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# Welcome

**Information Session:**  
2026 Regional Cultural  
Project Grants





*Photo: Lamondance 2024 Project - Kaua*

# 2026 Regional Cultural Project Grants

## INFORMATION SESSION FOR INTERESTED APPLICANTS

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Webinar - April 8, 2026

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Metro Vancouver acknowledges that the region's residents live, work, and learn on the shared territories of many Indigenous Peoples, including 10 local First Nations: q̓íç'əy' (Katzie), q̓'wɑ:n'x̓'ən' (Kwantlen), kwik'wəx̓'əm (Kwikwetlem), máthxwi (Matsqui), x̓'wəθk'wəy'əm (Musqueam), qiqéyt (Qayqayt), Semiahmoo, S̓kwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), scəw'áθən məsteyəx̓'w (Tsawwassen) and səlilwətał (Tseil-Waututh).

Metro Vancouver respects the diverse and distinct histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, which collectively enrich our lives and the region.

Who has  
joined us  
today?

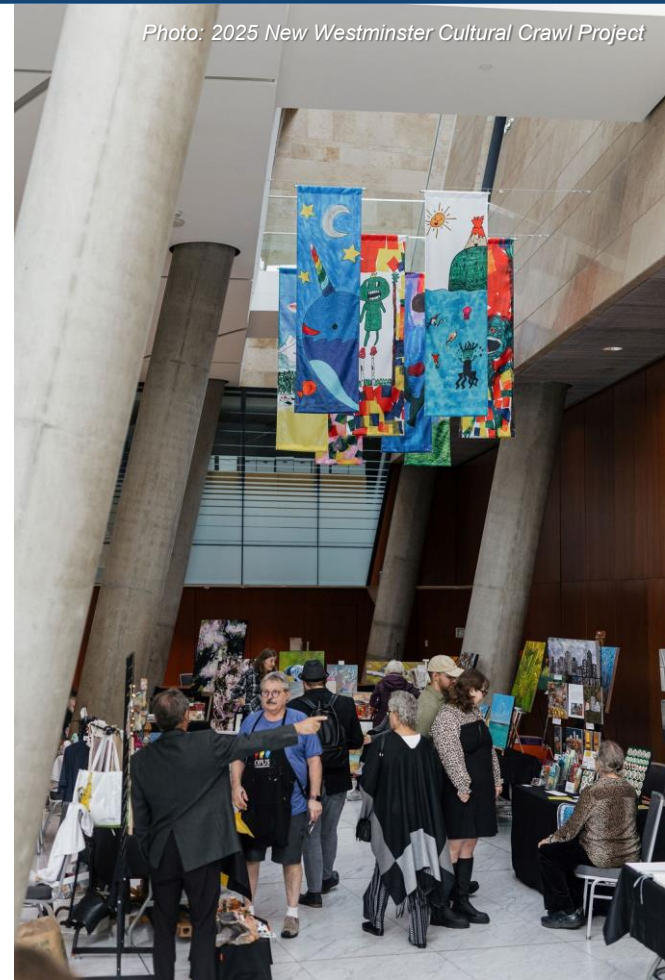


# REGIONAL CULTURAL PROJECT GRANTS

What does the program support?

- Assists arts and culture non-profit organizations
- \$10,000 max per project
- \$300,000 total program budget for 2026
- Funds issued in August

Photo: 2025 New Westminster Cultural Crawl Project



# WHY DOES THE REGION FUND ARTS AND CULTURE?

Benefits to the Metro Vancouver federation

## Enrich lives

- Economic prosperity
- Health and wellbeing
- Provide a sense of meaning and belonging

## Promote social cohesion

- Create inclusive spaces
- Appreciation and expression of cultural identity
- Transcend language barriers and cultural differences
- Connect communities

## Preserve and inspire

- Preserve culture, heritage and traditions
- Inspire future generations
- Foster creativity and innovation
- Sense of pride



Over **3 Million** Residents  
**53%** of BC population  
**23** Member Jurisdictions



# APPLICATION REVIEW

How are submissions scored?

- ✓ Received by 4:00 pm  
April 27, 2026
- ✓ Complete & eligible
  
- Regional Impact (20%)
- Merit (50%)
- Budget Plan (30%)



# LAST YEAR'S INTAKE

## 2025's Grant Cycle in Numbers

- 132 applications
  - 55 eligible
    - 50 grants
- \$1,135,345 requested
  - \$300,000 available
    - \$2,000 - \$10,000 awarded per project



Photo: Folk Star Arts Folklore Festival (2025)



Photo: Dancers of Damelahamid (2022)



Photo: Pinoy Festival (2024)



Photo: Plastic Orchid Factory (2025)

# REVIEW & ADJUDICATION

Tips for preparing a strong application

- ✓ Uniqueness
- ✓ Timing
- ✓ Capability
- ✓ Realistic
- ✓ Stability
- ✓ Resilience
- ✓ Relevance
- ✓ History
- ✓ Audience
- ✓ Reconciliation
- ✓ Diversity
- ✓ Equity
- ✓ Inclusivity
- ✓ Reach



Place des Arts, Family Day (2024)



Bill Reid Gallery, Indigiqueer (2020)



Health Arts, Concerts in Care (2023)



DreamRider, Planet Protector (2019)



Vancouver Latin American Cultural Centre, Latin Expressions (2023)



Still Moon Arts, Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival (2023)

# GENRE CATEGORIES

How we will group applications

- Dance
- Festivals and Events
- Music
- Theatre
- Visual Arts



# REGIONAL CULTURAL PROJECT GRANTS

Common application issues and errors

- Budget or resilience concerns
- Ineligible BC Societies/Co-op number
- Missing, vague or too much information
- Writing and proofreading errors
- Ineligible project timelines
- Invisible support
- Submission email size (no zip files)



Photo: City Opera Vancouver 2024 Project  
Voices of Resilience: A Recital Celebrating Black Composers  
(Credit: Michelle Diamond Photography)



**TOGETHER**  
WE MAKE OUR REGION  
**STRONG**

Questions?

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