



ARTS, CULTURE, HERITAGE GRANTS AWARDED

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is stepping up its support of arts and culture in the region.

The Regional District recently launched a grant program to support Arts, Culture and Heritage projects within the region and has approved \$17,000 in grants. They include:

- \$5000 to The Exploration Place to commission a First Nations artwork project for the entrance to the museum's new, "Hodul'eh-a: A Place of Learning" gallery;
- \$5000 to help support the annual BMO KidzArt Dayz family festival organized by Two Rivers Gallery. Held in downtown Prince George adjacent to the gallery in Canada Games Plaza, the festival offers free admission and hands-on art activities and entertainment;
- \$2000 to the Central B.C. Railway and Forestry Museum for the purchase of a tent, tables, lighting and equipment for improved food service for the 'Celebration of Lights' event and other special events held each year at the museum; and,
- \$5000 to the Valley Museum and Archives in McBride to install fencing to protect an outdoor exhibit on museum property of historic farming, logging and railway equipment and artifacts that have significance to the Robson Valley.

"All these projects will help enhance the promotion of heritage and arts in our region, said Murry Krause, Chair of the Regional District's Select Committee on Arts, Culture and Heritage Grants. "During our next grant intake we encourage applications from any eligible group delivering arts, culture and heritage programs within the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George," he added.

The grants are supported through an endowment fund the Regional District set up in 2006 when it first launched its Regional Cultural Plan. The Cultural Endowment Fund – Arts, Culture, Heritage Project Grant provides up to \$5000 per application to any eligible not-for profit society delivering art, culture and heritage programs and services within the Regional District. The deadline for applications is April 1st, 2018. The application form is available at:

[Arts Culture Heritage Grant Application Form](#)

The program is aimed to assist arts, cultural or heritage-type projects that support the vision and/or goals of the Regional Cultural Plan, such as public art, special events, displays, exhibits, regional traveling programs, curatorial or archiving support projects. Multiple applicants may apply under one application for a grant. Funding from the Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant is not permitted to be applied against regular and routine maintenance; annual operating expenses; remuneration including wages and consulting fees; non-emergent capital projects such as renovations or expansion of premises; private enterprise; operating or capital deficits; and tax payments.

Each year, the Regional District invests more than \$2 million to support cultural organizations within the region through annual operating grants, marketing support and other initiatives as part of the Regional District's Cultural Plan.

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