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MANITOBA ACCESSIBILITY FUND 2023-24 RECIPIENTS

South Interlake Regional Library: Non-Profit Organization

This project will remove barriers to information and communications electronically and in print by using established interlibrary loan processes to make available adaptive technology, which will bring 1.2 million book titles to print disabled Manitobans in rural areas. Funding: \$27,900

Supporting Employment and Economic Development Winnipeg Inc. (SEED): Non-Profit Organization

This project will remove barriers to information and communication by upgrading SEED Winnipeg’s website to meet WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards and incorporate principles of universal design. Funding: \$28,646

Perimeter Aviation LP: Business

This project aims to enhance the Perimeter Aviation website and implement visual paging in the Winnipeg terminal. Funding: \$45,000

Red River North Counselling and Therapy Services Inc.: Business

Using a human rights perspective and a disability lens, Red River North CTS Inc. plans to improve the accessibility of its services for individuals living in Manitoba’s Interlake area. Funding: \$44,142.50

Independent Living Resource Centre: Non-Profit Organization

This project will support the accessibility of four community partner agencies, including Sara Riel Inc., through a ‘collaborative audit’ process, addressing physical work/public spaces, digital/print information, websites, emergency procedures and customer service policies. Funding: \$24,500

Manitoba Possible (on behalf of Barrier-Free Manitoba): Non-Profit Organization

This project will assist Barrier-Free Manitoba to extend and expand its work and develop public awareness and training materials. Funding: \$45,000

Shakespeare In The Ruins Inc: Non-Profit Organization

This project will increase access to workshops, classes and other professional development opportunities for theatre professionals living with disabilities. Funding: \$17,000

Lord Selkirk School Division: School Division

This project would allow for the placement of core communication boards in every school playground in the division. Funding: \$16,800

Manitoba Accessible Sport Council (known as Accessible Sport Connection Manitoba): Non-Profit Organization

Accessible Sport Connect Manitoba will create a tool kit that includes all aspects of mobility and equity and builds healthier, more connected communities. Funding: \$25,000

Swim Natation Manitoba: Non-Profit Organization

This project will upgrade and improve website accessibility to meet the needs of Manitoba's swim community. Funding: \$22,000

Rural Municipality of Woodlands: Municipality

This project will enable the municipality to purchase and install an induction hearing loop system in the reception area of the RM office. Funding: \$17,388.95

Town of Winnipeg Beach: Municipality

This project will redesign existing signage to be visibly and physically accessible. Funding: \$23,650

Career Connections Inc.: Non-Profit Organizations

This project will raise awareness through the creation of videos of success stories both from client and employer perspectives. Funding: \$44,995

La Maison des artistes visuels francophones Inc: Non-Profit Organization

This project will create accessible communications for our programming by developing QR codes linked to texts in both official languages as well as an audio version of the texts. Funding: \$18,000

The Cerebral Palsy Association of Manitoba.: Non-Profit Organization

This project will produce an accessible information document, *Guidelines for Planning and Building an Inclusive Community*, outlining best-practice solutions for accessible residential environments, including day programming for people with disabilities, and develop equitable employment opportunities. Funding: \$22,545

The Fort Whyte Foundation Inc.- FortWhyte Alive: Non-Profit Organization

This project will contract Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities Inc. to undertake a diagnostic accessibility audit for the summer season to identify physical (visual, hearing and mobility) barriers to access at the facility, within programs and existing technology, to improve accessibility and visitor experience based on universal design. Funding: \$25,000

The Higher Learning Foundation Inc.: Non-Profit Organization

The Mental Fitness Training Accessibility Project targets accessible information and communication, and customer service standards, by reducing the barriers for Manitobans to access mental fitness programming. Funding: \$44,400

Transportation Options for Seniors (TONS) Inc.: Non-Profit Organization

In partnership with the Independent Living Resource Centre, TONS will collaborate on a project to reduce barriers faced by rural accessible transportation program volunteers, drivers and board members. Funding: \$14,465

Winnipeg Chinese Senior Association (WCSA): Non-Profit Organization

This project includes upgrading the website to be accessible and increasing awareness of accessibility among WCSA members. Funding: \$24,900

Winnipeg Regional Health Authority: Health Authority

The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority will conduct an audit of website content to ensure compliance with WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards, and develop training for internal staff by providing them with web accessibility expertise to benefit their future work. Funding: \$45,000

Squarely Social Inc.: Business

This project is the second phase of an accessibility training initiative that began with 2022 MAF funding. It will raise awareness and educate communications and marketing professionals about how to create accessible documents and PDFs. Funding \$17,625

City of Winnipeg: Municipality

This project will enhance the city's ability to deliver inclusive and accessible customer service at reception counters through the addition of audio-loop assistive listening systems. Funding: \$25,000

Assiniboine Community College: Education Institution

This project will address the information and communication needs of people with disabilities by making assistive devices available in various settings such as classrooms, lecture theatres, and public spaces and offering training on the use of these devices. Funding: \$10,500

Portage la Prairie Regional Library: Non-Profit Organization

The library will upgrade offerings for visually impaired individuals including training to help employees and caregivers. Funding: \$10,532.56

The Manitoba Association of Friendship Centres Inc: Non-Profit Organization

This project will develop and distribute an accessibility policy toolkit to friendship centres across the province to promote equal access for people with disabilities. Funding: \$31,283.67

Arts AccessAbility Network Manitoba: Non-Profit Organization

This project will continue to audit arts spaces and venues in Manitoba using an audit created and informed by the deaf and disability community. Funding: \$7,900

Bibliothèque Régionale Jolys Regional Library: Non-Profit Organization

To enhance library services, this project will help the library purchase books in large print. Funding: \$8,593.75

Klinic Community Health – Klinic Inc.: Non-Profit Organization

Funding will enable Klinic to undertake a facility accessibility review and create a detailed plan, including recommendations on addressing any gaps identified, and provide training materials. Funding: \$25,000

Resource Centre for Manitobans Who Are Deaf-Blind (RCMDB): Non-Profit Organization

This project will raise awareness about the prevention and removal of barriers and deaf-blindness during Deaf-Blind Awareness Month, including an awareness workshop, mental health training and adding ASL translation to the RCMPDB website. Funding: \$24,952.57

St. Amant Foundation: Non-Profit Organization

This project will provide site planning and a preliminary design for an accessible play space and outdoor garden at 440 River Rd. Funding: \$8,750

IBEX Intermodal Services Ltd. (Winnipeg): Business

The project will include a software audit to ensure it is accessible to employees and customers and meets or exceeds WCAG 2.1 Level AA guidelines. Funding: \$22,500

Municipality of Russell-Binscarth (Western): Rural Municipality

This project will update the municipality's accessibility plan, based on consultation with people with disabilities and service agencies. Funding: \$19,030

New Directions for Children, Youth Adults and Families Inc: Non-Profit Organization

This project will pilot support for deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals and staff that includes interpretation and dual interpretation services in therapy services, workshops, ASL training for staff and translation of the New Directions Operations Manual into ASL. Funding: \$15,000

Boyne Regional Library: Non-Profit Organization

This project will implement activities and enhancements to improve accessibility and inclusivity for library patrons with disabilities. Funding: \$11,643.74

Université de Saint-Boniface: Education Institution

This project, Accompagnement d'accessibilité Web, is part of a larger web development project to redesign, migrate and enhance a new website. Funding: \$11,175

Artbeat Studio Inc.: Non-Profit Organization

This project will create a set of employment resources and tools needed to successfully include people with disabilities in the workplace, based on lived experience and best practices. Funding: \$10,000

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB): Non-Profit Organization

This project will build inclusive communities using a participant-led awareness and education strategy to promote new accessible solutions and best practices to support the inclusion of people living with sight loss long term. Funding: \$10,000

Shift Accessibility: Business

This project will raise awareness about the prevention and removal of barriers within homes and businesses. Funding: \$10,000

Centre for Human Rights Research (University of Manitoba): Education Institution

This project will develop a fully accessible website for the Centre for Human Rights Research at the University of Manitoba to remove barriers to human rights-based information and communications for the public, policymakers, and UM students, staff and faculty. Funding: \$10,000

Red River College Polytechnic: Education Institution

This project will enhance accessibility by engaging consultants to conduct an environmental scan to identify leading practices related to developing accessible instructional and informational materials. Funding: \$10,000

River East Transcona School Division: Education Institution

In partnership with Allyant (specializing in offering equitable access to digital, document and printed information for people with disabilities), River East Transcona School Division will perform a website audit. Funding: \$10,000

Prairie Theatre Exchange (PTE) Inc.: Non-Profit Organization

This project will enable PTE to become a local leader in the theatre arts sector by providing accessible options for Manitobans to enjoy their plays. Funding: \$4,400