

## APPENDIX A

### Being Muslim in Victoria and Saanich Project Work

#### Environmental Scan

**Timeline** April 1st, 2023 - February 1st, 2024 (10 months)

#### Project Description

The environmental scan will be to research what programs are done across BC and Canada with regard to Muslim community support, and anti-Islamophobia actions regarding 1) Islamic representation, 2) Education reform, 3) Data, and 4) Safety and Policing.

#### Normalising Islam: Positive Representation, and Visibility

**Timeline** May 1st, 2023 - July 15th, 2023, with possible annual renewal

#### Project Description

Greater awareness of Islamic cultural traditions, and increased opportunity for interaction, inclusion, and engagement between Muslims and other communities in Greater Victoria.

- Annual Eid Festival
- Public Art Exhibitions
- Prayer Spaces

#### Education Reform

**Timeline** May 15th, 2023 - August 1st, 2024, to be potentially extended if necessary and subject to future funding.

#### Project Description

Making schools safer. Providing support to Muslim children and youth who have to carry the emotional labour of representing Islam and diversity in schools.

- School Advocacy System
- Reviewing Islamic Resources

#### Data and Data Collection

**Timeline** May 1st, 2023 - July 15th, 2024, Potentially ongoing project subject to future funding.

#### Project Description

To ensure public officials, Muslims, the general public and other stakeholders across sectors have access to credible data that can inform the development of relevant programs and policies to address Islamophobia and racism

- Data Collection
- Public Information Dissemination

#### Safety and Policing

**Timeline** June 1st, 2023 - July 15th, 2024, With possible annual renewal, subject to future funding.

## Project Description

There is clarity around the legal definition of a hate crime and people know who to go to. When there is hate directed action that is not a hate crime people know where they can go for support.

- Fact and Resource Sheet
- Information Sessions and Relationship Building

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