

BACKGROUNDER

Arts infrastructure program grant recipients

In 2020-21, the B.C. government is providing an additional \$2 million to 47 arts and culture organizations to improve arts infrastructure throughout the province.

Capital Improvements

Regional			Grant
District	Organization	Project Description	Amount
Alberni- Clayoquot	Clayoquot Sound Theatre	Renovating the Clayoquot Sound Theatre to be more accessible and healthier for professional artists and community members.	\$75,000
Capital	Pacific Opera Victoria	Safety and accessibility improvement, including installing a wheelchair lift, HVAC and soundproofing at the Baumann Centre.	\$75,000
Capital	West Shore Arts Council	Creating an arts facility to bring community artists together.	\$75,000
Cariboo	Island Mountain Arts	Renovating the main floor accommodation rooms at the Nest to include fully accessible washrooms.	\$37,000
Cowichan Valley	Cowichan South Arts Guild	Upgrading an existing building to allow for digital sound room staging and winterizing the free lease space with heating and insulated flooring.	\$19,000
East Kootenay	Key City Theatre	Replacing the flooring on the main floor.	\$69,929
Kootenay- Boundary	Trail and District Arts Council	Upgrading the theatre's rigging system and drapery.	\$75,000
Metro Vancouver	221A	Upgrades to improve fire safety, accessibility and air quality at 221A's multi-tenant studio properties.	\$75,000
Metro Vancouver	Centre A	Improve infrastructure and expand capacity to better support local, national and international communities as a long-term facility for artistic and cultural dialogue.	\$75,000
Metro Vancouver	Cineworks Independent Filmmakers Society	Relocating, renovating and expanding the East Vancouver Analogue Film facility, the Annex.	\$60,000
Metro Vancouver	Dusty Flowerpot Cabaret	Renovating the studio at Unit 141-2050 Scotia St.	\$75,000
Metro Vancouver	Royal Academy of Bhangra	Renovating the hallways and washrooms to be wheelchair accessible and fixing the studio's ceiling to conserve energy.	\$61,990
Metro Vancouver	Semiahmoo Arts Society	Renovating the existing civic park caretaker's house into a permanent, 93-square-metre pottery studio that is safe and accessible.	\$75,000
Metro Vancouver	Vancouver International Film Festival	Completing a new 41-seat cinematic Studio Theatre.	\$75,000

Metro Vancouver	Wongs' Benevolent Association	Upgrading the fire alarm system.	\$67,512
North Okanagan	Caravan Farm Theatre	Building a new production and administration office and audience welcome foyer.	\$75,000
Squamish- Lillooet	Bridge River Valley Community Association	Renovating and upgrading the museum's interior space, including building exhibits and displays and establishing a temperature/humidity-controlled environment for archives and storage.	\$75,000
		Total	\$1,140,431

Special Equipment

Regional District	Organization	Project Description	Grant Amount
Bulkley- Nechako	Bulkley Valley Museum	Purchasing new display equipment to improve protection and presentation of collection items.	\$7,488
Bulkley- Nechako	Lakes District Museum & Gallery	Buying and installing two large permanent display cabinets for the museum and one portable display cabinet for traveling exhibits.	\$7,530
Capital	Aventa Ensemble	Equipment for live- streaming initiatives to reach diverse audiences.	\$7,250
Capital	Campbell Bay Music Festival Society	Installing sound baffling to the Mayne Island Agricultural Hall to improve the audience's audio experience.	\$39,600
Capital	Royal & McPherson Theatres Society	Buying livestreaming equipment and LED lighting to allow clients to deliver their digital content.	\$34,000
Capital	Theatre SKAM	Buying specialized lighting, sound and projection equipment.	\$25,000
Central Kootenay	Oxygen Art Centre	Buying display and audio equipment to improve contemporary art exhibitions, residencies, presentations, education programs and expand audience engagement.	\$12,300
Central Kootenay	SQx Dance Company	Buying two computers capable of video editing to support online programming.	\$13,500
Columbia- Shuswap	Salmon Arm Folk Music Society	Buying video, sound and editing equipment.	\$40,000
Fraser Valley	Harrison Festival Society	Buying new audience risers for the Harrison Memorial Hall.	\$35,277
Kootenay- Boundary	Gallery 2 - Grand Forks Art Gallery	Purchasing and installing mobile art racks and flat file storage to safely store and access the Gallery 2 permanent collection.	\$40,000
Metro Vancouver	Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival	Buying digital equipment to capture, record, edit and share the Bard's performances, education programs and special events online.	\$40,000
Metro Vancouver	Blueridge Chamber Music Festival	Designing and building The Chamber, a portable, acoustically designed structure for outdoor concerts.	\$40,000

Metro Vancouver	Co.ERASGA	Buying digital production equipment to support online art activities and programming.	\$34,866
Metro Vancouver	Latincouver Cultural & Business Society	Purchasing recording and editing equipment to showcase local music and arts online.	\$39,937
Metro Vancouver	Museum of Surrey	Improving accessibility of the facility through the acquisition of equipment including automatic door sensors and a hearing loop system.	\$39,897
Metro Vancouver	Muzewest Concerts	Purchasing video and audio equipment to livestream concerts and masterclasses.	\$5,846
Metro Vancouver	Place des Arts	Purchasing equipment to improve in-person and online visual, literary and performing arts experiences.	\$40,000
Metro Vancouver	Presentation House Theatre	Purchasing equipment to support physical distancing, as well as livestreaming equipment.	\$40,000
Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Opera	Purchasing equipment for a digital sound stage.	\$40,000
Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Symphony Orchestra	Purchasing recording and broadcast equipment for webcasts.	\$40,000
Metro Vancouver	Vancouver West Side Theatre Society	Creating a four-camera livestream suite and technical capacity to support production.	\$12,492
Nanaimo	Federation of British Columbia Writers	Purchasing equipment to create digital presentations, interactive workshops, and a technology library to support writers across the province.	\$15,822
Nanaimo	Gabriola Arts Council	Buying equipment to transform the Gabriola Arts and Heritage Centre into a part-time, operational video/photography studio.	\$20,731
Nanaimo	Harbour City Theatre Alliance Society	Buying and installing portable streaming equipment for safe operations during COVID-19.	\$31,786
Nanaimo	Parksville Beach Festival Society	Properly equipping the Outdoor Theatre for the Performing Arts to accommodate a wide range of arts and cultural uses.	\$40,000
Powell River	Malaspina Art Society	Enhancing facilities in the PR Art Centre and Library complex to accommodate local artists' exhibitions and improve access to audiences.	\$35,389
Sunshine Coast	Gibsons Public Art Gallery	Purchasing equipment to support the creation of an accessible public arts library.	\$17,000
Thompson- Nicola	Kamloops PrintMakers Society	Purchasing equipment to modernize a studio allowing for printmaking techniques that are environmentally friendly and efficient.	\$10,500
Thompson- Nicola	Western Canada Theatre	Purchasing an audio mixer, microphones, speakers and cabling for the Pavilion Theatre to support livestreaming and recording.	\$40,000
		Total	\$846,211

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