

Japanese Canadian Legacies Fund

VNCS brings together the JC community to celebrate culture, hold space for learning and healing from inter-generational impacts of the Internment, and support learning and expression of cultural activities.

Future of VNCS relies on preserving the community of survivors, descendants, and passionate JC members who have led grassroots initiatives to where we are today. It also serves the emerging demographic of young JCs seeking to connect to their heritage & identity.

VNCS Grants - 2024:

- **Capital Projects**

- Happi Coats and Cooking Equipment** (Mochi Machine, Takoyaki & Teppanyaki Grill, etc.)
\$8,272 - Project Lead: Tsugio Kurushima & Team

- **Intergenerational Wellness**

- JC Cooking Classes, Cultural Activities and Non-Violent Communication Workshop**
\$9,220 - Project Lead: Patti Ayukawa & Team

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A 30th Anniversary year long celebration of VNCS will unite our community and create a memorable year to bridge our vibrant past to a promising future.

Community Fund – 2024

VNCS 30th Anniversary Celebration

\$40,000 Project Lead: Karen Koyanagi Geiger & Team

- 30th Anniversary Event
- Youngsei Group
- Taiko Drumming
- Ikebana Group
- Furusato Dancing
- VNCS Cultural Fair



Legacies Community 2 Fund –2025 & 2026

先駆者 SENKUSHA: Stories of Japanese Canadian Trailblazers

\$35,000 Project Lead: Karen Koyanagi Geiger

New Victoria Youngsei Group

New Youngsei Group – JC Youth 19-35 years old

30+ Members in Victoria (Nisei, Sensei, Yonsei, Gosei)

Regional Lead: Hannah Mariko Bell / National Lead: Djuna Nagasaki

Social Media: Hanna Knudson

VNCS Board Lead & Mentor: Karen Koyanagi Geiger

Activities

Sushi Making Class JC History Tour Mayne Island Noodle November

Art Gallery Exhibit Yukata Dressing Workshop Shinto Shrine Visit

Summer Picnic Food-Sharing Gatherings SpinCo Fitness Class

Year 2025

What's being planned for this year and future?

