

There are several funding deadlines coming up in June, so please act fast – see Funding section below.

Funding

[Story to Action Program](#). **Deadline June 13, 2021. Story Money Impact is thrilled to announce a new program to support documentary filmmakers to educate, engage, inspire, and create social impact in Canada using films that are finished and have already premiered! Documentary films only – Documentaries must be 25-120 minutes in length (no series or webisodes), Must be Canadian made (according to CAVCO regulations), The film must have premiered between Jan 1 2015 and May 16 2021, and is available for community screenings starting December 1 2021, The content must be considered impact content: films that educate or bring awareness to current and important issues in society. We recognize that documentary films can cover many genres, topics and styles; we are looking for films that can inspire action. Filmmakers and producers with present and historic barriers to access are especially encouraged to apply. This includes but is not limited to Indigenous Peoples, people of colour, people with disabilities, LGBTQ2. If the application form is itself a barrier, please email us to explore an alternative approach.**

Creating, Knowing and Sharing: The Arts and Cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples.

- **[Short-Term Projects](#) and [Long-Term Projects](#). **Deadline June 16, 2021.****
- **[Indigenous Organizations Program](#). **Deadline September 22, 2021.****
- Please refer to the Canada Council website for the programs that are currently open: <https://canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants/creating-knowing-sharing>. Check out other available Canada Council grants and their deadlines: <https://canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants/deadlines>

[Healthy Communities Initiative](#). **Deadline June 25, 2021. The Healthy Communities Initiative is a \$31 million investment from the Government of Canada to transform public spaces in response to COVID-19. Public spaces are the glue to our communities: they enable a feeling of belonging, of social cohesion and encourage our sense of collective identity. COVID-19 has seriously constrained our access and use of these spaces in communities across Canada. Impacts of the virus have also been extraordinarily uneven, underscoring inequalities across communities and disproportionately impacting those who are already experiencing vulnerability as a result of systemic inequalities. The Healthy Communities Initiative will provide funding to a broad range of organizations, including local governments, charities, Indigenous communities and nonprofits, for projects, programming and services that help communities: create safe and vibrant public spaces, improve mobility options and provide innovative digital solutions to connect people and improve health. The minimum funding amount for projects is \$5,000 and the maximum funding amount is \$250,000 for each project.**

[Early Career Development](#). BC Arts Council. **Deadline June 30, 2021. Project Assistance: Early Career Development supports immersive and highly impactful opportunities for emerging and early career practitioners to: develop their artistic and/or administrative practice, participate in knowledge transfer, skill sharing, and reciprocal learning in the sector, expand their career experience, professional networks and exposure, and professional portfolio, build capacity in their identified community(ies), e.g. geographic, cultural, area of practice, etc. Assistance**

through this program is available to both arts and cultural organizations and to individual art practitioners.

[Terry Reksten Memorial Fund](#). **Deadline June 30, 2021.** The Terry Reksten Memorial Fund offers two (2) grants of \$1000 each to a community archives, historical association, or museum. The grants are intended to assist in acquiring, preserving, indexing and/or disseminating archival material relating to BC and its regions. Eligible applicants must be open to the public in regular posted hours and have three or fewer paid employees. No organization is eligible to receive a grant from the Fund in two consecutive years. Applications are adjudicated by representatives of the FBCA, the Reksten family, and the Archives Association of BC (AABC).

[Annual Conservation Funding](#) (Coast Funds). **Deadline July 16, 2021.** The conservation fund is a permanent endowment that supports eligible programs and projects focused on sustaining or enhancing the ecological integrity of the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii. Its goals include supporting and enhancing First Nations' application of traditional ecological and cultural knowledge to the management of ecosystems, protected areas, lands, and resources in the Project Area; Participation in the management of protected areas and ecosystems within the Project Area; Science, research and monitoring of ecosystem function and processes; Collaborative efforts that sustain and enhance the biodiversity, productive capacity and resilience of ecosystems in the Project Area to ensure the sustainability of cultural and traditional resources, such as fish, wildlife, and cedar in perpetuity; and others (see website for details).

[The Small and Medium Sized Business Recovery Grant Program](#). **Deadline August 31, 2021 or until funds are allocated.** This BC Government program provides fully funded grants to businesses to ensure they have the support they need during and beyond COVID-19. Grants of \$10,000 to \$30,000 are available to small and medium sized B.C. businesses impacted by COVID-19. An additional \$5,000 to \$15,000 grant is available to eligible tourism-related businesses. The first step is to apply for funding online. If you're eligible, you'll be asked to develop a recovery plan. Professional service providers are available to help businesses with the recovery plan as needed. More information is available in the application. Once your recovery plan is submitted and reviewed, approved businesses will receive grant funding for their plan.

[Canada-France Agreement - Museum Assistance Program](#). **Deadline August 31, 2021.** The Museums Assistance Program (MAP) – Canada-France Agreement component provides funding for joint missions between French and Canadian heritage organizations, to create ties and enhance competencies of museum professionals. Partnerships may relate to research on development and diversification of audiences. Projects that further the development of official language minority communities are given a priority for funding support. The Program provides financial assistance to Canadian museums and related institutions for activities that: facilitate Canadians' access to our heritage; foster the preservation of Canada's diverse and rich cultural heritage (other than built heritage), including representative collections of Indigenous cultural heritage; and foster professional knowledge, skills and practices related to key museum functions. Maximum funding per project is \$50,000. Project funding under the Canada-France Agreement component will not normally exceed 50% of eligible expenses incurred in Canada.

[Early-Stage Development Program](#). Canada Media Fund. **Deadline October 14, 2021.** Funding received through this Program should focus primarily on the creation of early-stage creative materials. Allowable Eligible Costs in this Program shall be the following: Writing (Treatment, Outline, Bible, or Script), Scriptwriting consultant, Story editor, Preliminary research, Travel

costs for research or to meet with national/international production partners (limited to 2% of Eligible Costs), Printing and collating costs. The CMF may contribute financially to an Eligible Project at the level requested by the Applicant up to a Maximum Contribution of \$40,000.

Legacy Fund - Building Communities through Arts and Heritage. Applications accepted on continuous basis. Provides funding for community-initiated capital projects, intended for community use. Recipients may receive up to 50 per cent of eligible project expenses up to a maximum of \$500,000. Funding supports community-initiated capital projects that: commemorate a significant local historical event or pay tribute to a significant local historical personality; mark a 100th anniversary or greater, in increments of 25 years (e.g., 125th, 150th); involve the restoration, renovation, or transformation of existing buildings or exterior spaces with local community significance that are intended for community use; encourage arts and heritage activities in the local community that are intended for and accessible to the general public.

B.C. Employer Training Grant Program. Applications are prioritized. The B.C. Employer Training Grant program (ETG) supports skills training to address provincial labour market needs. The program is delivered by the Province of British Columbia and is funded by the Government of Canada through the Workforce Development Agreement (WDA). The goal of the ETG is to help British Columbians access the skills training needed to adapt to the changing requirements of jobs and the labour market while encouraging employer involvement in the training of their employees. Due to high demand for limited funds, applications are prioritized and are not assessed solely on a first come, first served basis. Priority is given to first-time applicants, small businesses, applicants from disadvantaged regions and applicants from industries facing the greatest challenges acquiring skilled workers. There are 6 streams: Covid-19 Impacted Worker Training, Workforce Training, Technical Training, Foundational Training, Employment Transition Training and Persons with Disabilities Training. (It looks this program might support the needs of communities to train individuals to support language and cultural heritage revitalization work.

Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund. Ongoing. The Indigenous Peoples Resilience Fund (IPRF) is an Indigenous-led effort to respond to urgent community needs while taking a long-term view on building community resilience. Any Indigenous-led organization or Indigenous-serving organization working to foster resilience in Inuit, Metis and First Nations communities anywhere in Canada can apply for resiliency funds ranging from \$5,000 to \$30,000.

BC Arts Council Grant Programs. The BC Arts Council has MANY programs with intakes throughout the year. Please visit their website for more information:

<https://www.bcartscouncil.ca/program>

Support for Workers in Live Arts and Music Sectors Fund. Applications accepted on continuous basis until disbursed. Funding is designed to: support the arts and cultural sectors in immediately contracting and employing artists and cultural workers, as part of the federal government's overall efforts to help Canadians and Canadian businesses weather the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to provide arts and cultural experiences to Canadians, both live and digital, while restrictions on gatherings and travel continue across the country.

Canada Cultural Spaces Fund. No deadline – ongoing. 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 CCSF annual grants and contributions budget is \$54 million for the period 2018-2028.

[National Creation Fund](#). **No Deadline.** The National Arts Centre's National Creation Fund invests up to \$3 million a year in the development of 15 to 20 compelling and ambitious new Canadian works in theatre, dance, music and inter-disciplinary performing arts. Fuelled entirely by donors, the Fund provides Canadian artists with the additional time, space and resources they need to create great work. The Fund invests in both new work, and in promising productions that need additional development after their initial run to produce stronger, more polished work that will be remounted and toured across Canada and around the world.

Aboriginal Community-Based Training Partnerships (ACBTP) and Indigenous Skills Training Development Fund (ISTDF). The Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training (AEST) delivers two programs that provide funding to Indigenous communities (Communities) to access skills training and post-secondary education leading to employment, self-employment or further education.

- **Please contact AEST staff to obtain more information on criteria and how to apply.**
By email: AEST.IndigenousPrograms@gov.bc.ca or by phone: Yavhel 250-216-4701; Delphine 250-516-3159 or Jennifer Ambers 250.415.6797

[Movable Cultural Property Grants](#). (Government of Canada). **No Deadline.** Movable Cultural Property Grants help designated organizations acquire cultural property of outstanding significance and national importance to Canada, as outlined in the Cultural Property Export and Import Act. Designated organizations are located in Canada and demonstrate the ability to ensure the long-term preservation of cultural property. Grants can be used to purchase cultural property: for which an export permit has been denied; or that is important to Canada's national heritage and available for purchase outside the country.

[Listen, Hear Our Voices](#) (Library and Archives Canada) offers free services to help digitize and preserve Indigenous culture and language recordings. The initiative is open to Indigenous organizations, individuals, collectors and creators. Listen, Hear Our Voices is not an acquisition project. There is no transfer of ownership, copyright, or intellectual property with this service. All rights remain with you.

Mental Health & Wellness Funding. The First Nations Health Authority, the Province and Canada have each committed \$10 million dollars over two years (2019-2021) to support First Nations communities and Nations to come together to plan, design and deliver initiatives in support of the social determinants of mental health and wellness. The funding approach recognizes that each community and Nation is at a different place on their journey to health and wellness. To learn more and how to apply, visit: <https://www.fnha.ca/about/work-with-us/funding-opportunities>

[Elders Grants](#). **Open Until Funds Exhausted.** The New Relationship Trust (NRT) Elders Grant Initiative is available to all BC First Nation Elders groups at the community level. Priority will be given to Elders Groups. The maximum amount available is \$2,500 per Elders group or First Nation/community/organization.

[BC First Nation Youth Language Grant Initiative](#). **Open until Funds Exhausted.** The New Relationship Trust (NRT) recognizes the importance of revitalizing British Columbia (BC) First Nations languages and has identified Youth Language funding as a strategic priority. Preservation and restoration of First Nations languages is integral to cultural identity. NRT will begin to accept completed applications on June 15, 2020 until funds are exhausted. The maximum amount available is \$4,000 per First Nations youth language projects.

[Domestic Motion Picture Fund](#). Will be administered by Creative BC. First phase will involve a thorough industry consultation Process. Please visit the website to learn more.