

About us

For more than a decade, the BHP Foundation has tackled the root causes of complex sustainability challenges relevant to the resources sector.

Created and funded by BHP, this non-profit organization works at both national and global levels to shift the systems that stand in the way of a more equitable and sustainable future for people and planet. Working in trusted partnerships with leading NGOs, think tanks, national and international institutions, the BHP Foundation seeks to drive large-scale, systemic change for impact that endures.

With cumulative investments of more than US\$433 million to date, the BHP Foundation continues to focus on advancing equity and self-determination for Indigenous Peoples and preparing children and young people for the economy of the future. Its partnerships are mainly focused in Australia, Canada and Chile.

Global investment

 **US\$ 433 million**
paid in grants, donations and sponsorships since FY15

 **US\$ 75 million**
paid in grants, donations and sponsorships in FY25

 **40+**
active partner organizations

Canada investment

 **US\$ 34.4 million**
paid in grants, donations and sponsorships since FY15

 **US\$ 13.7 million**
paid in grants, donations and sponsorships in FY25

 **6**
active partner organizations in FY25

Note: Funding from multi-country projects which may have a footprint in Canada (amongst other countries) are not represented in the totals for Canadian investment.

Partnerships in Canada

BHP Foundation provides large, long-term grants to organizations with the ambition to address the root causes of social issues and shift the underlying structures that prevent equity and sustainability. Its main partnerships in Canada over the 2025 Financial Year include:

Indigenous Peoples and local communities



[Learn more](https://smartice.org)
smartice.org

Ice navigation, economic self-determination and culture preservation for Inuit by Inuit led by SmartICE Monitoring & Information Inc.

Commenced: Sept 2024 **Investment:** US\$9.6 million
Duration: 5 years **Country:** Canada

Improving the accessibility of resources and support for land-based education and cultural revitalization activities in Indigenous communities across Inuit Nunangat, the Northern Territories and Northern British Columbia in Canada.

Progress to date

In Arctic and Northern Canada, ice functions as an essential highway between communities and provides access to local foods. Climate change has made ice conditions more variable, impacting Indigenous communities' activities and livelihoods. Since 2017, SmartICE has supported northern Indigenous communities by providing an ice monitoring service that combines Indigenous and local knowledge with modern technology to improve ice-travel safety. SmartICE is working to fast-track greater training and work opportunities with local Indigenous operators to deploy SmartICE technology and produce ice safety products based on local ice conditions and IQ (Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit).

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silr.ca

Supporting Indigenous Language Revitalization led by the University of Alberta

Commenced: March 2021 **Commitment:** US\$9.0 million
Duration: 6 years **Country:** Canada

Providing support to Indigenous communities in building capacity to successfully carry out their own language revitalization.

Progress to date

Canada is home to approximately 70 Indigenous languages, some of which face endangerment or declining usage. Supporting Indigenous Language Revitalization (SILR) drives change by weaving language revitalization strategies and tools directly into policy and practice, both within communities and throughout education systems. Its language revitalization efforts have forged partnerships with Indigenous education providers and championed 36 community-centered collaborations to date. Through its programming, resources and annual Gatherings, SILR is demonstrating its role as a national leader in Indigenous language revitalization in Canada. The 2025 SILR Gathering hosted almost 300 participants from seven provinces/territories, who then bring their learnings back to their communities.

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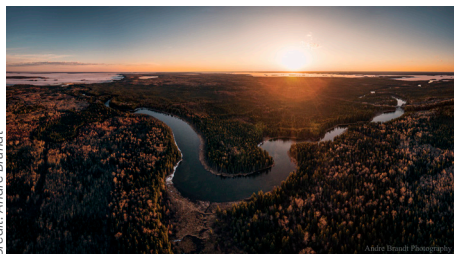
Transformative Governance: Collaborative Leadership Initiative led by the Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources

Commenced: Sept 2021 **Investment:** US\$4.5 million
Duration: 5 years **Country:** Canada

Advancing reconciliation and enhancing water sustainability, by implementing and embedding a process for reconciliation-based collaborative governance.

Progress to date

CIER, Canada's first Indigenous directed environmental non-profit implementing reconciliation based collaborative water governance initiatives, is transforming decision making between Indigenous and non-Indigenous municipal leaders in watersheds across Canada. The Collaborative Leadership Initiative is underway across four sites in British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Winnipeg. Fort Smith, the most progressed site, formalized a four-government collaboration with an historic Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and established a permanent implementation entity. Okanagan saw 30 Sylix and local government leaders sign an MOA to protect and restore water (siw̓k̓w̓). The Mackenzie River Basin and Winnipeg projects are also advancing through earlier stages. In a world of ever-increasing demand for and conflict over scarce water resources, this project is a scalable model with potential global applicability.



Credit: Andre Brant

Forest Conservation in Manitoba's Boreal led by Nature United

Commenced: Sept 2017 **Investment:** US\$9.3 million
Duration: 7 years **Country:** Canada

Working with First Nations to create a new model for land and water management and a resilient future for the people and nature of Canada's boreal forest.

Progress to date

The Boreal Forest Project is pioneering a new model that empowers Indigenous communities to lead land management in Manitoba's nine-million-hectare boreal forest. Since 2017, it has involved First Nations in Forest Management Planning with government and industry, supporting culturally-relevant stewardship that could be applied across Canada's boreal forests—one of the world's largest carbon sinks, containing 208 billion metric tonnes of CO₂. The project launched five Land Use Plans, each outlining a Nation's vision. First Nations now shape the 20-year Forest Plan: their plans are in the Terms of Reference, each Nekoté Nation has a seat, and some are crafting engagement strategies. Two communities run Guardians programs for patrols, outreach, and trail care; four others lead monitoring and land-based stewardship.

Learn more

natureunited.ca/about-us/where-we-work/manitoba/



Credit: Ecole Boreale

Northwest Territories On The Land Collaborative led by MakeWay

Commenced: Sept 2023 **Investment:** US\$500,000
Duration: 2 years **Country:** Canada

Improving the accessibility of resources and support for land-based education and cultural revitalization activities in Indigenous communities across Northwest Territories in Canada.

Progress to date

Climate change is transforming Canada's North, affecting the resilience of Inuit, First Nations, and Métis communities. Makeway supports Indigenous-led solutions through a collaborative funding model that connects resources directly with local initiatives. To this end, the NWT On The Land Collaborative disbursed -US\$840,000 or CAD\$1,154,450 in 2024 for 54 projects in the region, enabling locally-led initiatives to strengthen communities. Projects included cultural education in schools, elder-youth knowledge and language transfer, land-based addictions recovery, outdoor daycare programming, and Indigenous food security.

Learn more

makeway.org



Natural Infrastructure for Water Solutions led by the International Institute for Sustainable Development

Commenced: Jan 2022 **Commitment:** US\$4.1 million
Duration: 5.5 years **Country:** Canada

Scaling up natural infrastructure on Canada's Prairies for improved water and more resilient communities.

Progress to date

Over 30% of Canada's water infrastructure is in fair or poor shape, while extreme weather events are worsening in the Prairies. The Natural Infrastructure for Water Solutions project aims to expand natural infrastructure and boost water resilience. In the past year, IISD published the Funding the Future report to engage federal and provincial government stakeholders at a policy level to include natural infrastructure in climate-resilient planning. The team also set up 10 floating wetlands in Manitoba, trained 400+ municipal staff, and launched new Indigenous partnerships. A mid-term evaluation shifted NIWS's focus to policy, partnerships, and systems change, to better position the model for broader impact across the Prairies.

Learn more

iisd.org/niws

Notes: The BHP Foundation makes charitable payments in US Dollars and other currencies. Figures in this report include foreign currency commitments translated to US Dollars, our reporting currency, using BHP forward planning rates. Total committed amounts per project may vary year-to-year based on the exchange rate at the time of payments, and any variation in forward planning rates. However the underlying commitment in local currency remains the same. Investment totals mean a project has been paid in full. Committed totals mean there are still payments to be made.

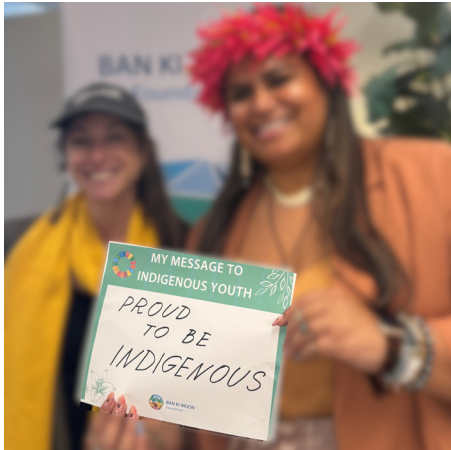
Partnerships in the United States

 **US\$ 13.2 million**
paid in grants, donations
and sponsorships since FY15

 **US\$ 2.2 million**
paid in grants, donations
and sponsorships in FY25

 **3**
active partner
organizations in FY25

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bankimoonfoundation.org

Leadership development for Native & Indigenous Youth in the Americas led by Ban Ki-Moon Foundation

Commenced: Nov 2023 **Investment:** US\$500,000
Duration: 2 years **Country:** United States

Enabling leadership development that empowers Indigenous and Native Youth to strengthen and amplify their influence through a cross-border community of practice.

Progress to date

Indigenous communities in the US and Canada face acute challenges in leadership development—exacerbated by the pandemic—with too few accessible, culturally relevant opportunities, especially for women and youth. The Ban Ki-Moon Foundation launched an initiative in 2024 to boost Indigenous and Native Youth leadership in the United States and Canada, aiming to increase their global advocacy, reduce barriers to leadership, and enhance funding. After working with over 30 Indigenous youth leaders and Indigenous-led organizations, the Foundation will start a Community of Practice for North American Indigenous-led groups in 2025 focused on climate justice, along with a cross-border Fellowship for youth ages 18–35 to build advocacy skills.

Environment



[Learn more](https://internetofwater.org)
internetofwater.org

Internet of Water led by Duke University's Nicholas Institute

Commenced: Oct 2021 **Commitment:** US\$6.5 million
Duration: 5 years **Country:** United States

Empowering decision-makers and communities to generate insights, inform decision-making, and inspire innovative solutions by modernizing public water data infrastructure.

Progress to date

The Internet of Water (IoW) Coalition is building integrated data infrastructure across the United States to support data-driven decisions. IoW improves access to water data, offers educational programs for stakeholders, and connects a national community of practice. This includes tools like Geoconnex Explorer, an interactive map for accessing river data from multiple sources, and WestDAAT 2.0, which offers water rights and usage data for western states. The coalition's efforts were nationally recognized in the 2024 Water Resources Development Act.

Environment



[Learn more](https://pacinst.org)
pacinst.org

Advancing Water Equity and Resilience led by Pacific Institute

Commenced: Jan 2022 **Investment:** US\$6.0 million
Duration: 5 years **Country:** United States

Generating evidence of effective water equity and resilience strategies and promoting awareness and uptake of those strategies to strengthen water equity and resilience in the United States.

Progress to date

Water is vital for people, nature, and the economy, but overuse and pollution – driven by outdated policies, growth, and climate change – threaten its availability, quality, and cost. Frontline communities face the first and worst of these impacts, underscoring the urgency of building more just and resilient water systems. Pacific Institute is advancing water equity and resilience in the United States through evidence-based strategies that deliver benefits for people and nature. Their research has identified practical approaches to strengthen water equity and resilience, and, together with NGOs serving frontline communities and partners across the public and private sectors, they are putting these strategies into action. Through strategic outreach and engagement, the organization is also elevating awareness of these approaches and building momentum to scale them to communities around the world.