ARTS EVOLUTION
FUNDING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES 2026–27

Maximum request: $15,000

Application deadline: March 6, 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, 2028.

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

- Support non-profit organizations in the development of multi-component arts and culture projects that support audience development, arts community development or increased capacity within the presenting organization. Activities may include the following:

    o Presenting the work of a Basin artist or artists to the community. Grants support the coordination, programming and promotion of juried or curated exhibitions or performances. Projects may include a touring component, workshops or artist talks.

    o Creating new works, curatorial projects or collaborative arts and culture projects.

Eligibility

- Funding is available to registered non-profit arts and culture organizations and venues.

- Project budgets must exhibit other sources of revenue in addition to the CKCA funding request. Preference will be given to applicants requesting no more than 80 per cent of project funding from CKCA.

- Capital expenses may be included in the application budget up to a total of 20 per cent of the amount requested from CKCA.

- Curators and jurors must be professionals or demonstrate similar experience.

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Additional Information

- When original artwork is being created, exhibited, performed or presented, professional fees must be paid to the artists. CARFAC rates, or similar discipline-specific fee schedules for minimum payment standards, are recommended; see carfac.ca/tools/fees.

- If partnering with other organizations, list the partners and include any letters of confirmation or support.

Assessment

CKCA Arts Evolution applications are assessed by a steering committee made up of individuals nominated by arts councils across the Columbia Basin. Steering committee members make funding recommendations on the basis of community benefit, application strength and quality, and available funds. Columbia Basin Trust reviews and approves recommendations for funding.

How to Apply

Submit applications online. Access the grant management system from wkartscouncil.com/ckca-funding. To create a new application, click the link labelled "to apply, click here" on the Arts Evolution program page. CKCA will not accept late or incomplete applications.