

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

British Columbia | Canada 150: Celebrating B.C. Communities and their Contributions to Canada

Q1: What is the investment?

The Government of British Columbia is investing \$8 million in museums and heritage sites throughout the province. This program will provide one-time grants of up to \$100,000. Grants will fund up to a maximum of 80% of total project costs.

Q2: Who is eligible to apply to this program?

Organizations with a culture or heritage mandate responsible for a museum, archive or historic place are eligible for this funding, including not-for-profits, First Nation Band Councils, Aboriginal Friendship Centres, local governments and post-secondary institutions. Libraries are not eligible under this grant program.

Q3: How can my organization apply to this program?

The British Columbia Museums Association is managing the process for these grants. Visit www.museumsassn.bc.ca for full application guidelines and a link to the online application.

The deadline to apply is no later than 11:59 p.m. PST Feb. 10, 2017. Only online applications will be accepted, as per the application guidelines.

Please note that only one application per cultural or heritage site or archive will be accepted.

Q4: What will this funding support?

This funding will create lasting legacies honouring B.C.'s unique and diverse histories, culture, heritage and contributions to Canada.

Specifically, this program will offer one-time grants of up to \$100,000 for:

- infrastructure projects related to culture and heritage,
- conservation projects for our historic places,
- legacy projects that physically represent B.C.'s unique and diverse histories, culture and heritage, and
- projects that promote the sharing of collections and expertise between the Royal BC Museum and the wider museum community.

Q5: When will I be notified about the result of my application?

Successful applicants and their projects will be announced in mid to late March 2017.

Q6: If my project is awarded a grant, when will I receive the funding?

We expect to provide funding by May 2017.

Q7: Why is the application so short? What should I include in my application?

You are required to complete an online application form and upload a project budget. Organizations are not required to submit any financial statements or other supporting materials (such as letters of support, quotes, photographs, architectural plans, lease copies, etc.).

Please be aware that you will be required to upload your project's budget as a separate document within the online application. Your budget must indicate at least 20% committed funds (either in-kind or cash) towards the proposed cost of the project. Grants will fund up to a maximum of 80% of total project costs.

Q8: What is the role of Heritage BC?

Heritage BC is playing a key role in promoting this grant among heritage sites across the Province and assisting with the assessment and delivery of the grant program.

Q9: What is Canada 150?

2017 marks the 150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. A range of activities are planned across the country at local, regional and national levels throughout 2017.

The main themes of the Government of Canada's vision for the 150th anniversary of Confederation are diversity and inclusion, reconciliation from nation to nation with Indigenous peoples, the environment and youth.

Q10: If my organization does not qualify for the *British Columbia | Canada 150: Celebrating B.C. Communities and their Contributions to Canada* grant, what other funding is available for Canada 150?

Federal funding related to Canada 150 includes:

- \$10M for the Community Fund for Canada's 150th, through Community Foundations of Canada. These micro-grants are seeded by the Government of Canada, and matched and delivered locally by Canada's 191 community foundations. Many B.C. foundations are participating. Intake periods and deadlines vary; several are ongoing.
- \$210M for the Canada 150 Fund, through the Department of Canadian Heritage. The goal of the Canada 150 Fund is to create opportunities for Canadians to participate in local, regional, and national celebrations that contribute to building a sense of pride and attachment to Canada. Applications for small-scale community grants (under \$50,000) are being accepted on a rolling intake.
- \$300M for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, through Western Economic Diversification. A total of about \$17.4M is allocated to 124 projects in B.C. This funding invests in projects that seek to renovate, expand and improve existing community infrastructure, with a focus on recreational facilities, projects that advance a clean growth economy, and projects with a positive impact on Indigenous communities. Applications are now closed.