



Heritage Stewardship Program Funding Guide

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

March 22, 2024, at 4 PM

Late proposals will not be considered.

Applications can be submitted on FPCC's Grant Portal: www.fpcc.ca/login.

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

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Introduction

First Peoples' Cultural Council

The First Peoples' Cultural Council (FPCC) was established in 1990 through the First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Act and is mandated to support the revitalization of First Nations' languages, arts and cultures in British Columbia. FPCC is a unique Crown Corporation governed by a Board of up to 13 B.C. First Nations representatives. FPCC administers three programs: the Heritage Program, the Language Program and the Arts Program. The Heritage Program was established in 2019 to support the safeguarding, transmission and revitalization of Indigenous cultures and heritage. It focuses on the following three goals to support:

1. **Capacity:** Indigenous communities have the tools, training, staff and spaces to be stewards of their cultural heritage.
2. **Stewardship:** Indigenous communities have programs, funding and autonomy to be stewards of their cultural heritage.
3. **Leadership:** The rights of Indigenous Peoples' to be stewards of their cultural heritage is recognized and affirmed, and Indigenous expertise is valued.

Heritage Stewardship Program

The FPCC Heritage Program is pleased to launch the third intake of the Heritage Stewardship Program (HSP). The HSP combines existing and new grants, including Sense of Place, Climate Change, Oral Histories and Protocols, and Digitization and Archiving into four priority areas. The purpose of combining these grant streams is to reduce the administrative burden on applicants while increasing the funding flexibility to better meet applicants' needs. This new program makes it possible for an organization to apply for up to three priority areas in one application.

Please send all inquiries about the HSP to hsp@fpcc.ca.



Program Criteria

COVID-19 Program Information

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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 many have been vaccinated, COVID-19 still poses a risk to our communities, staff and those most vulnerable to the serious effects of this illness. We want to be very careful that our programs do not put anyone at risk.

It is important 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.

Although funding for FPCC programs does not require proof of vaccination, 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.

Tcwemstwallhkálap ("you folks take care of one another" in Ucwalmícwts)
Following these guidelines will help us take care of one another and keep each other safe.

Please note:

- Please ensure your project proposal meets the requirements listed in this document.
- 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](#).



Eligible Applicants

Who is eligible to apply?

B.C.-based organizations that have a mandate or focus that includes First Nations' heritage.

Eligible applicants include:

- Recognized First Nations¹ governments, bands or tribal councils located in B.C.
- Not-for-profit societies registered in B.C., in good standing and governed by recognized B.C. First Nations individuals (at least 75% of directors identify as members of recognized B.C. First Nations)
- Urban and off-reserve B.C. First Nations organizations (at least 75% of directors identify as members of recognized B.C. First Nations)
- B.C. First Nations–led museums and cultural spaces (at least 75% of directors identify as members of recognized B.C. First Nations)
- B.C. First Nations schools² and adult education centres operating in B.C. on First Nations lands (Please note that applications from First Nations schools that serve one community must be submitted through their respective Nation/Band Office)

The FPCC Heritage Program supports projects by B.C. First Nations and B.C. First Nations-led organizations as per our legislated mandate. FPCC requires at least 75% of an organization's board members/directors to include individuals from B.C. First Nations as they are the rightful stewards of their cultural heritage and are best equipped to lead the important work of protecting, sharing and revitalizing B.C. First Nations Heritage on these lands. Additional heritage funding may be accessed through Heritage BC, Department of Canadian Heritage, Vancouver Foundation, Telus Foundation and the Mastercard Foundation. If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact hsp@fpcc.ca.

Eligibility Documentation

FPCC is committed to accountability and transparency in the delivery of funding to B.C. First Nation communities, as expressed in our mandate and vision. We welcome funding applications from organizations that are not recognized B.C. First Nations governments, provided they meet the eligibility guidelines outlined above.

FPCC Program staff may contact you to request some or all of the following information to accompany your application. This information will help us better understand your organization,

¹ For a list of recognized B.C. First Nations, please see: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/first-nations-negotiations/first-nations-a-z-listing>

² FPCC is unable to fund K–12 classroom activities and related accredited programming.



its mandate, and how it operates, so that we can support you through the funding process. If requested, this information must be provided before a Funding Agreement can be issued.

- Societies and organizations other than First Nations governments may be asked to provide documentation confirming legal name and a list of the organization's current Board of Directors and/or governance structure. Please note that FPCC requires that Boards of Directors be composed of at least 75% members of recognized B.C. First Nations.
- Additionally, registered societies may be asked to provide their certificate of good standing; certificate of registration; a copy of the organization's bylaws and constitution; and proof of insurance.

Applicants may be asked to provide proof of support from a B.C. First Nation in the territory where the project is proposed and that shares the same language as the proposed project. This may be in the form of a Band Council Resolution, OR letter of support from a Chief or Council member, OR a letter of support from an established First Nations organization that is currently an FPCC grant recipient.

Please note that first-time applicants will be required to provide the information listed above. Returning applicants may be required to update their eligibility documentation.

FPCC values the collective gathering and sharing of resources. For projects in which oral history, intellectual properties and cultural properties are gathered and/or shared, applicants may be asked to provide information that will demonstrate how the information or item will be gathered or obtained and how ownership, copyright and intellectual and cultural property rights will be recognized and upheld now and into the future.

On a case-by-case basis, FPCC will consider applications from B.C. First Nation organizations that are in the process of achieving a not-for-profit or society status. Please contact the Heritage Program Manager to discuss this further.

Ineligible Applicants

- Organizations or individuals who are not from a B.C. First Nation
- Collectives (the program only accepts registered societies, see above)
- For-profit organizations and businesses, entities, individuals and commercial ventures
- Organizations or previous grant recipients with incomplete or outstanding reporting with FPCC or FPCF. These applicants are ineligible until all required documentation is complete.
- Government organizations, including municipalities



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- Universities, colleges and non-First Nations schools
- Private clubs, groups and organizations with exclusive memberships
- Religious organizations
- Corporations

Collaboration is Encouraged

FPCC strongly encourages collaboration. Only one application (per grant program) per Band Office, Tribal Council or Society/Organization will be eligible for funding. If more than one application from the same Band Office, Tribal Council or Society/Organization is submitted, the Peer Review Committee will decide which proposal will receive funding, so it is strongly advised that applicants collaborate and submit one unified proposal. This demonstrates that there is support and consensus for the proposed project, as well as being inclusive and designed with long-term goals in mind.

General Requirements

Applications will not be reviewed unless all necessary information is provided. Applicants must submit completed applications that include the following:

- A balanced project budget with detailed descriptions and cost breakdowns for each category
- A thorough workplan with dates for key activities
- A project timeline that fits within the HSP funding term
- Two letters of support: one demonstrating governance approval from within the organization and the second indicating support from the community. Letters of support examples:
 - **Demonstrating Governance Approval**
 - **For Bands:** a dated and signed Band Council Resolution **OR** a letter of approval dated and signed by a B.C. First Nation Chief, Band Manager, and/or a member of Council.
 - **For Societies/Organizations:** a dated and signed letter of approval from the Executive Director or General Manager.
 - **Demonstrating Community Support:** The letter of support can be from a project participant (who will not receive financial benefit from the project), a collaborating community/organization or a person of high standing in the community. It should *not* be from the Chief, a member of Council, the Band Manager, or a signing



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authority of the applicant organization, as they will be indicating their support through the letter of governance approval.

- **All letters of support must be dated and signed.**
- Proof of additional confirmed funding, if applicable. Examples include funding agreements and letters from donors/sponsors.

Grant Liability, Insurance and Certification

For projects with a hazard of potential personal injury or bodily harm due to high-risk project related activities, please provide FPCC with copies of the following:

- Comprehensive insurance for at least \$2 million.
- Adequate certification and licencing if operating a motorcycle, Off Road Vehicle, large truck or bus, trailer, snowmobile, boat, or other equipment.
- Valid driver's licence(s) of operators of a motorcycle, Off Road Vehicle, large truck or bus, trailer, or boat.
- Necessary WorkSafe BC compliance documents and, before starting work on certain types of construction projects, e.g., a project over \$100,000, submit a Notice of Project to WSBC.
- Any other information reasonably requested by FPCC related to safety and/or liability issues.

If your project is approved, FPCC will follow up to request these documents on conditional acceptance of the project. We will need these documents for the final approval of the project and before the funding agreement is sent.

Projects using vehicles are expected to carry and maintain Third Party Liability insurance on all vehicles owned, operated or licensed in the name of the project/grant recipient in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00. This documentation should be available to FPCC, if requested.

It is recommended that anyone operating an ATV receive ATV Rider Training by Canadian Safety Council (CSC) certified instructors.

Probable high-risk project activities may include, but are not limited to, using ATVs, horses, trailers, boats, helicopters, heavy equipment, or activities that involve camping in remote areas, risks of large mammal encounters, excavation, scaffolding and ladders, or construction. If you are unsure if your project is high risk and would require additional insurances, certification and licensing, please contact the assigned funding program staff person to discuss further.

Application Deadline

When is the application deadline?

March 22, 2024, at 4 PM.



Applications must be completed and submitted by the deadline on FPCC's Grant Portal: www.fpcc.ca/login. We do not accept faxed or emailed applications.

Applications and proposals will only be discussed with the contacts listed/identified in the application. Staff are available to support you with your application and answer questions. If you require assistance with your application or would like to request a review of your application with feedback from staff, please email hsp@fpcc.ca at least two weeks before the deadline.

Priority Areas

1. Sense of Place

Objective: This priority area supports B.C. First Nations communities and organizations with between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to safeguard sensitive and significant cultural landscapes, places and sites. Projects should include a mentorship or training component through which youth learn Indigenous and contemporary approaches to managing culture and heritage that are connected to the land.

Project examples:

- Land-based documenting projects
- Projects connecting Indigenous knowledge systems, the land and waters
- Knowledge sharing projects that are connected to a specific place
- Research projects to understand and caretake a site or place
- Mentorship and training projects related to cultural landscapes and activities

2. Climate Change

Objective: This priority area supports B.C. First Nations communities and organizations with between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to explore how their communities are experiencing and responding to climate change in the context of Indigenous cultural heritage protection and revitalization. Projects may include the development of mitigation measures for heritage sites and places that are impacted by climate change.

Project examples:

- Documenting the impact of climate change on local fisheries and other food sources
- Assessing the impacts of climate change on culturally significant places and historic sites
- Developing beach management strategies to mitigate coastal erosion
- Documenting and disseminating information about communities and landscapes that are experiencing climate change impacts



3. Oral Histories and Protocols

Objective: This priority area supports B.C. First Nations communities and organizations with between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to engage Elders and Knowledge Keepers in sharing their stories and contributing to documenting Indigenous laws, protocols and ways of knowing.

Project examples:

- Audio and/or video recording interviews of Elders and Knowledge Keepers
- Translating and transcribing oral histories
- Research projects or focus groups to document and articulate Indigenous laws, protocols and knowledge systems

Access to an online course is provided for recording oral histories, which includes modules on preparing for an oral history interview, conducting oral history interviews, data management and transcription, and technology recommendations.

4. Digitization and Archiving

Objective: This priority area supports B.C. First Nations communities and organizations with between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to digitize and/or archive existing cultural heritage records, which may include maps, audio and video recordings, transcripts, photos, illustrations, books and other culturally important materials.

Project examples:

- Creating an inventory of cultural heritage materials to digitize
- Transferring audio and video cassettes to digital media
- Training within communities on digitizing and archiving
- Cataloguing cultural heritage records for an organization
- Documenting and sharing heritage through new technologies

Funding

Funding Amounts

For each priority area, applicants can apply for between \$10,000 and \$25,000; applicants may choose up to three priority areas in a single application for a maximum funding request of \$75,000. Budgets must be provided for each priority area.

Funding Term

The funding term for the HSP is as follows:

- Project activities to begin on or after May 27, 2024



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- Interim report due by January 10, 2025
- Projects completed by August 29, 2025
- Final report due by August 29, 2025

Funding Installments

- 65% of funding: upon application approval and receipt of signed funding agreement
- 20% of funding: upon submission and approval of interim report with budget
- 15% of funding: upon completion of project and approval (acceptance) of a final report with budget

Expenses

Eligible Expenses Per Priority Area

Project costs must be directly applied to and essential to the project. Costs will be reviewed to determine if they are reasonable and have been accurately estimated.

- Salaries and wages (must be specific to the project)
- Honoraria, from \$150 to \$250/half day and from \$300 to \$500/full day, depending on the activities and protocols; rates above these amounts must be covered by the applicant organization.
- Contractors and consultants may be hired if a project requires special skills. Contractor/consultants costs may not exceed 30% of the funding requested. Funding recipients must show they have made best efforts to hire an Indigenous contractor or provide justification for why a non-Indigenous contractor was hired. Indigenous contractors/consultants will be prioritized. A written quote must be provided with the grant application for contractor costs budgeted over \$1,000.
- Equipment rentals and purchases, including computers and recording devices: up to 20% for Sense of Place, Climate Change, and Oral Histories and Protocols grants; up to 80% for Digitization and Archiving grants
- Administration costs, up to 15% of the funding requested
- Software needed to achieve the project's objectives
- Meeting and event space rentals
- Materials and supplies
- Food and hospitality, reasonable and necessary costs only
- Travel/transportation, reasonable and necessary costs only



Ineligible Expenses

- Expenses that take place before the HSP funding term begins
- Accumulated deficits, annual operating losses or debt
- Costs for political events, rallies and demonstrations
- Expenses exceeding maximums set above
- For-profit business development costs
- Capital purchases, such as vehicles or costs associated with building or land improvements
- Expenses related to annual community celebrations or anniversaries
- Activities or gatherings unrelated to the proposed project
- Activities that do not comply with current provincial COVID-19 guidelines

Adjudication Process

- Submitting a proposal does not guarantee funding.
- FPCC staff are available to support you with your application and answer any questions you may have. Please reach out to hsp@fpcc.ca.
- Applications will be reviewed for completeness and clarity.
- Funds available to this program are limited; therefore, projects that demonstrate urgency to safeguard heritage will receive priority.
- A Peer Review Committee (PRC) will review and assess eligible proposals according to the program objectives, the feasibility of the timeline and the budget presented.
- After the submission deadline, please do not contact staff regarding the status of your application. All applicants will be advised of PRC decisions approximately eight weeks after the application deadline.

Reporting Requirements

If the project is approved, the applicant will receive a funding agreement that sets out the terms of the funding and the reporting requirements. This agreement must be signed by the signing authority outlined in your application.

The project interim and final reports will be available for applicants to fill out on FPCC's Grant Portal and must be submitted by **January 10, 2025, and August 29, 2025, respectively**. The FPCC's Grant Portal can be accessed at www.fpcc.ca/login.