



Available Capital Infrastructure Funding Programs for Cultural Organizations

City of Vancouver Cultural Spaces Infrastructure Grants

<http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/cultural-infrastructure-grant-program.aspx>

Three programs provide support for cultural space planning, acquisition (purchase), renovation and development. Grants are eligible to Vancouver-based arts and cultural spaces operated by non-profit cultural societies, co-ops, registered charities, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Band), Skwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish Nation) and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) or Urban Indigenous non-profit organizations.

- Small Grants for Cultural Spaces – Grants up to \$25,000 for smaller cultural space projects including, for example: space planning, research, building improvements and accessibility upgrades; and mentorships between organizations, or mentorships between organizations and professionals, to support planning, knowledge sharing and capacity building with regards to cultural spaces.
- Cultural Infrastructure Grants (CIG) – Matching Grants up to \$250,000 for capital building-based projects including space planning and research; or acquisition (purchase), renovation, or expansion of an arts and cultural facility.
- Critical Assistance Capital Grants –Ongoing Intake (subject to available funds): Grants up to \$25,000 to support urgent building life safety upgrades.

For more information, see [COV Capital Grant Information Guide](#).

City of Vancouver Community Grants - Capital Projects

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/capital-grants-program.aspx>

Three programs provide capital project support to address the needs of vulnerable communities in Vancouver with capital funding streams 1) Downtown Eastside Plan Grants 2) Social Policy Capital Grants 3) Childcare Capital Grants.

Canadian Heritage – Cultural Spaces Canada Fund

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/cultural-spaces-fund.html>

The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF) supports the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage culture and creative innovation. The Fund supports renovation and construction projects, the acquisition of specialized equipment and feasibility studies related to cultural spaces.

The following organizations are eligible for funding: Non-profit arts and heritage organizations incorporated under Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act or under the equivalent provincial or territorial legislation. Projects proposing the development and management of a creative hub. Provincial/territorial governments, a municipal administration, one of their agencies or an equivalent Indigenous peoples' institution or organization that has historically demonstrated its support to professional artistic or heritage activities, including Indigenous cultural practice in their community. Federal organizations and federal Crown corporations are not eligible for funding.

British Columbia Arts Council - Arts Infrastructure Program

<https://www.bcartscouncil.ca/program/arts-infrastructure-program/>

The Arts Infrastructure Program enables eligible organizations to develop and enhance spaces that support the work of B.C.'s arts and cultural practitioners. The program aims to support projects that:

- Catalyze the development of new or existing arts and cultural spaces through acquisition, renovation, or purchase of specialized equipment;
- Improve physical, social, and cultural accessibility to arts and cultural spaces;

- Enhance access to arts and cultural spaces for underserved communities and underrepresented arts and cultural practices; or
- Strengthen the capacity of the sector to develop, operate, and sustain arts and cultural spaces.

Three project categories include: 1) Planning & Consultation 2) Capital Improvements 3) Specialized Equipment Acquisition.

Province of British Columbia – Gaming Grants Program – Capital Project Grants

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gaming-grants/capital-project-grants>

Capital Project Grants provide \$5 million annually to not-for-profit organizations throughout B.C., to support the completion of inclusive, accessible capital projects that meet community-identified needs and priorities. Applicants must demonstrate that they have matching funds available to complete the proposed capital project.

First Peoples Cultural Council – Art Infrastructure Program

<https://fpcc.ca/program/arts-infrastructure-program/>

The Arts Infrastructure Program supports B.C. First Nations, First Nations, Métis and Inuit community organizations and First Nations led non-profit arts and culture organizations and societies. Funding supports construction or renovations of art spaces, artistic production projects, administrative capacity building and operational assistance.

There are three areas of funding to choose from: 1) Organizations 2) Community Art Spaces 3) Arts Administrator Internships

VanCity Foundation and Community Grants

<https://www.vancity.com/AboutVancity/InvestingInCommunities/Grants/>

Established in 1989 under the Society Act of British Columbia, with an initial endowment of \$1,000,000 from Vancity, Vancity Community Foundation (VCF) was founded with a mandate to enrich the community while building on the values of the credit union.

VCF is a public charity created to help gather community resources, thereby realizing the potential that exists when we invest in the vision of communities. VCF Strategic Programs focus on not-for-profit social enterprise, community owned real estate (including housing), and collaborative approaches toward change. Funding criteria and application processes vary across our granting programs.

Central City Foundation

<https://www.centralcityfoundation.ca/grants/how-to-apply-for-a-grant/>

Central City Foundation mission is to improve the lives of people in need, in our inner city, through social purpose investment in facilities and programs. Areas of focus include children & youth, community transformation, and urgent needs of people in the inner city.

Real Estate Foundation

<http://www.refbc.com/>

The Real Estate Foundation of BC fund projects, build relationships, and share knowledge to advance sustainable, equitable, and socially just land use and real estate practices across BC.

Accessibility Grants

Federal Government – Enabling Accessibility Fund

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/enabling-accessibility-fund.html>

The Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) provides funding for projects that make Canadian communities and workplaces more accessible for persons with disabilities. EAF aims to create more opportunities for persons with disabilities to take part in community activities, programs and services, or access employment.

There are three different program components in EAF. Each component holds separate calls for funding. 1) The youth innovation component 2) The Small Projects component 3) The mid-sized component.

Small Business BC – Workplace Accessibility Grant

<https://smallbusinessbc.ca/workplace-accessibility-grant/>

The Workplace Accessibility Grant provides direct supports to small business employers in British Columbia by providing direct financial assistance towards creating an accessible work environment for persons with a disability(ies).

Eligible businesses can apply for funding for projects that improve workplace accessibility in the business, while addressing and removing barriers in your workplace for people with disabilities.

Energy/Sustainability Grants

BC Hydro and Fortis Grants and Rebates

<http://www.fortisbc.com/rebates/Pages/default.aspx>

https://www.bchydro.com/pwersmart/residential/rebates_savings.html

Grants and rebates from Fortis and BC Hydro to assist home and building owners doing energy improvements to their buildings.

Heritage Grants

Vancouver Heritage Foundation

<http://www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/get-a-grant/>

Financial help for the repair and maintenance of heritage exteriors.

Heritage BC / Heritage Legacy Fund

<http://www.heritagebc.ca/funding/heritage-legacy-fund>

To support community initiatives that conserve and increase the understanding and appreciation of heritage resources.

Capacity/Organizational Sustainability

The Vantage Point

<https://thevantagepoint.ca/training/bursaries/>

A partnership with the City of Vancouver (Cultural Services and Social Policy) provides a limited number of bursaries for not-for-profit arts or not-for-profit community/social service organizations who are existing City of Vancouver grant recipients or who are primary tenants of City-owned or controlled spaces to attend workshops. Workshops cover a broad range of topics, including Board Development, Capacity/Organizational Building, Leadership, and Human Resources. This includes full-day workshops such as Intro to Coaching, Board Policy Bootcamp, Executive Director 101.

BC Alliance for Arts & Culture

<https://www.allianceforarts.com/grants-funding>

General grants & funding information.

Operating Grants for Cultural Spaces

City of Vancouver Affordable Spaces Operating Grants

<http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/cultural-infrastructure-grant-program.aspx>

Grants up to \$50,000 for facility operating costs for local non-profit space operators who provide subsidized affordable space for Vancouver-based artists and/or cultural organizations.

Other Financial Help

Financial Institutions: Many credit unions and some banks have community business banking divisions that will work with non-profit or social enterprise organizations including favourable banking and lending programs.