



Braided Knowledge Grant

2026–27 Funding Guide



Information Webinar

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Application Deadline:

March 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. PT

Late proposals will not be considered

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

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Introduction

The 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 FPCC Heritage Program was established in 2019 to support the safeguarding, transmission and revitalization of B.C. First Nations cultures and heritage. It focuses on the following three goals:

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

To learn more about our Heritage Program, visit fpcc.ca/heritage

For information about funding opportunities, please visit the FPCC website at <https://fpcc.ca/grants>

Funders

Braided Knowledge: Weaving B.C. First Nations' Knowledge Through Generations Grant has been made possible through the generous support of the Indigenous Knowledge Holders Fund of RSF Social Finance.

A Note on Health and Wellness

Tcwemstwal' Ihkál'ap, ("you folks take care of one another" in Ucwalmícwts):

The health and safety of everyone involved in FPCC programs, especially Elders and those with health concerns, is of the utmost importance to us. As you plan your project, please take extra care during cold and flu season to minimize the spread of illness.

FPCC General Funding Guidelines

Please see the [FPCC General Funding Guidelines](#) for information on the following:

Funding Criteria

- Eligibility
- Misrepresentation
- Ineligible Expenses
- Grant Liability, Insurance & Certification
- Criminal Record Checks

FPCC Grant Applications

- Grant Portal
- Reporting Requirements

Proposal Review Process, Notification of Awards and Payment of Awards

- Peer Review Committee (PRC)
- Funding Decisions and Notification
- Payment of Awards

Grant Overview

Grant Description

The Braided Knowledge: Weaving B.C. First Nations Knowledge Through Generations (Braided Knowledge) Grant supports B.C. First Nations community projects that revitalize and focus on the wholistic and integrated nature of B.C. First Nations arts, languages and heritage.

Funding support for arts, languages and heritage has typically been siloed to each individual practice, yet these practices are interwoven strands that underpin B.C. First Nations cultures and worldviews.

An important element of the Braided Knowledge Grant is the requirement for a mentorship and apprenticeship component to help ensure the protection, transmission and intergenerational knowledge transfer of B.C. First Nations languages, arts and heritage between generations.

General Application Information

How to apply: Applications submitted on [FPCC's Grant Portal](#)

2026–27 application deadline: March 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. PT

Funding amount: \$10,000-\$25,000

Funding term: Projects can take place anytime from **May 15, 2026, to May 14, 2027**

Final report: Due no later than **May 14, 2027**

Please note: Completion of final reports is required to be eligible to apply for future funding from all FPCC program areas.

Contact: If you have any questions while reviewing the guidelines or during the application process, please reach out to Braided Knowledge Grant staff via email at bkg@fpcc.ca.

Planning for Your Application

FPCC Heritage Program applications take time to complete, and we recommend starting as early as possible. Significant reading and writing are required throughout the application process, along with seeking support letters.

TIP: Please give yourself up to one month to work through all portions of the application.

In addition, applications are completed on a website that functions best when used on a laptop or desktop computer. For applicants that require assistance with technology, we recommend having a friend, family member or someone they trust to assist them with completing and submitting the application.

Please reach out to Heritage Program staff if you have any questions about the application process, would like to discuss project planning and/or if you need support in completing your application. The deadline for one-on-one support is **February 27, 2026**, two weeks before the application deadline.

Application Criteria

Eligible Applicants

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 65% 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. Applicant organizations must have a mandate that includes B.C. First Nations' heritage.

Eligible applicants include the following:

- Recognized [B.C. First Nations](#)¹ Bands or Tribal Councils
- Not-for-profit Societies registered in B.C. in good standing and governed by B.C. First Nations individuals where at least 65% of directors are from recognized B.C. First Nations
- B.C. First Nations-led museums and cultural spaces where at least 65% of directors are from recognized B.C. First Nations
- Urban and off-reserve B.C. First Nations organizations where at least 65% of directors are from recognized B.C. First Nations
- B.C. First Nations schools or adult education centres operating in B.C. on First Nations lands.²
Please note that applications from First Nations schools that serve one community must be submitted through their respective Nation or Band Office.

Additional heritage funding may be accessed through [Heritage BC](#), the [Department of Canadian Heritage](#), [Vancouver Foundation](#), [Telus Foundation](#) and the [Mastercard Foundation](#).

If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact bkg@fpcc.ca.

Eligibility Documentation

FPCC is committed to accountability and transparency in the delivery of funding to B.C. First Nations, 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, 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 may be asked to provide documentation confirming their legal name and a list of the organization's current Board of Directors and/or governance structure. Please note that FPCC requires that at least 65% of members of Boards of Directors are members of recognized B.C. First Nations to be eligible for funding through FPCC grant programs.
- 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
- 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 properties rights will be recognized and upheld now and into the future.

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.

¹ <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.

Applicant organizations must have a bank account to receive funds, as we are unable to issue funds to individuals for organizational grants.

Ineligible Applicants

- Individuals and family groups
- Organizations or Societies where less than 65% of Board members are members of a recognized B.C. First Nation
- Collectives or non-registered groups (this grant only accepts applications from registered Societies)
- For-profit organizations and businesses, entities, individuals and commercial ventures, and economic development corporations
- Organizations or previous grant recipients with incomplete or outstanding reporting with FPCC or First Peoples' Cultural Foundation. These applicants are ineligible until all required documentation is complete.
- Government organizations, including municipalities
- Universities, colleges and non-B.C. First Nations schools
- Private clubs, groups and organizations with exclusive memberships
- Religious organizations
- Corporations

Eligible Projects

Eligibility for this grant is purposefully broad, to allow for innovative and creative project proposals. Projects should weave together elements of B.C. First Nations' arts, languages and heritage. Additionally, all projects must demonstrate a mentorship component* in which cultural knowledge and practical skills are passed on from expert knowledge holders, fluent speakers and artists to younger learners.

*Please note, mentorship/apprenticeship involves long-term learning opportunities that span the duration of the project.

Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Projects that link public art, storytelling and cultural teachings
- A place name project that incorporates language, cultural heritage information, storytelling and art
- Apprenticeships and mentorships between Elders, Knowledge Keepers and community members
- Projects that demonstrate the relationship between stories, songs, place names, cultural heritage sites and landscapes
- Projects that develop tools and materials that will help safeguard B.C. First Nations languages, arts and cultural heritage

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. Applications must be submitted through [FPCC's Grant Portal](#) and include the following:

- The **names and contact information** for the primary and additional contacts for the project. The primary contact will be responsible for the application and any subsequent reporting, if funded. This person will be the primary point of contact for FPCC and must have an account on FPCC's Grant Portal.
- A description of how your project meets the **grant objectives**
- A balanced project **budget** with detailed descriptions and cost breakdowns for each category
- A completed **project team** worksheet, listing project team members' project responsibilities and relevant skills and qualifications
- A thorough **workplan** with dates for key activities
- A full consideration of the potential **risks and mitigation** strategies for the project
- A project **timeline** that fits within the Braided Knowledge Grant funding term (**May 15, 2026, to May 14, 2027**)
- Proof of **additional confirmed funding** for the project, if applicable. Examples include funding agreements and letters from other funders, donors and in-kind contributions.
- FPCC requires two types of **support letters**: governance approval letters and community support letters. All letters of support must be dated and signed on official letterhead. There are slightly different requirements for letters of support for Bands and Societies/non-profits applying for FPCC grants. Please carefully follow the instructions below to ensure your application includes the correct letters of support.

Governance Approval Letter

Upload one of the following, depending on whether you are applying as a Band or as a Society/non-profit:

- **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/non-profits:** a dated and signed letter of approval from the Executive Director or General Manager

Community Support Letter

Upload one or more of the following, depending on whether you are applying as a Band or as a Society/non-profit:

- **For Bands:** 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 authority of the applicant organization, as they will be indicating their support through the letter of governance approval.

Please note, the governance approval letter and the community support letter cannot be from the same person.

- **For Societies/non-profits:** FPCC requires one letter of support from a B.C. First Nation in the territory where the project is proposed and that shares the same First Nations language as the Society submitting the application. This letter of support may be in the form of a Band Council Resolution **OR** a letter from a Chief or Council member **OR** a letter from an established B.C. First Nations organization operating in the location(s) where the project is proposed and that is currently an FPCC grant recipient. Additional letters of support from other organizations or individuals may also be uploaded.

Grant Liability Insurance and Certification

The applicant organization is responsible for holding and maintaining all insurance covering risks associated with project activities for the project team and participants, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Comprehensive/Commercial General Liability in an amount not less than \$2,000,000 inclusive per occurrence, insuring against bodily injury, personal injury and property damage
- 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

Other examples of insurance and certification that may apply to your project include the following:

- Adequate training and certification and valid driver's licence(s) for operators of vehicles, including, but not limited to, motorcycles, ATVs, UTVs, large trucks or buses trailers, snowmobiles, boats or other equipment used for the project
- Necessary WorkSafe BC (WSBC) 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

If your project is approved, all applicable insurance and certification documentation should be available to FPCC, if requested.

Higher-Risk Physical Activities

Probable higher-risk project activities may include, but are not limited to, using ATVs, horses, trailers, boats, helicopters and heavy equipment, activities on or near the water, and activities that involve camping in remote areas, risks of large animal encounters, excavation, scaffolding and ladders, or construction. It is the responsibility of grant recipients to ensure they have adequate insurance, certifications, safety procedures, tools and training.

Financial Information

Funding Amounts

Applicants can apply for between \$10,000 and \$25,000 for their proposed project. There are no expectations or requirements for cost-sharing; however, if your project is dependent on other funding sources, we require proof of confirmed funding. Any project costs that exceed the grant amount will be the responsibility of the applicant.

Funding Term

The funding term for the Braided Knowledge Grant is as follows:

- Project activities to begin on or after **Friday, May 15, 2026³**
- Interim report due by **Friday, November 6, 2026**
- Projects completed by **Friday, May 14, 2027**
- Final report due by **Friday, May 14, 2027**
- All funds must be expended by **Friday, May 14, 2027**

Funding Installments

- **80% of funding:** upon application approval and receipt of a signed funding agreement
- **20% of funding:** upon completion of the project and FPCC approval of a final report with reconciled budget

³ FPCC strives to deliver funds as early as possible in the funding term, but this may be delayed by various factors, including applicants' delays in submitting prior year reports and/or in signing the funding agreement.

Eligible Expenses

Project costs must be direct 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 and described in the Project Team Worksheet and the Workplan Worksheet
- **Honoraria** must be specific to the project and described in the Project Team Worksheet and the Workplan Worksheet (\$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% of the funding requested
- **Administration costs**, up to 15% of the funding requested
- **Software or apps** needed to achieve the project's objectives
- **Meeting and event space rentals** necessary to achieve the project's objectives
- **Materials and supplies** required to support project work
- **Food and hospitality**, reasonable and necessary costs only
- **Travel and transportation**, reasonable and necessary costs only

Ineligible Expenses

- Expenses incurred before the Braided Knowledge Grant funding term begins (**May 15, 2026**)
- Board members, if applicable, may not receive any payment from grant funding
- Accumulated deficits, annual operating losses or debt
- Costs for political events, rallies and demonstrations
- Expenses exceeding maximum allowable percentages or caps, as described above, or expenses that are not necessary to project activities
- For-profit business development costs
- Capital purchases such as vehicles or costs associated with building or land improvements
- Travel and project activities that take place outside of B.C. If you have questions about expenses related to cross-provincial travel, please contact bkg@fpcc.ca.
- Activities or gatherings unrelated to the proposed project
- Activities that take place in or involve public schools or public institutions
- 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 bkg@fpcc.ca.
- Applications will be reviewed and evaluated for completeness and clarity
- Funds available to this program are limited. Projects that demonstrate urgency to safeguard heritage will receive priority.
- FPCC strives to distribute funding across all regions of B.C., and equitable distribution is considered during application review and decision-making
- A Peer Review Committee (PRC) of B.C. First Nation experts from across the province 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.

Funding Agreement and Reporting Requirements

If a 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 primary contact/project lead and the signing authority outlined in the application.

Please note that funding agreements are time sensitive. If the funding agreement is not signed within four weeks of delivery, the grant may be forfeited to ensure the funds are reallocated and spent within the fiscal year.

Grant recipients must submit an **interim report**, which includes a description of project activities carried out to date, outcomes and challenges encountered, as well as an update on the project budget.

The **final report**, which is due at the conclusion of the grant cycle, includes questions about project activities, deliverables, reflections on what worked well and challenges encountered. The report also requests numerical data about the project team and participants, the number of cultural activities supported through the grant and a final accounting of funds spent throughout the project.

The project interim and final reports will be available for applicants to fill out on [FPCC's Grant Portal](#) and must be submitted by **November 6, 2026**, and **May 14, 2027**, respectively.

Conclusion

Application Deadline

The deadline to submit an application is **Friday, March 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. PT**. Late proposals will be ineligible.

Website Information

For more information about the Braided Knowledge Grant, please visit our website at [Braided Knowledge Grant - First Peoples Cultural Council](#).

For information about all FPCC funding opportunities, please visit our website at fpcc.ca/grants.

Program Contact

To discuss your project ideas or seek additional information, please contact the Braided Knowledge Grant coordinator, Kym Jones, at bkg@fpcc.ca.

Application Support

If you wish to receive feedback on your application, please submit your application by **February 27, 2026** (two weeks prior to the closing deadline) and reach out requesting feedback. FPCC Heritage Program staff will provide feedback on your application so you may revise and resubmit before the final deadline (**March 13, 2026**).