

Arts and Culture 2026/27 Grant Recipients



COMMUNITY GRANTS

Area	Recipient	Project	Amount
Arrow Lakes	Fauquier CARES Society	CARES Community Arts Programs	\$1,500
	Fauquier Communications Centre Society	FauqFest Concert Series	\$1,700
	Joy Mullen	Nakusp Kids Rock Camp	\$2,500
	Shirley Weatherhead	Nakusp Community Choir	\$1,560
Castlegar and Area	Castlegar & District Heritage Society	Music at the Night Market	\$2,500
	David Leffelaar	Swingsations Big Band Halloween Masquerade Dance	\$1,900
	Jake Conkin	Buckaroo Jake and Calico Carol Show	\$1,600
	Jessica Treijs	Writers Room for Emerging Novelists	\$2,500
	Sabrina Curtis	Rewired Group Exhibition	\$2,500
Columbia Valley	Kimberlee Whyte	Park/Mural Project: Kimberlee Whyte	\$2,500
	Robyn Oliver	Ceramics for Seniors	\$2,500
	Tryg Strand	Sit Back and Wait: Community Arts Project	\$2,500
Cranbrook and Area	Carolyn Cameron	Piano Trios With a Twist	\$1,200
	Sanja Zarchikoff	Cranbrook Pro Rodeo / Love and Pain	\$1,865
	Symphony of the Kootenays Association	On the Horizon: A Story of Place	\$2,500
Creston and Area	Creston Valley Film Society	The Art of Super8 Filmmaking	\$1,175
	Helene Carter	Artistic by Nature: Creative Sundays	\$2,500
	Laura From	Community Band Christmas Concert 2026	\$2,500
	Starbelly Jam Society	Starbelly Jam Puppet Brigade Workshop	\$2,450
Fernie and Area	B. Gayle Vallance	Creating Artistic Sculptural Books	\$2,500
	Fun Field Festival Foundation	Interactive Community Mural Initiative at Fun Field Festival 2026	\$2,500
	Jo-Ann Buhler-Low	Fernie Theater Collective	\$2,500
	Karen MacDonald	Making Connections Artistic Development	\$450
	Symphony of the Kootenays Association	Passengers of Time	\$2,000
Golden	Kai Pepin	Honestly, Probably	\$2,500
	Mark MacKenzie	Interpreting the Columbia Basin: Oil Paintings of Local Landscapes and Wildlife	\$2,500
	Tracy Mihajic	Open Decks Golden	\$2,500
Kimberley	Heather Gemmell	One Light Concerts 2026	\$2,500
	Scot Proudfoot	Dynamiters 1937	\$2,500
	Sparta Humphreys	Kimberley Farmers Market Public Mural Project	\$2,500
Nelson	Anna Jauncey	Wired Differently	\$2,425
	Elaine Davis Zaitsoff	Community Contra Dance	\$2,500
	Kaihen Harwood	Kootenay Zine Library Project	\$2,500
	Kootenay Cooperative Radio	KCR Block Party	\$2,500
	Michelle Hart	Nelson One Act Festival	\$2,500
	Nelson Fine Arts Centre Society	Alleys Are the Footnotes of the Avenues: Community Art-making Workshop Series	\$2,300
North Kootenay Lake	Carolyn Beck	Colours of Kaslo: A Historical Landmark Colouring Book	\$2,500
	John Waynest	Art in Transition	\$1,500
	Suzanne Bessette	A Difficult Landscape	\$2,006
	Wendy Poer	Pericles	\$2,500

Revelstoke	Hailey Christie-Hoyle	No Small Parts	\$2,500
	Jessica Leahey	Tourism on Ice	\$2,500
	Steve Shannon	Desolation: Finding Beauty in the Drawdown of the Columbia River Basin Reservoirs	\$2,500
Rossland	Landon LaFond	RAD Mountain	\$2,500
	Rossland Council for Arts and Culture	Collaborative Youth Arts Project	\$1,800
	Rossland Historical Museum & Archives Association	InspiRed Mountain Community Art Competition	\$2,500
Salmo	Emily Jamieson	Salmo Youth Summer Dance and Drama Camp Experience	\$2,500
	Lila Brown	Marjorie and the Kairoscope YA Fantasy Novel and Community Workshop	\$2,500
	Lynn Hango	Book Development and Publication: Say What You Mean: Exploring the Art (and Chaos) of Communication.	\$2,250
	Violet Clarke	Salmo's Got Talent	\$2,500
Slocan Lake	Joy Mullen	New Denver Kids Rock Camp	\$2,500
	Martine denBok	Spark! Community Choir Project	\$2,500
	Slocan Lake Arts Council Society	Spark in the Dark	\$2,500
Slocan Valley	Jennifer McCaw	MAGSV Chain Making Workshop	\$565
	Kai Cabodyna	Unbearable Rapture of The Florentine Syndrome	\$2,500
	Rena Valiunas	Rena Vee & The Real Bad Times: Live Session Video	\$2,500
	Rural Alternatives Research & Training Society	Everybody Outside Art Day at the Vallican Whole	\$2,100
	Slocan Valley Gems Community Theatre Society	A Country Road Theatre and Performance Lab 2026	\$1,240
Sparwood	Dejana Lukac	Ceramic Art Club	\$2,500
	Michel-Natal-Sparwood Heritage Society	Paint & Sip Series	\$2,000
	Renee Myles	Community Arts Programs	\$2,500
	Sparwood Public Library Association	Children's Art Workshops	\$500
Trail	Karmelle Spence-Sing	Your Story, Your Stage	\$2,500
	Kootenay Music Festival Society	Kootenay Festival of the Arts (Trail) 2027	\$2,500
	Steve Gosselin	Youth Songwriting with Steve Marc (Band)	\$2,500
	Symphony of the Kootenays Association	Mirrors of the Mind	\$2,000
Valemount	Karly MacDonald	A Mural Festival	\$2,500
	Valemount Arts and Cultural Society	Fall Pottery Workshop	\$2,300

MINOR CAPITAL

Recipient	Project	Amount
Arrow Lakes District Arts Council Society	Upgrade Sound and Lighting	\$9,919
Creston Valley Film Society	Camera Equipment and Lens	\$6,881
Empire of Dirt Residency Association	Soft Shop Startup	\$8,165
Fernie and District Arts Council / The Arts Station	Upgrade Theatre Lights	\$10,000
Fun Field Festival Foundation	Marquee & Artisan Light Boxes for Fun Field Festival & Wardner Community	\$4,000
Kootenay Circus Arts Association	Accessibility & Adaptive Circus Arts Infrastructure Upgrade	\$10,000
Lower Columbia Community Development Team Society: Incredible Farmers Market	Incredible Farmers Market: Equipment Upgrade for Market Performances and Presentations	\$700
Nelson Fine Arts Centre Society	Exhibition Presentation and Audience Experience Improvements at Oxygen Art Centre	\$1,080

Procter Community Society	Procter Hall Stage Lighting	\$3,000
Revelstoke Arts Council	Gear Updates for Performance Spaces	\$3,095
Revelstoke Visual Arts Society	Bringing the Woodshop to Code	\$2,185
Rossland Community Potters Society	Shelving and Storage for Rossland Community Pottery Society	\$1,000
Rossland Council for Arts and Culture	Accessible & Shared Arts Equipment Initiative	\$3,600
Slocan Lake Arts Council	Tech Upgrades for SLAC's Music in the Park	\$10,000
SQx Danza	Enhanced Lights for Touring	\$5,000
Starbelly Jam Society	Starbelly Jam Festival Safety & Experience Enhancements	\$3,000
The Aunte Indigenous Residency	Aunte Artist Equipment	\$5,750
Valemount Public Library	Joyful Sounds	\$3,075

TOURING

Recipient	Project	Amount
Ian Griffiths	HALF/ASIAN With Amy the CODA: Columbia Basin Tour 2026	\$5,000
Jacqueline Atkins	Basin Improv Duo Tour	\$5,000
Jayne Wood	JKL & The Interbeings Summer Tour 2026	\$5,000
Kateryna Melnyk	El Ritmo Que Te Mueve (The Rythm That Moves You) Album Release Tour	\$5,000
Lucas Myers	Lucas Myers Kootenay Tour	\$5,000
Maddison Keiver	Maddisun "Genuine Energy" tour 2026	\$5,000
Martine denBok	Broken Wing Takes light!	\$5,000
Michael Brendan Hephher	Basin Book-Event Tour for WaterStory	\$5,000
Patrick Carrick	Rhythm By Nature's Community Drumming Tour	\$5,000
Petra Hekkenberg	The Art of Safe Keeping	\$5,000
Rhonda Kirby	Katie and Shine Book Reading Tour	\$5,000
Tenise Marie Trueman	Tenise Marie 2026 Columbia Basin Tour	\$5,000

MENTORING / MASTER CLASSES

Recipient	Project	Amount
Creston Valley in the Raw Arts Society	A Masterclass With Suzy Birstein: A Canadian Sculptor	\$5,000
Elk Valley Métis Association	Métis Beading Circle Workshop	\$4,540
Kootenay Circus Arts Association	Elevating Rural Circus: Advanced Mentorship in the Kootenays	\$5,000
Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society	Carnival Arts Master Classes With Michael Lee Poy and Xica Dieffenthaler-Lee Poy	\$5,000
Shannon Maria Lythgoe	In Harmony: Skill Building for Choral Singers With Morna Edmundson	\$635
Shinobu Verhagen	The Sound of Japan: Japanese Traditional Music Masterclass	\$5,000
The Greater Trail Area Creative Activities Centre Society for the Visual Arts	Kintsugi Master Class	\$5,000
Theresa Lewis	Knowledge Keeper Mentorship in Offering Traditional Cree Tanning and Hide Expertise	\$5,000

MAJOR PROJECTS

Recipient	Project	Amount
Carmen Moreira	Wasuna	\$10,000
Claire Dibble	The Things Remembered: A Visual Art Installation	\$10,000
HALF/ASIAN With Amy the CODA	The Lowrey Set: Creation and Recording of a New Synth-Pop Album With Sign Language Performance	\$10,000
Matthew Clarke	The Canadian Iron Horse (TV Show)	\$10,000
Michelle Hart	Magic Michael: Development and Premiere of a New Solo Work	\$10,000
Oh Pray Tell	Oh Pray Tell: Creating a Multidisciplinary, Audiovisual Concept Album	\$10,000
Patricia Henman	I Ain't Dead Yet Re-imagined Theatre Project	\$10,000
Rayya Liebich	Theatre Production of The Gaza Monologues and Accompanying Transforming Grief Into Art Workshops	\$10,000
Salmo Youth Theater Program	Salmo Youth Theater Production	\$10,000
Sarah Jane Osadetz	Birthplace of Mountaineering in Canada: Edelweiss Village & Golden	\$10,000
Surya Sameera Gonella	Sakhi: Bold, Beautiful and Boundless	\$10,000
Tapatia Collective	Day of the Dead: A Cross-cultural Celebration	\$10,000

ARTS EVOLUTION

Recipient	Project	Amount
Capitol Theatre Restoration Society	Métis Culture Celebration	\$15,000
Columbia Valley Arts Council	CVARTS Annual Programming	\$15,000
Elephant Mountain Literary Society	Elephant Mountain Newcomer Workshops	\$8,000
Fernie & District Arts Council	Fernie Mural Project: Building Arts Capacity and Community Connections	\$15,000
Fun Field Festival Foundation	Live Art & Wellness: Festival Archway Art/Live Sand Sculpting & Kids Workshop/Live Crowd Portrait Painting/Wellness Music & Dance at Fun Field Festival 2026	\$10,000
Kohan Reflection Garden Society	Art in the Kohan Reflection Garden	\$2,618
Langham Cultural Society	Indigenous Traditional Arts Project	\$13,000
Revelstoke Community Choir Society	Spreading Joy Through Song	\$5,000
Rossland Council for Arts and Culture	Rossland Visual Arts Exhibition & Artist Development Initiative	\$15,000
Selkirk Concert Society	Supporting the Creation of Three New Musical Works by Columbia Basin Composers	\$10,000
Tilted Brick Gallery Association	Financial Support for Exhibiting Artists at Tilted Brick Gallery, Creston, 2026 to 2027	\$11,000