



Japanese Canadian Survivors

Health and Wellness Fund Society

March 2025 Newsletter

The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Fund Society (JCSHWFS) Grant Program online application portal is open until **March 31, 2025, 5pm PST**. All applications received by this date will be processed. Unfortunately, we are unable to extend this deadline. Grant information, eligibility criteria and the online application form are available here: <https://jcwellness.org/apply/>.

Since our launch in February 2024, we have successfully contacted 4531 Survivors and processed 7634 Grants based on the work of Outreach Workers' team. As the project is approaching its natural conclusion, some members of our team have left or are leaving within March, and the JCSHWFS Board greatly appreciates their support and dedication to assist the Survivors. We thank Donald Watanabe, Holly Sakaki, Katherine Arima, Elissa Kunihiro, Erica Shin, Mark Uyeda, Roger Teshima, Beth Miyanaga and Yumi Deyell. Please note that there are regional Outreach Workers still available to provide assistance: <https://jcwellness.org/outreachworkers/>.

Several grant recipients have written to indicate how much they appreciated the funds and that it was a help to them in meeting some of their health and wellness needs. We thank Survivors for their enquiries regarding The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Grant Program. We provide answers below to the more common questions we have received.

Are the Grant 1 and Grant 2 monies considered taxable income in Canada?

No, our Auditors assure us that the Grant monies are not taxable and do not need to be reported to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Can JC Wellness prepare my 2024 income tax return?

We are unable to assist in any tax preparations.

Can I donate some of my Grant 1 and Grant 2 monies back to The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Grant Program to give to another Survivor?

We are unable to accept money as a donation to provide to other Survivors. The purpose of this grant is to support Survivor's health and wellness issues. We kindly suggest that you donate to an organization of your choice.

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Why did The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Grant Program set the age eligibility as "born before April 1, 1949"?

April 1, 1949, is not an arbitrary date. It is defined as the day Japanese Canadians were given full voting rights and all legal restrictions used to control the movement of Japanese Canadians were removed by the Canadian government. The initial 1988 Federal Redress program also used this date and set a precedent for our program. For this reason, April 1, 1949 is used by the Japanese Canadian Legacy Society (JCLS) for all their programs. The Japanese Canadian Survivors Health and Wellness Grant Program, as one of the six pillars of JCLS, also applied the same date for eligibility for health and wellness grants. Therefore, eligible applicants must be born before April 1, 1949.

What happens if I can't provide any documents to prove my roots in BC?

As we continue to validate eligibility based on age and confirm roots in BC, this is a reminder that the onus to provide proof is the responsibility of the Survivor and/or their representative. Confirmation is done internally, and this documentation can not be shared. The validation process is a requirement to ensure that fraud is not committed in the issuance of these grants. Failure to meet the eligibility requirements will result in a denied application. A denial letter will be sent to the Survivor/ Representative.

My application was denied. Am I able to appeal the decision?

An adjudication process is available if a Survivor requests to have the decision reviewed by an independent Adjudication Committee. Please email any appeals to adjudication@jcwellness.org.

My cheque needs to be reissued. When will I receive my replacement cheque?

Some Survivors are awaiting a reissued cheque (for lost or undelivered/change/incorrect addresses). We appreciate your patience, and these will be issued by March 31, 2025.

With warm regards,

JCSHWFS Team

For enquiries, please contact our JCSHWF General Phone/Toll-free phone or email

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Toll-Free phone: 1-833-368-6462

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List of Outreach Workers: [JC Wellness Outreach Workers](#)