



OCEAN LITERACY COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM



Launched in February 2023, the Ocean Literacy Community Grants initiative provides more accessible funding opportunities for community-driven ocean literacy initiatives that are **regionally, culturally, and linguistically** relevant. Establishing a Community Grants program was identified as a priority action in the [Canadian Ocean Literacy Strategy](#) (March 2021).

In 2023, the fund offered grants ranging from **\$500 - \$3,000** to be used by community organizations to support events during Ocean Week Canada. The grant program was announced February 6, 2023 and the grant portal closed on February 20. On March 6, 2023, **26 grants were awarded \$55,000 in funding** (total) for events to be held in May and June 2023.

The program received **146 complete applications** for events, requesting a total of **\$345,448 in funding** for community ocean literacy events in **French, English and multiple Indigenous languages across Canada**. Twenty-eight of the applications (19%) were for shoreline cleanup events. The majority of events are geared towards families and involve collaborations or partnerships between multiple community organizations. Nearly all (97%) of the applications were for in-person and hybrid events.

Grant Applications: Numbers at a glance

\$55K in funding awarded

4 grants awarded to promote ocean literacy in freshwater communities

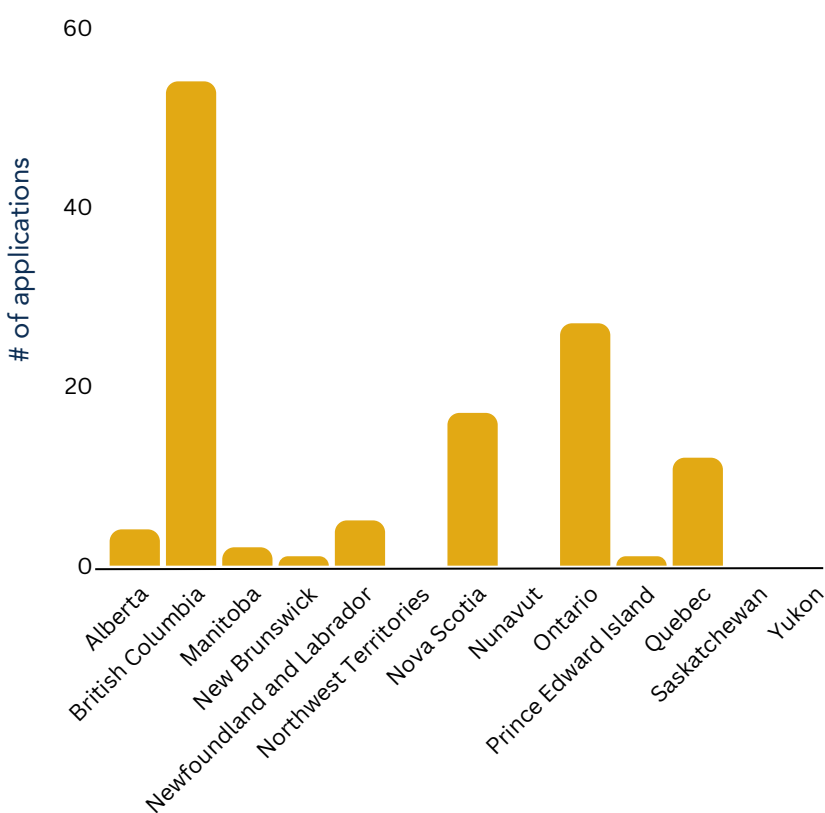
5 partners involved in the grant program launch

30 applications for events in Indigenous languages

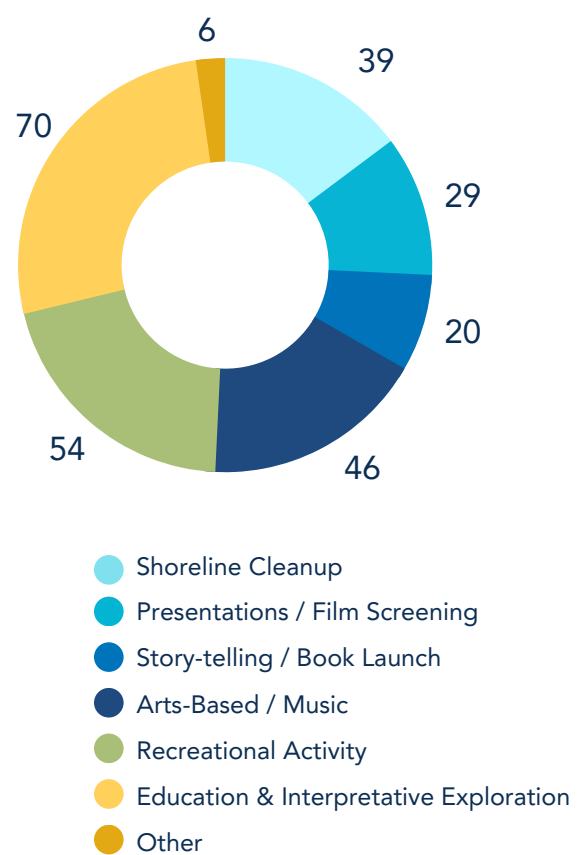
152 organizations added to the Ocean Week Canada network

5300 Grant website views

Applications by province/territory



Type of event



Note: many events are categorized as more than one event type

Partners



More information: <https://colcoalition.ca/projects/community-microgrant-program/>