MAJOR PROJECTS
FUNDING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES 2026–27

Funding award: $10,000

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 November 30, 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

- Create large-scale arts and culture projects that facilitate new opportunities for Columbia Basin residents to engage in creative processes or the enjoyment of art.

- Create large-scale, artist-led arts and culture projects, in which artists demonstrate leadership throughout the project's artistic activities, audience engagement and project management processes.

Eligibility

- Funding is available to individual artists or artist groups and collectives working in all disciplines. Non-profit organizations proposing large-scale projects should apply under Arts Evolution.

- 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.

- Applicants are required to submit a portfolio of their work before the application deadline. The portfolio must demonstrate their professional artistic practice and development. It may include sketches or samples of the proposed work.

  o For example, provide samples of artwork (photos of artwork or installations; stills or brief excerpts of performances; excerpts of writing, scripts or film synopses; excerpts of lyrics or scores); exhibition catalogues; images of book/CD/DVD covers, including

the contents page, song list, synopsis, run time, etc.; performance programs; press reviews; a URL of the applicant's website.

- o Portfolios may be submitted either electronically or in hard copy. (Electronic submission through the grant portal is preferred.)

- o Electronic copy format: Up to 10 pages of documents (PDF files), up to five minutes of video or audio material (MP4 or MP3 files), and up to five images (JPG or PNG files). The applicant may submit any or all three of these formats through the link provided on the online application form.

- o Hard copy format: Up to 20 8.5" x 11" pages in a binder (no loose papers or duo-tangs).

- o Do not send original hard copy documents. While reasonable care will be taken with handling of portfolio materials, CKCA will not be responsible for their loss or damage. Portfolios will normally be returned via regular mail or may be picked up at the CKCA office after June 15.

- o If submitting a hard copy portfolio, mail or courier it to CKCA early enough to ensure it is *received* before the application deadline. We will not accept or review hand-delivered materials.

> Mailing address: Box 103 Nelson, BC V1L 5P7
> Courier address: #1 – 619 B Front St., Nelson, BC V1L 4B6

Additional Information

- Projects must demonstrate community or audience engagement within the Columbia Basin (for example, mentoring opportunities, public readings, lectures, performances or exhibitions).

- Applicants should demonstrate the experience and ability to successfully complete the project as proposed.

Assessment

CKCA Major Projects 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 Major Projects program page. CKCA will not accept late or incomplete applications.