

MENTORING / MASTER CLASSES FUNDING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES 2026–27

Maximum request: \$5,000

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, 2027.

Before Applying

Review available funding programs online (wkarts council.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

- Help groups provide quality mentoring opportunities to artists with an advanced level of training in their field. Participants in mentoring and master class programs should have specialized training in the skill being taught and are committed to devoting more time to the skill when financially possible. Specialized training is not necessarily obtained within an academic institution, and we recognize the transmission of artistic practices from knowledge keepers with lived experience.

Eligibility

- Funding is available to informal groups, collectives or organizations. Proposals must be made by the group or organization (arts council, band council or other community, culture or arts group) and not by the mentor/instructor. Refer to the Community Grants program for support for individual mentors/instructors.
- Projects must involve a mentor/instructor recognized as a professional in their field; or, for applications focused on cultural knowledge or practices, the mentor/instructor must be an experienced practitioner. Skill level must be clearly outlined in the application.
- The experience level of learners is a key component of eligibility in this program. Arts projects focused on beginner-level instruction should apply through the Community Grants program.
- Funding is not available for capital expenses.



Additional Information

- If the group/organization applying is non-registered (not a charity or non-profit), the contract will be made out in the name of the primary person responsible for the project, on behalf of the group/organization listed.
- To encourage wider sharing of knowledge, preference is given to projects in which the mentor/instructor is external to the organization or community.
- The breadth of community impact is a consideration during project assessment. Partnerships and other activities that make the mentor's knowledge available to as many learners as possible are encouraged.

Assessment

CKCA Mentoring / Master Classes 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 wkarts council.com/ckca-funding. To create a new application, click the link labelled "to apply, click here" on the [Mentoring / Master Classes](#) program page. CKCA will not accept late or incomplete applications.