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## Festival Investment Grants Support a Return of the Festival Season

VICTORIA, BC — The City is supporting 41 festivals with \$321,200 in Festival Investment Grant funding and up to \$129,500 of in-kind contributions to usher in the return to festival season in Victoria.

“Grab your sun hat and festival chair, after the long pandemic hiatus it’s going to be a great summer for arts and culture events in Victoria,” said Mayor Lisa Helps. “I am thrilled to see the exciting line up of culturally-diverse, family-friendly events, from dance and theatre to music and community performances. There is something new to attend every week.”

This year’s Festival Investment Grant recipients include the BC Black History Awareness Society, who in August will present The Function Festival, a new two-day arts festival celebrating Canadian and international BIPOC musicians.

Victoria Pride Week is back in full swing with a week of events, including their full Pride Parade and Festival in MacDonald Park on June 26.

Victoria Symphony also returns with Symphony in the Summer, for a week-long celebration of music culminating with their grand finale over two days on the Legislative Lawn in July. Then in November, first time recipient to the grant program, the Jewish Community Centre of Victoria is hosting their annual Victoria International Jewish Film Festival, this year focusing on a multicultural program that builds connections among communities through cinema.

The Festival Investment Grant program, now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, has seen more than \$3 million in grants go to nurture the development and sustainability of high-quality annual festivals and celebrations.

The pursuit of arts, culture and tourism opportunities is a key goal of the City’s Create Victoria Arts and Culture Master Plan.

Watch for the online City Vibe guide, coming in May, for a complete list of upcoming family-friendly events festivals around the city.

Learn more about Festival Investment Grants at [victoria.ca/FIG](https://victoria.ca/FIG).

Full list of Grant Recipients for 2022:

Africa-ISSAMBA Fest	African Art & Cultural Community Contributor Society	May 28 & 29	\$12,000
Caravan Stage Virtual Rogues World Premier	Caravan Stage Society Inc	June 14 - 19	\$12,000

East West Mural Fest	Esquimalt Community Arts Hub	August 13 - 27	\$2,300
FernFest	Belfry Theatre (in partnership with Fernwood NRG)	June 24 & 25	\$11,000
Festival Mexicano (16th Annual)	Mexican Canadian Community Association of Victoria	July 9th & 10th	\$3,000
Flamenco Festival	Flamenco de la Isla Society	July 16, July 19 - 23	\$8,000
Folkloria	Greater Victoria Folk Festival Society	June 4 & 5	\$1,500
Free-B Film Festival	Victoria Independent Film & Video Festival	August	\$4,000
Fringe Festival	Intrepid Theatre	Aug 24 - Sept 5	\$12,000
Garden City Grooves	Victoria BC Ska & Reggae Society	November 24 - 26	\$5,500
Highland Games & Celtic Festival (159th)	Victoria Highland Games Association	May 14 - 22	\$15,000
Lights of Wonder	Downtown Victoria Business Association	December 16 - 31	\$3,170
Mabuhay! Celebrating Philippine Culture	Victoria Filipino Canadian Association	June 11 & 12	\$3,000
One Wave Gathering	Pacific Peoples' Partnership Association	September 3 - 25	\$6,000
Out There Art Festival	Alter Arts Society	September 2 - 5	\$3,400
OUTstages Festival	Intrepid Theatre	February 3 -13	\$6,000
Pacific Baroque Festival	Victoria Conservatory of Music	March 16 - 20	\$1,000
Peek Fest	Impulse Theatre Society	November 1 - 20	\$3,500
Pride Festival	Victoria Pride Society	June 24 – Jul 1	\$13,000
Rendez-vous Victoria	La Société francophone de Victoria	June to August	\$10,000
Selkirk Waterfront Festival	Burnside Gorge Community Association	May 28	\$2,000
Ska & Reggae Festival	Victoria BC Ska & Reggae Society	June 22 - 26	\$16,500
SKAMPede	Theatre SKAM	July 6 - 10	\$15,000
St Patrick's Day Fleadh	Greater Victoria Festival Society	March 13 - 16	\$6,000
Summit Park Pumpkin Festival	Alter Arts Society	Nov 1	\$500
Sunset Ceremony - A Musical Celebration Recognizing the Queen's Platinum Jubilee	Victoria Military Music Festival Society	May 21 - 22	\$2,000

Symphony in the Summer Festival	Victoria Symphony Society	July 25 - August 1	\$20,000
TD Art Gallery Paint-In	Art Gallery of Greater Victoria	July 23	\$13,000
TD Victoria International JazzFest	Victoria Jazz Society	June 24 - July 3	\$13,000
The Function Festival	BC Black History Awareness Society	August	\$12,000
UNO Fest	Intrepid Theatre	April 26 - May 14	\$6,400
Vancouver Island Blues Bash/Harbour Blues 'n Roots Festival	Victoria Jazz Society	Aug 25 - 28	\$9,500
Victoria Bicycle Music Festival	11680943 Canada Foundation, doing business as The Folk Foundation	August 14	\$2,230
Victoria Day Parade (122nd), Santa Light Parade (40 <sup>th</sup> )	Greater Victoria Festival Society	May 21 - 23; November 26	\$16,000
Victoria Dragon Boat Festival	Victoria Dragon Boat Festival Society	August 12-14	\$10,200
Victoria Festival of Authors	Victoria Festival of Authors Society	September 28 - October 2	\$6,000
Victoria Film Festival	The Victoria Independent Film & Video Festival	February 4 -13	\$12,000
Victoria International Jewish Film Festival	Jewish Community Center of Victoria	November 5 - 8	\$8,000
ViVa! Victoria Latin Festival	Here In Canada	August 6	\$4,500
Wonderment (7th Edition)	Garden City Electronic Music Society	July 29 - August 1	\$8,000
World Accordion and Tango Festival	BC Accordion and Tango Society	Nov 16 - 20	\$3,000

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