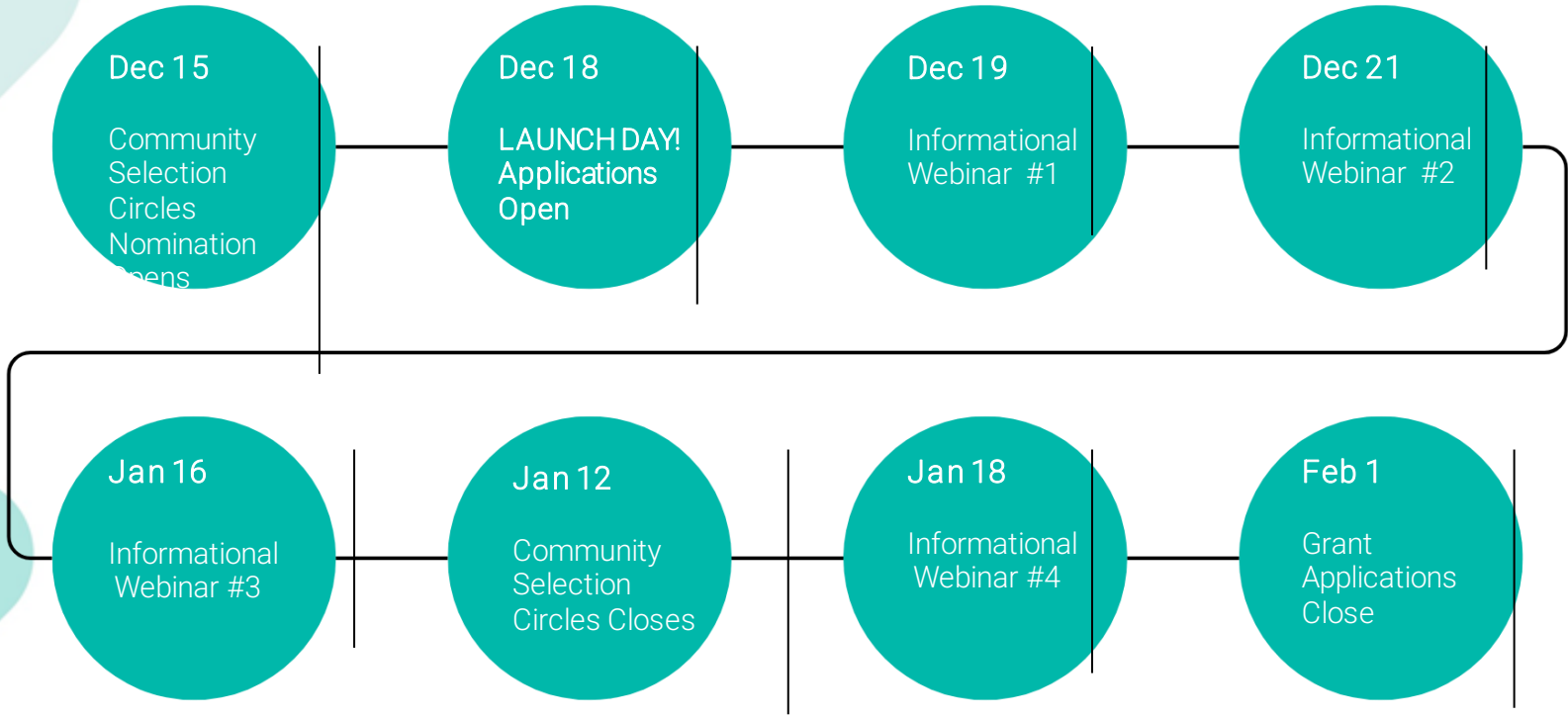


# • Community Selection Circles

- Opens tomorrow
- Nominate yourself or other Black Community members
- Keep an eye out for application form!
- We thank you in advance for your consideration
- Need more information? [fund@forblackcommunities.org](mailto:fund@forblackcommunities.org)



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**Thank you!**

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