

# Arts and Culture 2025/26 Grant Recipients



## COMMUNITY GRANTS

Area	Recipient	Project	Amount
<b>Arrow Lakes</b>	Arrow Lakes Fine Arts Guild Society	Birdhouse Building for Youth	\$2,500
	Edgewood Music Society	Two Performance Events	\$2,500
	Hugh Egner	Senior Carving Workshop	\$2,400
	Nakusp Community Choir	Community Concerts	\$1,000
<b>Castlegar and Area</b>	Carolyn Cameron	Sibling Rivalry: Piano Trios by the Mendelssohns	\$800
	Lorraine Bell-Lebedoff	Our Precious Glaciers	\$1,160
	Melissa Haney	Best Buds Graphic Novel	\$2,500
	Tanin Shunter	Let's Make a Song! Music Workshop With Kosmic T	\$2,000
	Venessa Loubert	Queen City Burlesque Expo 2026: Castlegar	\$1,800
<b>Columbia Valley</b>	Carol Gordon	A Journey of Creativity With Carol Gordon	\$2,500
	Carolyn Cameron	Sibling Rivalry: Piano Trios by the Mendelssohns	\$800
	Kelsey Van Raay	Community Mural	\$2,500
	Samantha Helmer	Helmer: Book #3 Outlining, Drafting, Editing	\$1,500
<b>Cranbrook and Area</b>	Ashley Dodd	The Art of Contemporary Nerikomi: Cultivating Colour and Pattern in Cranbrook	\$2,500
	Kristin Teetaert	"Interconnected": Interactive Lantern Cubes	\$2,400
	Symphony of the Kootenays Association	The Nutcracker	\$2,000
<b>Creston and Area</b>	Carmen Ditzler	Golden Mean in Felt	\$2,000
	Carolyn Cameron	Sibling Rivalry: Piano Trios by the Mendelssohns	\$800
	Heath Carra	Going Astray: A Tale of Two Kitties	\$2,500
	Paula Snow	Finalization and Publication of Second Novel, "The Lighthouse Trail"	\$2,500
<b>Fernie and Area</b>	Gayle Vallance	PHYLLIS	\$2,500
	Michael Hepher	ArtBeat Book Writing and Editing	\$2,500
<b>Golden</b>	Erika Buckley-Strobel	Sunrise Music Time for Preschoolers	\$2,500
	Golden Cooperative Radio	Mural for Entrance to GCR Station	\$2,500
	Jennifboder Regan	Body of Work (Sculpture)	\$2,500
	Jocelyn Wilson	Summer Circus Camp 2025	\$2,500
	Purcell Mountain Orchestra	A Song of the Headwaters	\$1,500
<b>Kimberley</b>	Lori Joe	Drama For Youth	\$2,500
	Matthew Jennings	Printmaking for Everyone	\$1,000
	Trixie Pacis	Margie	\$2,500
	Woody Maguire	SUYFA Poetry and Art Anthology	\$2,500
<b>North Kootenay Lake</b>	Angela Bennett	Artisan Faire With "Children Only Shoppe"	\$1,200
	Aras Moghaddam	Fungi in Focus: Kootenay Mushroom Sculptures	\$2,500
	Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society	Art and Horses Workshop	\$2,500
	Nicolina Guerriero	Rising Moons Circle: An Arts, Craft and Storytelling Event for Girls and Their Mothers in Celebration of Menstruation	\$2,480
	Wendy Poer	Hamlet	\$2,500

<b>Nelson</b>	Amelia Bressey Chapman	Deck of Playing Cards that Highlight Nelson and Surrounding Area	\$1,940
	Echo Vocal Arts Alliance	"Voices in Community" Workshop Series	\$2,500
	Emma Rush	Nelson Guitar Festival	\$2,500
	Karmelle Spence-Sing	Your Story, Your Stage	\$2,500
	Nelson Museum, Archives & Gallery	Art Over Algorithms: Local Artist Content Creation and Workshop Series	\$2,480
	Taghum Community Society	KidsCAN Perform	\$2,025
	Zheng Wang	Chinese Lion Dancing Workshop	\$2,000
<b>Revelstoke</b>	Maria Otoyá	Illuminated Metamorphosis	\$2,500
	Revelstoke Community Choir	Community Choir and the Joy of Song	\$2,500
	Sarah J.	Stamp: To Impress a Pattern or Mark	\$1,830
	Taylor Sandell	Indie Print Newspaper: Luna	\$2,500
<b>Rossland</b>	Rossland Arts Centre Society	Art in the Attic Workshop Series	\$2,500
	Rossland Golden City Days Festival Society	Golden City Days Festival Stage Entertainment	\$2,500
	Rossland Museum & Discovery Centre	RMDC Creative Connections: Engaging Kids in Art	\$2,500
	Veronique Darwin	Mom Camp	\$2,500
<b>Salmo</b>	Howard Roo	Artventure	\$2,500
	Karmelle Spence-Sing	Your Story, Your Stage	\$2,500
	Tanin Shunter	Let's Make a Song! Music Workshop With Kosmic T	\$2,000
	Violet Clarke	Darkwoods by Sly Violet (4-Song EP: Indie Folk Rock Music)	\$2,500
<b>Slocan Lake</b>	Kate Smyles	Songwriting Workshop Weekend	\$1,250
	Suzanne Mistretta	Lakeside Strings	\$1,200
<b>Slocan Valley</b>	Joanne Feenstra	Slocan Valley Writers' Group	\$2,500
	Material Theatre	"Neato Mosquito!" Shadow Puppet Film Creation	\$2,500
	Slocan Valley Gems Community Theatre Society	Vallican Rural Theatre and Performance Lab	\$2,500
	The Vallican Whole Community Centre	Waking up the Park: A Land-based Art Show	\$2,480
<b>Sparwood</b>	Renee Myles	Arena Mural Project	\$2,500
	Stephen Larsen	Sparwood Trail Signage and Waymarks	\$2,250
<b>Trail</b>	Tanin Shunter	Let's Make a Song! Music Workshop With Kosmic T	\$2,000
	Venessa Loubert	Queen City Burlesque Expo 2026: Trail	\$2,500
	VISAC Gallery	Pop-up/Mini Gallery Program	\$2,450
<b>Valemount</b>	Jean Ann Berkenpas	The Singing Tree: A Children's Book	\$2,500
	Sharon Stearns	PRECIOUS MORTALS	\$2,500
	Valemount Anglican United Church	Opera Singer in Valemount	\$1,400
	Valemount Arts and Cultural Society	Art Walk Phase 3	\$2,500

## MINOR CAPITAL

Recipient	Project	Amount
Association des Francophones des Kootenays Ouest	Community Bookbinding Studio	\$5,020
Columbia Valley Arts Council	Computer/Software Upgrade	\$3,000
Discover Circus	Developing Circus Space: Rigging Point Creation	\$10,000
Empire of Dirt Residency Association	Office Upgrades	\$4,310
Golden Co-op Radio	Updated Locks for Station	\$2,330
Kimberley Arts Council – Centre 64	Centre 64 Room Renovation	\$4,790
Knox on 2nd Performing Arts Centre	East Window Restoration	\$10,000
Nelson & District Arts Council	Upgrading NDAC's Technology	\$8,950
Nelson Museum Archives & Gallery	Production and Presentation Equipment	\$10,000
Rossland Museum & Discovery Centre	Modular Stage System	\$8,150
Salmo District Arts Council	Community Arts Studio: Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre	\$9,850
Twin Rivers Community Choir	Digital Equipment Upgrades	\$2,810
Valemountain Days	Sweet Sounds	\$9,960

## TOURING

Recipient	Project	Amount
Bella Cat	Lavender Honey Tour	\$4,500
David Stubbs	Stubbs and the BC Summer Tour	\$5,000
Emma Kade	Emma Kade 2025 Tour	\$5,000
Heather Gemmell	Broken Spokes Tour	\$5,000
Ian Griffiths	HALF/ASIAN With Amy the CODA Tour the Basin 2025	\$5,000
Jane Byers	Work to Live Book Tour	\$4,948
Jayne Wood	Jayne Karma Lamo and The Interbeings Summer Tour 2025	\$5,000
Judy Pollard	Book Tour: THE DISTANCE: Dreams and Despair	\$1,600
Lucas Myers	Lucas Myers Kootenay Tour	\$5,000
Maddi Keiver	Maddisun "The Pages" Album Release Tour	\$5,000
Nelson Civic Theatre Society	Kootenay Screen-based Industry Regional Tour: Meetups and Film Commissioner Meet and Greet	\$5,000
Patrick Carrick	Rhythm By Nature's Community Drumming Tour	\$5,000
Smokii Sumac	Smokii Sumac and Zaynab Mohammed Book Launch Tour: Born Sacred: Poems for Palestine and Are You Listening?	\$5,000
Tenise Marie	"Off The Record" Columbia Basin Tour	\$5,000

## MENTORING / MASTER CLASSES

Recipient	Project	Amount
Castlegar Sculpturewalk	Sand Sculpture Master Class	\$5,000
Fabiola Gascon Esqueda	Bachata Bliss Weekender	\$5,000
Kicking Horse Culture	Wonderheads In-depth Intensive Masque and Puppet Creations	\$5,000
Kootenay Literary Society	Blue Pencil Mentorship	\$5,000
Rossland Council for Arts and Culture	RCAC Arts Mentorship Project	\$5,000
South Country Creatives	South Country Art Workshops	\$3,000
Tilted Brick Gallery Association / ArtSpace	Connecting With Nature: Kootenay Painting Series	\$5,000
West Kootenay Fibreshed	Nettles to Fibre	\$5,000

## MAJOR PROJECTS

Recipient	Project	Amount
Allison Girvan	Witness: Roots, Bark and Branches: Phase 2: Production/Presentation	\$10,000
Clinton Swanson	Breathing Music	\$10,000
Elora Braden	Ricky Diamonds: The Musical Comedy Series Script and Community Table Read	\$10,000
Eva Myers-McKimm	Work From Home	\$10,000
Jackie Atkins	Ablaze	\$10,000
Jeff Pew	Kimberley: A Poetic Cartography: 52 Personal Narratives	\$10,000
Laura Landsberg	Lines: Tracing an Unconventional Story Through Poetry, Music and Visual Art: Part 2 Realization	\$10,000
Louis Bockner	Argenta Fire Stories	\$10,000
Michael Hephner	Columbia Basin Alphabet Art Book	\$10,000
Petra Hekkenberg	The Art of Safe Keeping	\$10,000

## ARTS EVOLUTION

Recipient	Project	Amount
Cranbrook Arts	Evolving the Arts in Cranbrook: Artist Fees for Artists	\$15,000
Gold Fever Follies	2025 Follies Show: Yours Truly	\$13,000
Golden Art Guild	Precious Pollinators	\$6,600
Métis Nation Columbia River Society	Honouring Truth and Reconciliation: A Celebration of Métis Spirit and Culture	\$12,000
Nelson & District Arts Council	Illuminating the Kootenays: Lighting Design Intensive	\$15,000
Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society	Remember the Dead	\$8,000
Procter Community Society	Procter Music and Arts Performance Series	\$12,000
Slocan Lake Arts Council	Shakespeare by the Shore	\$15,000