



The City of Edmonton's Chinatown Vibrancy Fund supports the implementation of the Chinatown Strategy by bringing visitors into the area through festivals, events, and cultural projects, building community cohesion, and empowering residents both housed and unhoused.

2024 Chinatown Vibrancy Fund Recipients

Project Name	Group	Amount	Theme	Project Description
Dragon Boat Festival Van Loc Party	Van Loc	\$58,429.55	Festival	A celebration in Edmonton's Chinatown during the Dragon Boat Festival Weekend offering a dynamic lineup of entertainment, including live music, dance showcases, and performances by local DJs.
Azure Dragon of the East	Young Ick Cha	\$40,509.50	Mural	The second mural in a four-mural series titled "The Four Guardians of Chinatown 唐人街四象" – depicting one of four mythical guardian beasts from Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Japanese ancestral lore – and an unveiling event in the community.
Summer Festival 2024 and 2025	Chinatown BIA	\$90,000	Festival	The Chinatown Summer Festival is a one-day festival showcasing the cultural heritage of Chinatown through a series of performances, like singing, dancing, martial arts, dragon dance, lion dance and more.
Peace Walk	Chinatown BIA	\$7,000	Other	The Chinatown Peace Walk is a walk where Indigenous elders lead participants in promoting peace, unity, and harmony.
Lunar New Year Celebration 2025	Chinatown BIA	\$28,000	Festival	This annual celebration highlights Chinatown's vibrant cultural heritage and promotes the area as a prime cultural hub and shopping destination.
Edmonton Chinatown Dining Week	Yao Fu	\$9,700	Food	This event partners with food businesses in Chinatown North and South in order to increase awareness about the culinary gems in the area and provide Edmontonians with special menus and deals.
The Chinatown Chow Down	Linda Hoang Digital Corp.	\$20,000	Food	This six month-long initiative aims to create community connections through culinary

				experiences, including planned group meals, food crawls and incentive programs.
Spring GLOW Festival	Quarters Arts Society	\$19,000	Festival	The GLOW festival will have artists and Edmontonians come together to walk through South Chinatown with handmade lanterns that have been created together during the winter months.
Shutter Designs	Chinatown BIA	\$87,500	Business Support	Functional safety shutters throughout the community will be turned into works of art through paint, etc.
Edmonton Dragon Festival	CTC	\$40,000	Festival	The Dragon Festival includes an array of captivating activities orchestrated by merchants in both Edmonton's Chinatown districts, north and south.
Christmas at Hull Block	CTC	\$14,000	Festival	The CTC Storytelling Centre will be decorated with Christmas decorations for the month of December and will be hosting Christmas activities for families and children in the neighbourhood.
Chinatown After Dark 2024 and 2025	Hot & Noisy Club	\$65,338	Festival	Chinatown After Dark is an evening block party in a back alley in Chinatown where the back alley is turned into a patio and family-friendly playspace with activities and entertainment.

2025 Chinatown Vibrancy Fund Recipients

Project Name	Group	Amount	Theme	Project Description
Black Tortoise of the North	Young Ick Cha	\$43,160	Mural	The Black Tortoise of the North is the third installment of the Four Guardians of Chinatown mural series.
Togather Chinatown Arts Festival	Emily Chu Illustration Ltd.	\$26,000	Festival	Togather Chinatown Art Festival is a Lunar New Year Arts Festival in Edmonton's South Chinatown.

2025 Christmas at Hull Block	Chinatown Transformation Collaborative	\$25,000	Festival	Christmas at Hull Block provides a lively public celebration featuring family-friendly activities as well as brown bag meals for the unhoused.
2025 Dragon Festival	Chinatown Transformation Collaborative	\$50,000	Festival	A dragon boat racing festival, hosting the Canadian Finals Dragon and Lion Dance competition.
FascinAsian Presents Reel Chinatown: A Celebration of Arts & Culture	FascinAsian Film Festival, Edmonton	\$35,000	Media/ Cinema	Through three curated events over six months, the FascinAsian Film Festival will showcase Asian cinema and provide a platform for underrepresented artists in media and the arts.
Van bLoc Party 2025	Van Loc Vietnamese Submarine	\$96,641.20	Festival	The Van bLoc Party is a high-energy, inclusive event that showcases Edmonton's diversity through live entertainment, food, and cultural experiences.
Lunar New Year 2026	Chinatown BIA	\$30,000	Festival	Lunar New Year 2026 maintains a long-standing tradition, including cultural performances, lion and dragon dances, and community engagement.
Chinatown Inside Out	Little Bonbon Ice Cream by Yelo'd Inc	\$40,225	Business Support	Chinatown Inside Out will showcase Chinatown businesses, services, and associations. It aims to educate the community and the city about Chinatown's diverse offerings beyond its food.
Mary Burlie Day 2025	Bernadette N.Swan Social Care Foundation	\$6,000	Social/ Cultural	Mary Burlie Day celebrates Mary's legacy and the community she loved and served. It's a day of joy, laughter and fun that celebrates the beautiful, diverse communities of Boyle and McCauley. This year the event will take place in Kinistaniw Park since Mary Burlie Park is being redeveloped.

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2026 (Not Your Average) Lunar New Year Banquet	Be My Guest Portrait Studio Inc.	\$12,500	Social/ Cultural	(Not Your Average) Lunar New Year Banquet is an annual community-driven event designed to bring young people into Chinatown and reintroduce it as a vibrant space for gathering, connection, and celebration.
Chinatown Chow Down	Linda Hoang Digital Corp.	\$24,950	Food	The Chinatown Chow Down is an initiative aimed at creating community connections through culinary experiences in Edmonton's Chinatown.
Light up Chinatown	Chinatown BIA	\$60,000	Placemaking	Project Light Up Chinatown initiative aims to decorate the buildings along 97, 98, and 101 Streets in Chinatown with vibrant lighting displays.
Chinatown Through the Lens: A Cultural Snapshot Exhibition	Edmonton Chinatown Multicultural Centre Foundation	\$15,523.80	Exhibit	The Chinatown Through the Lens project aims to celebrate and promote the vibrancy of Edmonton's Chinatown through a community photography competition and exhibition.
Tony's Friendship Mural	Albert's Auto Body	\$15,000	Mural	Tony's Sacred Mural is a community-driven art project dedicated to honoring the deep cultural connections between Indigenous and Chinese communities in North Chinatown.