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Arts Program

## **Indigenous Arts Program Community Art Spaces 2022/23 Funding Guide**

**Application Deadline:**

**October 4, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. PT**

*Late proposals will not be considered.*

Apply on our Grant Portal: [www.fpcc.ca/login](http://www.fpcc.ca/login)

**Please retain this Arts Program Funding Guide in your files. If your funding request is approved, the policies and information contained in this guide will be a useful resource.**

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## FPCC Statement on COVID-19

**The health and safety of everyone involved in FPCC programs, communities, and especially Elders, is of the utmost importance to us.** We are taking action to maintain safe operations while supporting our communities and participants. While actions to provide vaccines are currently underway there is no cure or treatment for COVID-19. We want to be very careful that our programs do not put anyone at risk and ensure that they follow the current orders of the [Provincial Health Officer](#).

FPCC supports each First Nation's self-determined right to protect their community and we respect any additional guidelines set by Chief and Council or local governments to help keep their communities safe.

Following these guidelines will help us take care of one another and keep each other safe.

**Please note:**

- All programs must be aware of and follow current guidelines from the Provincial Health Officer.
- Applicants must consider how the program will proceed under strict COVID-19 restrictions.
- Please ensure that your project proposal meets the requirements listed in this document.
- It is critical that we take care of and protect our Elders and Knowledge Keepers, and those at a higher risk of illness. We need to work together to find safe ways to involve Elders.
- FPCC staff are here to assist program participants with unexpected and unplanned changes as a result of COVID-19 impacts on programs.

We will do our best to share information and respond to changes together. If you have any questions, please [contact program staff](#).

## Indigenous Arts Program

The FPCC Indigenous Arts Program (IAP) is one of three program areas at FPCC. The IAP supports the creation, development, production, marketing, promotion and distribution and dissemination across all forms of creative expressions. This includes but not limited to ceremonial, oral, visual, performance, music, sculpture, carving, weaving.

The IAP is bundled into three baskets of program offerings, the baskets are:

- Individual Artists Basket
- Organizations and Collectives Basket
- Arts Music Basket

Each basket provides support for artists to positively impact community creative sovereignty in their respective activities, training, knowledge transfer and professional development.



IAP provides financial support to First Nations, Metis, and Inuit creatives with priority given to projects intended for the revitalization First Nations arts, languages, cultures and heritage in B.C.

## Organizations and Collectives Basket

The FPCC Organizations and Collectives Basket acknowledges that Indigenous peoples have cared for these lands and their artistic and cultural practices since time immemorial. Therefore, Indigenous peoples are the rightful stewards of these practices and creative projects should be led and initiated by Indigenous artists and arts professionals.

This funding opportunity supports B.C. Indigenous artists, arts and culture organizations, groups/collectives, administration professionals and First Nations governing bodies with projects that contribute to the transmission of traditional arts practices and knowledge, professional and community development, creative growth, cultural workspaces, and capacity building in all creative expressions. This funding basket includes the following grant streams:

- Organizations & Collectives.
- Community Arts Spaces.
- Arts Administrator Internships and Mentorships.
- Sharing Traditional Arts Across Generations.

## Community Art Spaces Program Description

This grant is intended to support the development and enhancement of community arts and culture spaces that nurture the transmission of arts skills and knowledge through all creative expressions. This grant is here to help create space for Indigenous artists to make and practice their art. All spaces must be community focused and available for community use. Examples include:

- Rehearsal space (for creative expressions such as singing, drumming, dance, theatre, and others).
- Permanent designated spaces to create art, such as weaving, drawing, painting, and other creative expressions.

To support these spaces, this grant can fund:

- Renovations/improvements to an existing building/structure.
- Building of a new structure.

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## Definitions for the purposes of this grant

- Organizations are Indigenous led Not for Profit Societies or other entities that can provide Audited Financial Statements and have at least two people with signing authority.
- Collectives are a group of 3 or more Indigenous artists who come together with a shared vision and mandate. A collective has a name and can either have a group bank account or have one member accept funds on behalf of the group.

## Funding Information

**Grant amount:** up to \$75,000

## Timeline

- Applications due **October 4, 2022.**
- Grants awarded\* by **December 16, 2022.**
- Funds Distributed by **January 27, 2023.**
- Interim Report due no later than **August 1, 2023 (if applicable).**
- Projects concludes no later than **December 31, 2023.**
- Final Report due no later than **January 31, 2024.**

*\*FPCC strives to deliver funds as early as possible, but this may be delayed by various factors. Please note that overdue prior year reports and delays in signing Funding Agreements will affect the timeline for receiving funds. To speed funding delivery, we suggest that current recipients begin working on reporting prior to the project completion and submit as soon as the project is complete – do not wait for the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Final reports are reviewed and approved on a first-come, first-served basis.*

## Program Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the IAP the **applicant** must:

- Have previous experience or a creative mandate that demonstrates a commitment to their practice.
- Demonstrate the support of recognized Indigenous artists, creatives, cultural, or community leaders.
- Submit only one application per deadline.
- Submit a Final Report for any previous IAP grants (if applicable). You will not be eligible to apply until all active IAP grants are closed.
- Not have the same project funded through the BCAC programs.

In addition, the **project** must:



- Have a start date after the application deadline.
- Demonstrate an achievable project timeline.
- Present a realistic and balanced budget, which clearly demonstrates financial need and, if applicable, identifies other sources of revenue required to complete the project.

### Who is eligible to apply?

- Non-profit Indigenous arts and culture organizations registered in B.C.
- Indigenous governing bodies in B.C. (e.g., First Nation or Tribal Council).
- Indigenous arts groups/collectives in B.C.

### Please note:

- Organizations, governing bodies and arts groups/collectives must be Indigenous controlled (minimum 51% ownership by a person(s) who are First Nations, Inuit or Metis) and the Indigenous partners are meaningfully involved in all relevant decision making.
- All new non-profit organizations/collectives must provide FPCC with their Certificate of Registration, Proof of Insurance, Board of Directors or Governance (if a collective) and banking information as needed to receive funding.
- If there is a question about whether you live in British Columbia, you may be asked to provide documentation. Your proof of residency can include a valid British Columbia services card, a valid British Columbia driver's license or evidence of income taxes paid in the previous year as a British Columbia resident.

### Who is not eligible to apply?

- Non-Indigenous organizations.
- Public institutions (e.g., schools and universities).
- For-profit organizations and businesses.
- Committees, groups, task forces without an established governing body.
- Provincial/territorial and municipal governments and their agencies.
- Federal or provincial government departments and agencies.
- Organizations/individuals with incomplete or outstanding reporting with FPCC.

### Eligible Expenses

- Contractor fees and labour costs.
- Fixing drywall.
- Painting.
- Roof repair.
- Project materials.
- Plumbing costs (including sinks and toilets).
- Equipment purchases up to 20% of funding request.
- Renovation costs.
- Equipment rental costs.



## Ineligible Expenses

- Expenses that take place before the project begins.
- Accumulated deficits, annual operating losses, or debt.
- In-school accredited K-12 programs, including First Nations and non-First Nations or public programs as well as curriculum development for such programs.
- Projects related to post-secondary education.
  
- Capital and business development costs.
- Activities or gatherings not related to the project.
- Activities that do not comply with current provincial COVID-19 guidelines.

## Application Requirements

**Applications will not be reviewed unless all necessary information is provided.**

**Applicants must submit completed applications that include:**

- A project description detailing the objectives, activities, and participants.
- A thorough workplan with dates for key activities.
- A description of the applicant, organization, or collective's background, artistic mandate, and plans. Include incorporation documents if the organization is registered.
- Key participants' resumes, biographies or creative background including artistic, educational and career accomplishments.
- A community engagement plan describing the protocols for the community (or communities) and artists that have been identified as being served by this project.
- A balanced budget, which details planned expenditures, resources and additional revenues or other support including in-kind contributions (*In-kind contributions are given in the form of goods and services and not money. They are recorded in the budget as funds from other sources and not as part of your FPCC funding request*).
- If you are working with traditional knowledge, a description of how you have addressed protocols.
- Two current letters of support for the applicant and proposed project. **If a mentor is involved**, a letter from the mentor will be required as one of the two letters.
- **All letters of support must be dated and signed.**
- The most recent annual financial statements **if the applicant is a registered organization**.
- **If applicable**, existing organizational development planning documents (e.g., marketing, or fundraising plans).

## How to Apply

- Applicants are advised to read the program guidelines and application form and discuss their project with Arts Program staff well before submitting their proposals. The FPCC grant portal allows you to work on and save your draft application. Give yourself plenty of time to write your application prior to the deadline.



- Applications must be completed and submitted by the deadline on FPCC's Grant Portal: [www.fpcc.ca/login](http://www.fpcc.ca/login). If you do not have access to internet or where accessibility is concerned, please contact Arts Program staff.
- Applications will only be discussed with the person named as the "applicant" or "primary contact person." Arrangements to speak with another person must be requested in writing.
- Applications will not be accepted after the deadline date.

## Peer Review Process

- Applications that have been submitted by the deadline will be reviewed for completeness by Arts Program staff.
- An interdisciplinary review committee composed of established Indigenous artists and arts professionals will be convened to review all applications and make recommendations.
- FPCC reserves the right to require confirmation of other sources of funding prior to releasing funds, to request access to financial records of the project and to require receipts for expenses incurred by the project.
- Funding decisions of the FPCC are final. Decisions cannot be appealed unless evidence suggests that procedural error may have occurred during the assessment process. FPCC may initiate a process to review and potentially reverse a grant decision where there are serious concerns about the recipient or the funded activities.

## Notification of Awards

- Applicants will be notified of the PRC decision approximately 12 weeks after the application deadline. Please do not contact Arts Program staff regarding the status of your application during this time.
- Notification will be sent via the online system to the primary contact provided in the application. Results will not be released by telephone or email.
- Successful applicants must submit a Final Report through their Grant Portal account, no later than one month after completion of the project. You will not be eligible to apply to any of our programs until your final report is submitted.
- Successful applicants must acknowledge the support of the First Peoples' Cultural Council's Indigenous Arts Program in all materials produced in relation to the funded project. Logos are available on request.
- In the event an application is unsuccessful, FPCC Arts Program staff are happy to provide feedback, upon request.

## Payment of Awards

- Successful applicants will be required to complete the funding agreement in the grant portal before receiving a grant.





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- Grants are taxable income and must be reported as such. Individuals receiving grants on their own behalf or on behalf of a group are issued T4As for the year in which the grant payment is processed.
- Payments will be processed within 6-8 weeks of your notification of award. Please do not contact Arts Program staff regarding the status of your application during this time.

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## **Program Contact**

To discuss your project ideas or seek additional information, please contact:

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