

FirstVoices

Community Collaboration

FirstVoices wants to represent **all** British Columbia's languages and dialects on FirstVoices.com. With many communities sharing a language or dialect, one of the best ways to achieve this is through **community collaboration**.

Why collaborate?

By sharing a single archive, communities can:

- ❖ **Maximize the information included in the archive** by drawing on the **expertise and knowledge** in the collaborating communities
- ❖ **Share the work** among language champions from different communities
- ❖ Celebrate differences *and* commonalities
- ❖ Avoid duplicating entries in a new archive
- ❖ Build archives together, so that they will be **even more useful** for future generations

What is the first step in collaborating?

Communities who want to collaborate can explore how they want to share the work of a FirstVoices project* and submit a funding application for a shared archive.

How can FirstVoices staff help support collaboration?

FirstVoices staff can help:

- ❖ Connect communities who don't have existing relationships
- ❖ Facilitate **communication**
- ❖ Support the development of a project vision and Community Sharing Agreement
- ❖ Assist in writing a funding application
- ❖ Provide ongoing training and support to see your project to completion

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* See our Funding Guide and Community Sharing Agreement Template for more information.