

Cultural Heritage Initiatives Grant

Overview

Since its founding in 1905, Alberta has had a rich and diverse population. Indigenous and ethnocultural communities have played a fundamental role in building Alberta and maintaining our vibrant civil society.

The Cultural Heritage Initiatives Grant program is intended to support non-profit organizations in preserving and highlighting the cultural heritage of First Nations, Métis, Inuit and ethnocultural communities, with an emphasis on lesser-known or historically overlooked parts of Alberta's story.

This grant program is intended to enable the sharing of stories of Alberta's Indigenous and ethnocultural communities through the documentation, collection or digitization of content. It will enable communities to showcase, oral histories, traditions and stories of significance.

Alberta's government is committed to building an inclusive province that welcomes, respects and values the diversity of Albertans and celebrates the contributions every person and community makes to our province.

Program Objectives

Projects must meet one or more of the Program Objectives:

- Preserve and highlight the cultural heritage of First Nations, Métis, Inuit and ethnocultural communities, with an emphasis on lesser-known or historically overlooked parts of Alberta's story.
- Enable sharing, where appropriate, of stories of Alberta's ethno-cultural and Indigenous communities through the documentation, collection or digitization of content.

Eligible Organizations

Eligible organizations are registered, have been operating in Alberta for a minimum of one calendar year, and are in good standing under one of the following Acts:

- Provincial Legislation (Alberta)
 - *Agriculture Societies Act*
 - *Business Corporations Act*, Part 21 (Extra-Provincial Corporations)*
 - *Companies Act*, Part 9 (Non-profit Companies)
 - *Libraries Act*
 - *Schools Act*
 - *Societies Act* of Alberta
 - Special Act of the Alberta Legislature
- Federal Legislation
 - Special Act of the Parliament of Canada
 - *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* and must be registered in Alberta under the Business Corporations Act
 - *Income Tax Act* of Canada and operating in the Province of Alberta as a Charity
- A First Nation or Metis Settlement in Alberta
 - * Must have an Alberta-based address which is regularly monitored by an active member of the organization.

Important Dates

Intake Submission Deadlines:

- Intake 1 – January 15
- Intake 2 – May 15
- Intake 3 – September 15

Notification Dates:

- Within approximately 6 months of the corresponding intake date

Funding

Maximum funding amount is \$25,000 per project

Matching Requirement:

- The applicant must contribute towards the project expenses an amount at least equal to the grant. Matching funding may be in the form of cash, donated labour (\$20/hr unskilled, \$35/hr skilled), and/or donated materials/services (verified at fair market value), or a combination thereof, all directly related to the project.
- Up to \$10,000 may be requested as a non-match. Non-matching requests will be assessed based on the organization's demonstrated financial need.

Priority will be given to:

- New initiatives – not an organization's day-to-day operations.
- Projects submitted by applicants with an annual operating budget of less than \$250,000.
- Projects that focus on lesser-known or historically overlooked parts of Alberta's story.
- Organizations that represent the communities/cultures that are to be documented.
- Projects that have community support.

Prior to Submission

Program details for the Cultural Heritage Initiatives Grant program such as guidelines and the application package will be shared at a later date.

Application Submission

Email completed application and mandatory documents to: cgapplication@gov.ab.ca

Project Eligibility

Eligible projects include projects that:

1. Support the documentation of stories, histories, and cultural practices of one or more Alberta-based ethnocultural or Indigenous communities.
 - Increase sharing, as appropriate, of the information captured through a wide variety of media, such as audio-visual experiences, storytelling, artifacts, transcriptions and video recordings; or
 - Increase accessibility, as appropriate, via a broad range of approaches not limited to new or existing web platform.
2. Increase accessibility, as appropriate, to already developed, documented or digitized historical or heritage projects of ethnocultural or Indigenous communities.

Contact Information

Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (open Monday to Friday, closed statutory holidays)

For inquiries about the program, contact:

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