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Heritage Vitality Program

2027-28 Funding Guide

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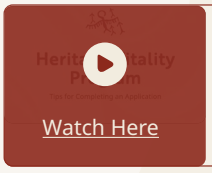

Tips for Completing an Application

Application Deadline:

November 25, 2026, at 4:30 p.m PCT

Late proposals will not be considered

Please read this Funding Guide before you apply to the Heritage Vitality Program. The information contained here will guide you through the application process.

Please save 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 and one representative of the Province of B.C. FPCC administers three funding 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 B.C. First Nations cultures and heritage. It focuses on the following three goals:

- **Capacity:** B.C. First Nations communities have the tools, training, staff and spaces to be stewards of their cultural heritage.
- **Stewardship:** B.C. First Nations communities have programs, funding and autonomy to be stewards of their cultural heritage.
- **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: fpcc.ca/grants.

For any questions related to your grant application, please contact our Heritage Program staff at heritage@fpcc.ca.

A Note on Health and Wellness

Tucwemstwaɬlhkáɬap ("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.

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FPCC General Funding Guidelines

Please see the FPCC General Funding Guidelines for information on the following:

Funding Criteria	Funding Criteria	Proposal Review Process, Notification of Awards and Payment of Awards
• Eligibility • Misrepresentation • Ineligible Expenses • Grant Liability, Insurance & Certification • Criminal Records Review Act	• Grant Portal • Reporting Requirements	• Peer Review Committee (PRC) • Funding Decisions and Notification • Payment of Awards

Heritage Vitality Program Overview

The Heritage Vitality Program includes three funding streams – Cultural Practices, Heritage Stewardship, and Braided Infrastructure. Each stream provides unique funding and support for community-led projects that revitalize B.C. First Nations' cultural heritage. Organizations can submit one application per funding stream.

Things to Know About Applying This Year

Information for all Heritage Program grants is now included in this single Heritage Vitality Program funding guide. This guide covers the three funding streams available through the Heritage Vitality Program – Cultural Practices, Heritage Stewardship and Braided Infrastructure. In previous years, each grant had a separate web page, funding guide and program deadline. The purpose of this change is to reduce administrative burden and help applicants find the best funding stream for their intended project. You can select the application form for the funding stream of your choice in the FPCC Grant Portal.

FPCC has also combined some grants to minimize the administrative burden on applicants.

- Cultural Practices and Braided Knowledge are combined under Cultural Practices and the total amount for Cultural Practices grants has increased to $20,000-$50,000 from last year's $10,000–$25,000.
- Braided Infrastructure and Arts Infrastructure – Community Art Spaces, ***formerly offererd within the Arts Program***, are combined under Braided Infrastructure and the total amount for Braided Infrastructure grants has increased to $100,000 from last year's $70,000.

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Funding Stream Descriptions

1. Cultural Practices

Cultural Practices supports B.C. First Nations' projects that focus on planning, carrying out and documenting community-based cultural practices and events. These may include cultural practices that have been continuously carried out over generations, as well as "sleeping" practices that a community intends to reawaken.

Beginning with the 2027-28 intake, Cultural Practices combines funding previously offered through both Cultural Practices and Braided Knowledge. As a result, the program now supports projects that safeguard and revitalize cultural practices *as well as* projects that reflect the interconnected and holistic nature of B.C. First Nations arts, languages, cultures and heritage. By combining these two key approaches, it continues to support projects that affirm identities, foster a sense of belonging, and celebrate the roles, relationships and responsibilities within communities.

All Cultural Practices projects must include a mentorship component that supports the transfer of cultural knowledge and practical skills from Elders, Knowledge Keepers and other mentors to youth and other community members. Mentors may include fluent speakers, artists, and more.

Project examples include:

- Annual, seasonal and celestial activities and events
- Celebrations honouring children, youth or others who hold important roles within their communities
- Events that bring community members together to affirm and strengthen relationships, cultural identities and responsibilities
- Knowledge gathering and transfer, including documenting cultural practices and events
- Reawakening of cultural places and the traditions associated with them, and other culturally important practices that are held by communities
- Projects that link public art, storytelling and cultural teachings
- Place name projects that incorporate language, cultural heritage information, storytelling and art
- 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

Grant Amount: $20,000 to $50,000

For inquiries related to Cultural Practices, please email: cpg@fpcc.ca

Funder Acknowledgment:
Cultural Practices funding was made possible through advocacy and leadership of an Indigenous matriarch, Knowledge Keeper and leader in B.C. who provided recommendations for funding to support this important work in B.C. First Nation communities. It is funded by the First Peoples' Cultural Foundation through a Canada-British Columbia bilateral agreement as part of the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence. Support for Cultural Practices furthers the ongoing work under Safe and Supported: B.C.'s Gender Based Violence Action Plan.

2. Heritage Stewardship

Heritage Stewardship supports B.C. First Nations' projects that focus on long-term stewardship and revitalization of their culture and heritage through mobilization, documentation and organization of knowledge. It supports four priority areas that represent different stewardship approaches: Sense of Place, Climate Change, Oral Histories and Protocols, and Digitization and Archiving. An outcome of Heritage Stewardship projects will include developing resources that future generations can use in stewarding their heritage, such as oral history recordings, digitized materials, catalogues, maps, coordinates, trails, lists, monitoring systems, guides, management or conservation plans, protocols, trainings, etc.

Project examples include:

Climate Change
- Documenting and assessing the impacts of climate change on culturally significant places, landscapes, species, food sources, cultural activities, etc.
- Developing management plans and mitigation strategies for cultural places and impacted sites

Digitization and Archiving
- Creating an inventory of cultural heritage materials to digitize or cataloguing heritage records
- Documenting and sharing cultural heritage through new technologies

Oral Histories and Protocols
- Researching or holding focus groups to document and articulate Indigenous legal orders, protocols and knowledge systems.
- Recording, translating and/or transcribing oral histories.

Sense of Place
- Documenting knowledge systems, the land and waters
- Research to understand and caretake a site
- Mentorship and training related to cultural landscapes and activities

Grant Amount: Up to $75,000 (Eligible for $25,000 per selected priority area, up to 3)

For inquiries related to Heritage Stewardship, please email: hsp@fpcc.ca

Funder Acknowledgment:
Heritage Stewardship is funded by the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) through the Province of British Columbia.

3. Braided Infrastructure

Braided Infrastructure is led by the FPCC Heritage and Arts Programs. Braided Infrastructure supports B.C. First Nations' efforts to develop infrastructure projects that braid together arts, culture, heritage and the values and teachings as understood through B.C. First Nations languages. It funds a broad range of infrastructure projects that conserve, repair or develop B.C. First Nations' cultural heritage and arts infrastructure.

Project examples include:

- Historical and cultural places, archives and cultural heritage collections that are of collective value to B.C. First Nations
- Construction or renovation of a permanent designated space to connect heritage and art activities, such as weaving, drawing, painting, regalia making and other creative expressions
- Physical infrastructure such as buildings, trails and structures that support public and community access to the:
    - Stories of historic places and the places themselves
    - Transmission of community memory and traditional practices, crafts and trades
    - Cultural materials that support telling stories of historic sites and the transmission of community memory and traditional practices, arts and trades
    - Art, music and cultural materials and forms

Grant Amount: Up to $100,000

For inquiries related to Braided Infrastructure, please email: bip@fpcc.ca

Funder Acknowledgment:
Braided Infrastructure is funded by MIRR through the Province of British Columbia, and through a donation from Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies.

General Application Information

How to apply: Applicants must submit their application through FPCC's Grant Portal
2027-28 application deadline: November 25, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. PCT
Funding amount:
Cultural Practices –$20,000 to $50,000
Heritage Stewardship – Up to $75,000
Braided Infrastructure – Up to $100,000
Funding term: Projects can take place anytime from **April 5, 2027, to February 28, 2028**
Final report: Due no later than **February 28, 2028**.

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 funding guide or during the application process, please reach out to Heritage staff via email at heritage@fpcc.ca for general questions. To reach a program coordinator directly, see their contact info below.

Planning for Your Application

FPCC's Heritage Vitality 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 obtaining any required supporting documentation.

TIP

It is recommended to allow yourself up to a 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.

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 **November 12, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. PCT**, two weeks before the application deadline.

Application Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

FPCC's Heritage Vitality Program supports projects by the 204 B.C. First Nations communities, and B.C.-based First Nations-led organizations whose mandate or focus includes the revitalization of First Nations heritage. 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 their lands.

Eligible applicants include:

- Recognized First Nations governments, bands or tribal councils located in B.C. [1]
- B.C. First Nations–led museums, cultural spaces, not-for-profit societies registered in B.C.,[2], in good standing and governed by B.C. First Nations individuals with at least 65% of directors identifying as members of one of the 204 recognized B.C. First Nations.
- Urban and off-reserve B.C. First Nations organizations governed by B.C. First Nations individuals with at least 65% of directors identifying as members of one of the 204 recognized B.C. First Nations.
- B.C. First Nations schools and adult education centres operating on First Nations lands in B.C.; schools serving one community must apply through their Nation or Band Office.[3]

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

[1] For a list of recognized B.C. First Nations, please see here.
[2] If you have questions about registering your organization as a society please see this resource with information on how to form a society in B.C. (Please note: This document is for reference only, FPCC is not able to provide advice on setting up a society.)
[3] FPCC is unable to fund K–12 classroom activities and related accredited programming.

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
- Provincial/territorial and municipal governments and their agencies
- Federal departments and agencies
- Universities, colleges and non-B.C. First Nations schools
- Private clubs, groups and organizations with exclusive memberships
- Religious organizations
- Corporations
- Communities or organizations that have not provided a demonstration of support and collaboration (see Application Support Letters for more information)

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

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. New societies and organizations other than First Nations governments are required to provide the following eligibility documentation***** in your application, so we can better understand your organization, its mandate and how it operates so we can support you through the funding process:

- A Certificate of Registration
- A Certificate of Good Standing
- A copy of the organization's bylaws and constitution
- A list of the organization's current Board of Directors, including the B.C. First Nation affiliation of each board member (at least 65% of the organization's board members/directors must identify as members of a recognized B.C. First Nation) using the Board of Directors Worksheet
- Proof of support for your organization from a B.C. First Nation in the territory where the project is proposed and which shares the same language as the applicant organization (except in the case of urban organizations, where only one of these criteria needs to be met). This may be in the form of one of the following:
  - A Band Council Resolution

- A letter of support from a Chief or Council member
- A letter of support from an established First Nations organization that is currently an FPCC grant recipient

Applicant organizations must have a bank account to receive funds, as we are unable to issue funds to individuals for organizational grants. If your application is successful, you will be asked to complete a direct deposit form for your organization.

*Eligibility documentation must be updated every 5 years.

General Ineligible Activities or Projects

- Projects that only benefit an individual are not eligible; Heritage grants are meant to support collective stewardship and knowledge transfer
- Projects with a very high risk to health and safety, including but not limited to projects that have a primary focus or primary activities that include: Use of firearms (e.g., hunting camps), fire (e.g., cultural burning), extreme heat (e.g., sweat lodges)
- Projects where youth would be unsupervised
- Projects that involve private, sensitive, confidential or sacred ceremonies, information or practices that cannot be shared outside families or clan groups
- Projects that are dependent on unconfirmed funding from other sources
- Stand-alone concept plans, feasibility studies and business plans
- Activities for political events or fundraisers
- Activities that do not comply with current provincial health guidelines
- Activities that take place in or involve public schools or public institutions

Ineligible for Braided Infrastructure: Digital infrastructure projects, such as archival databases
Ineligible for Cultural Practices: Physical infrastructure projects

Please reach out to us if you are not sure which grant is the best fit for your proposed project, or if you are interested in undertaking an activity not included in the list of eligible activities under each grant description. You can contact us at, heritage@fpcc.ca and we can discuss which option best supports your project within the Heritage Vitality Program.

Collaboration is Encouraged

FPCC strongly encourages collaboration. Only one application (per funding stream) per Band Office, Tribal Council or Society/Organization will be eligible for funding. If more than one application for the same type of grant is submitted from the same Band Office, Tribal Council, or Society/Organization, 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 full consideration of the potential risks and mitigation strategies for the project
- A project timeline that fits within the funding term (April 5, 2027 to February 28, 2028)
- Proof of additional confirmed funding for the project, if applicable. Examples include funding agreements and letters from donors/sponsors and in-kind contributions

Application Support Letters:

FPCC requires two types of support letters for proposals: Governance Approval Letters and B.C. First Nation Support Letters. All letters of support must be dated and signed on official letterhead. Additional support letters and documentation may be required for new organizations. Please carefully follow instructions below to ensure that your application includes the correct letters of support.

If you are applying as a First Nations Band you will need to provide:	If you applying as a Society or Non-Profit you will need to provide:
One Governance approval letter • This letter can be represented as either 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.	One Governance approval letter • A dated and signed letter of approval from the Executive Director or General Manager of your organization.
One Application Support Letter • Please provide a letter of support from supporting departments, organizations or other First Nations community. It should not be from the Chief Councillor, Band Manager or signing authority of the applicant organization.	One Application Support Letter • From a B.C. First Nation in the territory where the project is proposed and which shares the same language as the applicant organization (except in the case of urban organizations, where only one of these criteria needs to be met). 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, the governance approval letter and the application support letter cannot be from the same person.	

High-Risk Physical Activities

Probable higher-risk project activities may include, but are not limited to, using ATVs, horses, trailers, boats, helicopters, heavy equipment, activities on or near the water, or 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

Cultural Practices	Heritage Stewardship	Braided Infrastructure
$20,000 to $50,000	Up to $25,000 per Priority Area A maximum of $75,000 total	Up to $100,000

Funding Term

The funding term for the Heritage Vitality Program grants is as follows:

- Project activities to begin on or after **April 5, 2027**
- Interim report due by **October 1, 2027**
- Projects completed by **February 28, 2028**
- Final report due by **February 28, 2028**

Funding Instalments

- **65%** upon approval and receipt of a signed funding agreement
- **20%** upon completion and FPCC approval of an interim report
- **15%** upon project completion and FPCC approval of a final or year-end report with reconciled budget

Eligible Expenses

TIP

For all expenses listed in the Budget Worksheet - especially large sums - show your math in the description boxes provided to make it clear for the Peer Review Committee how each expense is calculated. For example, when reporting wages, provide a breakdown that includes the number of hours or days worked and the rate paid per hour or per day.

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

Expense Categories	Cultural Practices/ Heritage Stewardship	Braided Infrastructure
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. Fees paid to professionals, project managers, technical personnel, contractors or consultants, including travel, expenses, equipment, materials and software needed for their work, 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 application for contractor costs budgeted over $1,000.**	✓	✓
Construction including cost of materials, environmental reviews, archaeological assessments, concept planning, feasibility studies, and business plans, leasing of equipment, and utility, electrical and other set-up connection services to the site.	✗	✓
Equipment rentals and purchases to support project work, up to 20% of the total budget for projects that do not involve a research or documenting focus This may be up to 80% of the budget only for projects focused on researching and documenting to a maximum of $30,000.	✓	✗
Meeting and event space rentals necessary to achieve the project's objectives.	✓	✗

Expense Categories	Cultural Practices/ Heritage Stewardship	Braided Infrastructure
Materials and supplies, including safety equipment, recording equipment and meeting supplies required to support project work.	✓	✗
Software or apps, necessary to achieve the project's objectives.	✓	✗
Food and hospitality, reasonable and necessary costs only. **Braided Infrastructure:** Max of 2% of the total funding requested.	✓	✓
Travel and transportation, reasonable and necessary costs within B.C. only.	✓	✗
Administration up to 15% of the funding requested.	✓	✓
Other costs not listed here, with prior approval from FPCC. Please reach out to heritage@fpcc.ca or the relevant Grant Coordinator (see contacts below).	✓	✓

Ineligible Expenses

- Expenses incurred before the funding term begins on April 5, 2027
- Board members, if applicable, may not receive any payment from grant funding
- Expenses exceeding maximum allowable percentages or caps, as described above, or expenses that are not necessary to project activities
- Accumulated deficits, annual operating losses or debt liability insurance for directors
- Legal fees
- For-profit business development costs
- Capital purchases, such as vehicles
  - Land acquisition and real estate fees, leasing land, leasing buildings and other facilities
  - General, routine and cyclical repairs and maintenance
  - Furnishing and non-fixed assets, which are not essential for the project
- Travel and project activities that take place outside of B.C. If you have questions about expenses related to cross-provincial travel, please contact heritage@fpcc.ca or the relevant Grant Coordinator (see contacts below)
- Activities or gatherings unrelated to the proposed project

- Any expenses for goods or services which are or will be received through donations or in-kind contributions, for example, donated building materials or volunteer labour

Ineligible for Braided Infrastructure:

- Overhead costs, salaries and other employment benefits that amount to more than 15% of the total funding requested

Ineligible for Heritage Stewardship and Cultural Practices:

- Capital purchases or costs associated with building or land improvements

Application Review Process

- Submitting an application 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 the program contact (see below) with your questions.
- Applications will be reviewed and evaluated for completeness and clarity.
- Funds available to this program are limited. Projects that demonstrate urgency to safeguard B.C. First Nations culture and heritage, and to share knowledge across generations 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.
- In-kind contributions are not required for any of the FPCC Heritage grants. However, any project costs that exceed the maximum grant amount will be the responsibility of the applicant, and all additional funding required to complete the project must be confirmed by the application deadline.
- A Peer Review Committee (PRC) of B.C. First Nations heritage experts from across the province will review and assess eligible proposals according to the grant 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 16 weeks after the application deadline.

Funding Agreement & 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 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 with funds spent to date.

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 location where activities took place and the number of cultural activities supported through the grant, as well as a final accounting of funds spent throughout the project.

The project interim and final reports will be available for applicants to complete on FPCC's Grant Portal and must be submitted by **October 1, 2027, and February 28, 2028, respectively**.

Conclusion

Application Deadline

November 25, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. PCT – Late applications will be ineligible

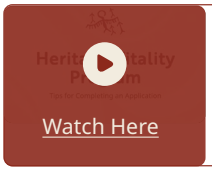
Applications must be completed and submitted by the deadline on FPCC's Grant Portal. Faxed or emailed applications are not accepted.

Applications and proposals will only be discussed with the contacts listed/identified in the application. FPCC Program Staff are available to support you with your application and answer questions.

Recorded Information Videos

We've created two information videos to support applicants. One provides an overview of the Heritage Vitality Program and the other provides useful tips for completing an application. Links to both videos are available below.

Overview of the Heritage Vitality Program



Tips for Completing an Application

Website Information

For more information about the Heritage Vitality Program, please visit our website at: fpcc.ca/heritage.

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

Program Contacts

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

Program/Grant	Email	Grant Lead	Support For
Heritage Stewardship	hsp@fpcc.ca	Nathalie Picard	Heritage Stewardship specific questions and application review requests
Cultural Practices	cpg@fpcc.ca	Elsie Joe	Cultural Practices specific questions and application review requests
Braided Infrastructure	bip@fpcc.ca	Heritage Staff	Braided Infrastructure specific questions and application review requests
Heritage Program	heritage@fpcc.ca	Peter Underwood	General Inquiries, including organization eligibility and to see which grant your project fits best under

Application Support

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 **November 12, 2026**, two weeks before the application deadline. To submit a request for feedback, email the grant contact for the applicable grant and include your application ID in the email subject line.

Apply on our grant portal

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Appendix - Application Checklist

Before you start

- Review the Cultural Practices, Heritage Stewardship and Braided Infrastructure descriptions and determine which is a good fit for your project.
- Review the Eligible Applicants criteria.
- Review this Funding Guide and watch the recorded information video.
- Create an account on the FPCC Grant Portal.
- Begin your application as early as possible and aim to submit early in case of technical issues.

On your application

- Complete **all** required fields on the application
- Be sure that the Primary Contact has a profile in the Grant Portal and will be working as the lead for the project.
- Be sure to fill in all four pop-up worksheets on the application:
  - **The Project Team Worksheet** includes name of role, responsibilities and relevant skills.
  - **The Workplan Worksheet** breaks down the steps of the project with key dates for each of the activities, and who is responsible.
  - **The Risks and Mitigation Worksheet** shows full consideration of identified risks and appropriate mitigation strategies for each one.
  - **The Budget Worksheet** gives detailed descriptions and cost breakdowns for each category
- Ensure you have uploaded all the necessary documents related to your project's budget including:
  - Proof of additional confirmed funds (if included in project). Examples include: Funding agreements and letters from donors/sponsors, and in-kind contributions.
  - Quotes for contractors over $1,000 (if included in project)
- Ensure both the Governance Approval Letter and Community Support Letter are written, signed and dated by the correct people on official letterhead, then upload them to the application.
- Ensure project timeline fits within funding term (April 5, 2027 – February 28, 2028)
- Ensure you are applying for funding that is within the grant amount.
- If you are non-profit society, ensure you have included the following governance documentation:
  - Upload a copy of Governance Documentation, such as a recent Certificate of Incorporation OR Certificate of Good Standing.
  - Complete the Board of Directors worksheet with the First Nations affiliation of each member
- Proofread your application then submit it.
- Optionally, applicants can contact FPCC to request a review of the application for feedback if they submit their request 2 weeks before the deadline. After a review is given, applicants can edit their application based on feedback and re-submit.

After your application

- FPCC begins the review process. Applications are reviewed by a Peer Review Committee.
- All applicants will receive a notification on the decisions of applications by email. Add hsp@fpcc.ca, cpg@fpcc.ca and bip@fpcc.ca to your list of safe senders to ensure you receive the notification. Applicants are notified within 16 weeks. Do not contact FPCC about decisions before then.
- If your application is unsuccessful, you can contact a Program Coordinator to request for feedback on the assessment of your application. FPCC can provide feedback starting 6 weeks after the notification of results.
- If you are offered funding, confirm your organization is set up for direct deposit with FPCC. Grant payments will be sent through this method.