



National Association of Japanese Canadians

## ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

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Endowment Fund Committee: David Mitsui, President and Chair; Kayla Isomura (Vancouver); Anri Simpson (Hamilton); Laura Uyenaka (Toronto).

In summary, the EF Committee received 17 applications (2 for Sport, Education, and Arts Development; 15 for Culture Development). The approved projects, the amount awarded and reasons for not supporting projects are provided below.

<b>Type: CD or SEAD</b>	<b>Member Organization Project leader</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Funds Approved</b>
SEAD	Central Vancouver Island JJC – Eiko Eby	Participation in the World Cup for Field Hockey for Masters in Barcelona, July 27-August 5, 2018. Request \$2,500	2,500
CD	Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association (LJCA) Angela Foreman	Workshops of Kaminari Wan Taiko in northwestern Ontario communities including Thunder Bay. Request \$5,000	5,000
CD	Calgary Japanese Community Association- Shirley Shigematsu	Invitation to Eitetsu Hayashi, Taiko master, to perform and teach a workshop to high level students of Taiko from all over Alberta. Request \$5,000.	5,000
CD	Hamilton- Bryce Kanbara	Monograph about Japanese Canadian Art and Artists within the Canadian Culture. Request \$2,800	1,000
CD	Burnaby, BC- Hirokazu Okusa	Book about the history of JC through the lens of the Japanese Martial Art Kendo in Canada. Request \$ 5,000	4,900
CD	Nikkei National Museum-Sherri Kajiwara	Revision of the Nikkei National Museum Field trips, research and development of new materials. Request \$5,000	5,000



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CD	Vernon Japanese Cultural Society-Darrell Oshiro	Haru Matsuri Spring Festival project activity and materials: taiko, tea ceremony, koto, sushi, calligraphy and children's activity. Request \$3,100	3,100
CD	Ottawa Japanese Community Association- Matt Miwa	Photoshoot of models in kimonos at Takahashi Dojo with photographer Kyoko Tsunetomi who specializes in kimono styling. Request \$1,000	1,000
CD	VR360 Media Inc-Graham Cairns	Virtual reality documentary project about JC interned at the New Denver Camp. Use cameras in 360 degrees. Request \$5,000	5,000
			CD=\$30,000 SEAD=\$2,500

There were eight applications that did not receive any funding. As the amount of funds available for distribution each year is limited to the investment returns of the Endowment Funds, applications need to be prioritized by the Endowment Fund Committee and it is not possible to fund all applications received.

Other reasons for not funding other applications include:

- Feasibility of a project
- Application received better suited for a different type of grant
- Lack of clarity in project description
- Project received funding in previous years
- Insufficient benefit to the Japanese Canadian community