

COMMUNITY GRANTS FUNDING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES 2026–27

Maximum request: \$2,500

Application deadline: February 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. PT / 6:00 p.m. MT

Project timeframe: Projects must take place between June 1, 2026, and May 31, 2027.

Before Applying

Review available funding programs online (wkartscouncil.com/ckca-funding) to ensure this program is the best fit for the project. Additionally, read the Primary Funding Policies document to ensure eligibility before starting this application.

Objectives

- Fund individual or group projects that provide opportunities for community engagement with arts and culture.
- Respond to unique local issues.
- Support the artistic development of artists or the programming development of arts and culture organizations.
- Involve more artists in local arts projects and arts decision making.
- Raise awareness of artists as belonging to the Columbia Basin and being interpreters of Basin culture.

Eligibility

- Funding is available to individual artists in all disciplines, or arts and culture groups and organizations.
- Funding is available for any local artistic or cultural project benefiting Basin artists and communities.

Additional Information

- CKCA recommends that applicants supply samples of creative work to assist the adjudication committee. These may be examples of previous work or samples of the proposed work (e.g. photos, sketches, writing excerpts, lyrics, scores).

- Examples of eligible projects include the creation of original artistic and cultural projects (artwork, writing, media, performance, dance, etc.) that will be available for Basin residents' appreciation/enjoyment; projects may also be new programs, events or workshops offered by individuals or arts and culture groups.
- If an applicant plans to apply to multiple communities for distinct yet related projects, funding applications are limited to a maximum of three communities.
- Funding under this grant program is *not* available for capital expenses. (Capital expenses are defined as items costing \$200 or more that will outlast the duration of the project.)

Assessment

Each arts council in the Columbia Basin gathers a local adjudicating committee to review the applications benefiting its community. Local assessors make funding recommendations consistent with CKCA and Columbia Basin Trust criteria. Local adjudicating committees recommend projects on the basis of community benefit, and application strength and quality. A steering committee, made up of individuals nominated by arts councils across the Columbia Basin, reviews recommendations and makes final recommendations based on available funds. The Trust reviews and approves recommendations for funding.

How to Apply

Submit applications online. The grant management system can be accessed from wkartscouncil.com/ckca-funding. To create a new application, click the link labelled "to apply, click here" on the [Community Grants](#) program page.

- Within the application form, applicants will need to indicate which arts council they wish to have their application directed to. For a list of arts councils and their catchment areas for the purposes of CKCA grants, visit the [Community Grants](#) program page. Contact CKCA directly if unsure.
 - Normally the applicant will indicate their local arts council (based on home address). A possible exception might be if the project will take place in or benefit a different Basin community (e.g. a mural in a different town). In this case, applicants should indicate the arts council in the area benefiting from the project and where all (or most of) the project activities will take place.

CKCA will not accept late or incomplete applications.