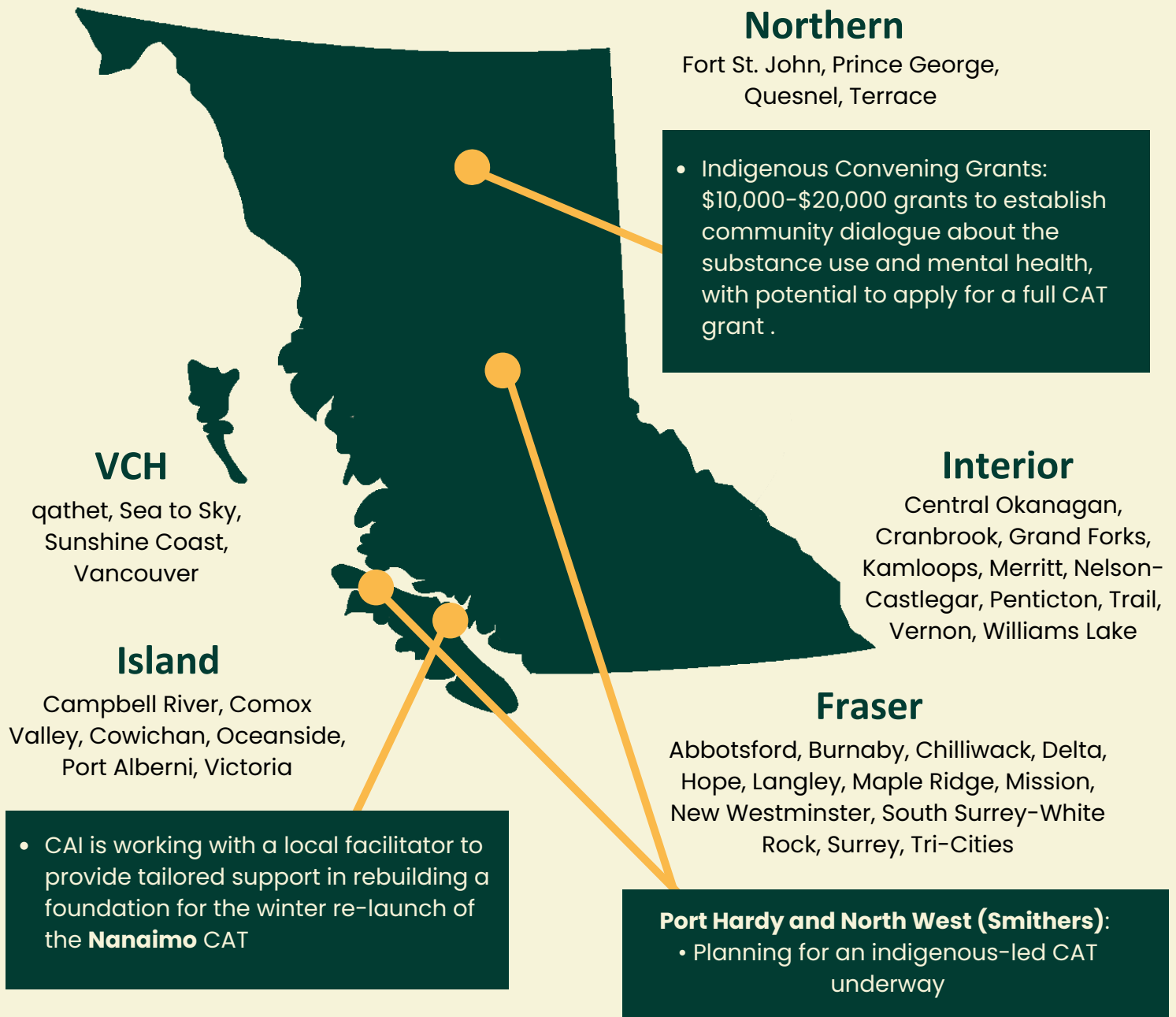


Community Action Teams

At a Glance – May 2025



Key Provincial Partners

Ministry of Health (MoH)
Community Action Initiative (CAI)
Regional Health Authorities
Medical Health Officers

Transforming Community Response:

The CATs have been serving communities since 2019, and their mandate continues to evolve alongside provincial government priorities. Today, the CATs are focusing their efforts on civic engagement and collective action. They are convening multi-stakeholder tables that include representatives from the health sector, non-profit sector, business community, local government elected officials, and staff among others. An important part of the table is hearing from people with lived and living experience.

Two Key Themes

1

While the initial focus was around the toxic drug crisis, across the province we are also hearing a desire to focus more widely on substance use, especially in the North and in rural and Indigenous communities. This is a shift supported by the Ministry of Health and local health authorities.

2

As communities change, and the local dialogue on substance use shifts, it's becoming increasingly important to have a strong relational base to support the tables. In Nanaimo, CAI and its Ministry partners are leaning in by hiring a local facilitator to convene community conversations and set a new direction for the Nanaimo CAT. It's an approach that we will consider for other areas of the province where the host agency is struggling to build a collective impact model.