TOURING
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 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

- Help individuals or groups tour arts and culture productions, exhibitions or workshops in the Columbia Basin.
- Increase public awareness of Basin arts and culture productions.

Eligibility

- Funding is available for tours of an arts or culture production, performance, exhibition or workshop.
- Tours must include a minimum of three locations in order to be eligible. Tour locations within 50 kilometres of place of origin are eligible as part of the tour itinerary, but distance from the applicant's home community (as indicated by the address listed on the application) and number of locations will be taken into consideration when assessing the application.
- Funding can only be used for tour locations inside the Columbia Basin region. Should the proposed project relate to additional tour locations, non-Basin locations must be excluded from the list of proposed project activities and the project budget.
- Preference is given to applicants touring outside their immediate region. For example:
  - touring from the East Kootenay to the West Kootenay or Valemount
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  - touring from Valemount to the East or West Kootenays.

Additional Information

- Before applying, investigate potential tour stops and venues. The application will ask what steps have been taken to ensure local interest.

- Applicants are responsible for coordinating, booking and promoting their own tour.

- CKCA discourages applicants from applying for a Touring grant and a creation grant (for example Community Grants or Major Projects) for related projects within the same funding cycle. If the applicant is proposing two related projects within different programs, they should demonstrate how they plan to complete both projects within the allowed timeframes.

- When completing an application, applicants should include information about the size of the project (for example, the number of people who will be touring or the number of pieces of art), the target audience and how they intend to market the tour.

- Funding under this 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

CKCA Touring 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 Touring program page. CKCA will not accept late or incomplete applications.

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