

Planning/Capital Grants for Cultural Spaces

City of Vancouver Cultural Infrastructure Grants

<http://vancouver.ca/people-programs/cultural-infrastructure-grant-program.aspx>

This Program provides for support for cultural space planning, acquisition, renovation and development. Grants are made to Vancouver-based non-profit cultural groups to undertake projects that strengthen their ability for space development and operation. The maximum level of support from all City of Vancouver sources (including sources such as the Park Board) is 50% of total project cost. Vancouver-based, registered, non-profit cultural societies in good standing with the Province of British Columbia Registrar of Companies may apply. Societies must have been in existence delivering programs and services for a minimum of one fiscal year. Existing cultural space, as applicable, must be owned by the organization, or secured through a long term lease (minimum 10 years which may include renewable terms totaling 10 years).

City of Vancouver Downtown Eastside (DTES) Capital Grants

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/capital-grants-program.aspx>

This program supports capital projects within the DTES that help implement actions from the DTES Plan

Canadian Heritage - Cultural Spaces Canada Fund

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/cultural-spaces-fund.html>

The CCSF seeks to improve physical conditions for artistic creativity and innovation. It is also designed to increase access for Canadians to performing arts, visual arts, media arts, and to museum collections and heritage displays. The Fund supports the improvement, renovation and construction of arts and heritage facilities, and the acquisition of specialized equipment as well as conducting feasibility studies.

Non-profit arts and heritage organizations incorporated under Part II of the *Canada Corporations Act* or under corresponding provincial or territorial legislation. Provincial/territorial governments, municipal or regional governments, and their agencies, as well as First Nations and Inuit equivalent governments, are also eligible. Federal organizations and federal Crown corporations are not eligible for funding.

VanCity Foundation and Community Grants

<https://www.vancity.com/AboutVancity/InvestingInCommunities/Grants/>

Established in 1989 under the Society Act of British Columbia, with an initial endowment of \$1,000,000 from Vancity, Vancity Community Foundation (VCF) was founded with a mandate to enrich the community while building on the values of the credit union.

VCF is a public charity created to help gather together community resources, thereby realizing the potential that exists when we invest in the vision of communities. VCF Strategic Programs focus on not-for-profit social enterprise, community owned real estate (including housing), and collaborative approaches toward change. Funding criteria and application processes vary across our granting programs.

Central City Foundation

<http://www.centralcityfoundation.ca/apply-for-a-grant/>

Programs and initiatives supporting community transformation – These grants support programs that enhance the inner city community, provide economic opportunity or other opportunities to “transition” to an improved situation for those in need in the inner city. Central City Foundation invests in community transformation in our inner city by supporting outcomes-based counseling programs, community support groups and social enterprises. We focus on social enterprises that create jobs, accessible goods and services and strengthen the sustainability of the non-profit sector, all of which promotes economic growth and revitalization of local economies.

Real Estate Foundation

<http://www.refbc.com/>

The Foundation funds initiatives that transform real estate and land use practices throughout British Columbia. General and Special Grant programs are available and eligible to non-profit societies as well as the projects of municipalities, regional districts, First Nations, senior government departments, professional associations and other societies. Funding for green building initiatives can be directed to the Real Estate Foundation's Small or Responsive Grant programs. The Foundation does not award grants to individuals or for-profit corporations.

Province of BC - Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/investing-in-canada-infrastructure-program/community-culture-recreation>

Accessibility Grants

Federal Government - Enabling Accessibility Fund

<http://www.edsc.gc.ca/eng/disability/eaf/index.shtml>

The Enabling Accessibility Fund is a federal Grants and Contributions program that supports community-based projects aimed at improving accessibility through the renovation, construction, and retrofitting of buildings.

From installing automated door openers, constructing a universally designed office or retrofitting a washroom with an accessible toilet, grab bars and taps, the Enabling Accessibility Fund works to enable Canadians with disabilities to participate in their community and the economy.

Since its creation in 2007, the program has funded over 2,200 projects across the country and has improved accessibility for thousands of Canadians.

Energy/Sustainability Grants

TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

<https://www.td.com/corporate-responsibility/fef-grant.jsp>

The Foundation supports a wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary funding focus on:

- Environmental education
- Urban greening and enhancing biodiversity
- Energy conservation

BC Hydro and Fortis Grants and Rebates

<http://www.fortisbc.com/rebates/Pages/default.aspx>

https://www.bchydro.com/pwersmart/residential/rebates_savings.html

Grants and rebates from Fortis and BC Hydro to assist home and building owners doing energy improvements to their buildings.

Heritage Grants

Vancouver Heritage Foundation

<http://www.vancouverheritagefoundation.org/get-a-grant/>

Financial help for the repair and maintenance of heritage exteriors.

Heritage BC / Heritage Legacy Fund

<http://www.heritagebc.ca/funding/heritage-legacy-fund>

To support community initiatives that conserve and increase the understanding and appreciation of heritage resources.

Capacity/Organizational Sustainability

BC Arts Council

http://www.bcartscouncil.ca/guidelines/special_programs/sustainability/capacity.html

Capacity and Sustainability Program is designed to assist arts and cultural organizations planning to undertake specific activities that will increase their capacity and contribute to long term sustainability.

The program is intended to assist organizations that can demonstrate a high degree of critical self-reflection. A competitive submission will include analysis of the organization's stage in its life cycle, details of the specific impacts of the current environment, realistic assumptions and explanation of the anticipated results, including the knowledge gained through the project.

The Vantage Point

<http://www.thevantagepoint.ca/>

A partnership with the City of Vancouver (Cultural Services and social Policy) provides full bursaries for not-for-profit arts or not-for-profit community/social service organizations who are existing City of Vancouver grant recipients or who are primary tenants of City-owned or controlled spaces to attend workshops on board development, performance management and human resources recruitment, as well as longer term Advanced Learning Labs: Executive, Governance and Leaders. An eligible organization may participate in up to four learning opportunities per year (with a maximum of one advanced learning lab).

Other Financial Help

Financial Institutions: Many credit unions and some banks have community business banking divisions that will work with non-profit or social enterprise organizations including favourable banking and lending programs.