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Call Opens for City Cultural Infrastructure Grants to Support Arts Groups

VICTORIA, BC — The arts and culture sector that was hard-hit by the pandemic will get a boost with a new grant program of \$250,000 in annual funding, plus an additional \$150,000 in one-time funding in 2022 for accessibility upgrades. This \$400,000 in City funding will support upgrades for performance and rehearsal spaces, including improvements to make venues safer and more accessible for artists and audiences.

“Over the last two years, arts and culture organizations have shown tremendous resilience as they pivoted and found new ways to bring programming to the community,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “The City has lost affordable arts and culture venues during the pandemic and many that remain have pressing needs. This is why we are making the Cultural Infrastructure Grants an ongoing funding program to make venues safer and more accessible for everyone.”

A thriving arts and culture sector is an important contributor to community growth and well-being. Victoria’s arts and culture sector contributes \$435.8 million to the local economy and employs 5,588 people in the city. The creative economy also attracts investment, workers and tourists, and creates jobs and business growth across other sectors. Affordable and accessible cultural facilities provide spaces for community members to work, practice, host activities and connect with each other.

The Cultural Infrastructure Grant program provides funding ranging from \$15,000 to \$100,000 per organization depending on the project. Eligible organizations can apply and receive funding for one project per year. The deadline for applications is April 29, 2022, at 4 p.m.

Eligible applicants include Victoria-based arts and cultural spaces operated by non-profit societies, non-profit cooperatives, registered charities, Songhees and Esquimalt First Nation Councils or Urban Indigenous non-profit organizations.

The City is hosting an online information session April 5, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for interested organizations to learn more about grant guidelines. To register, please [click here](#). The event will also be recorded and posted on the City’s website for those who are unable to attend.

To learn more, visit [Cultural Infrastructure Grant | Victoria](#).

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