

***Canada-British Columbia
BUILDING CANADA FUND
- Communities Component***

Category Specific Supplement

CULTURE

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OBJECTIVES

To construct or materially rehabilitate public infrastructure that results in at least one of the following:

- Supports arts and/or heritage facilities; and
- Helps communities express, preserve, develop and promote their culture and/or heritage within Canada.

SUBCATEGORIES

- Museums¹.
- The preservation of designated heritage sites that are duly recognized by²:
 - UNESCO;
 - Canadian government as per the national federal register of historic places; or
 - Provincial or Local government.
- Provincial, territorial and local government-owned libraries and archives.
- Facilities for the creation, production and presentation of the arts.
- Infrastructure in support of the creation of a cultural precinct within an urban core.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

The project must represent a demonstrable increase in the number and/or quality of cultural opportunities for Canadians and have a significant economic and/or regional impact, as well as at least one of the following additional outcomes:

- Increases community use of facilities or gives the facilities a multipurpose dimension;
- Enhances ability of communities to express, preserve, develop and promote their cultural heritage within Canada; and
- Generates economies of scale, spin-off activities, and supports the larger economic priorities of the community and of governments.

¹ A museum is a non-profit making, permanent institution in the service of society and of its development, and open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits, for purposes of study, education and enjoyment, artifacts related to people and their environment.

² Excludes private residences and religious sites.

PROGRAM CRITERIA

Through your application, you must demonstrate the following:

- The project is supported by a comprehensive, credible and feasible business case that outlines the costs and benefits of the proposed project. (*Please note that the application form will set out information requirements regarding project costing, ongoing operation and maintenance, engineering, technology, project management and governance*)
- How the project is consistent with applicable provincial, regional, or municipal plans (e.g., land-use, integrated watershed management plan, municipal official plans, Integrated Community Sustainability Plans).
- That the project will meet all applicable legislative or regulatory requirements, including the requirement for a federal Environmental Assessment process that meets the requirements of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, which may include specific requirements for aboriginal consultation.
- That the contract award process will be competitive, fair and transparent (e.g., no sole-source contracts, no union-only processes).
- That major risks related to extreme natural events and/or climate change risks with a potential impact on the project during construction or once completed have been considered, and, where applicable, a mitigation plan developed.
- That infrastructure intended for use by the public ensures appropriate access for persons with disabilities.
- That opportunities regarding a regional service area or other cooperative arrangements, particularly with First Nations communities, have been considered, as appropriate, in respect of the project.

PROJECT CRITERIA

- The project enables the proponent to enhance and diversify its program services and offerings.
- The project provides increased capacity to the facility through technological improvements that allow for the hosting of a greater number and/or more diverse types of performances; and/or gives the facility a “rental capacity” in order to expand its activities.
- The project is a multi-use facility or has a multi-use component.
- Will the newly constructed or materially rehabilitated buildings exceed the energy efficiency requirements of the Model National Energy Code for Buildings, or (preferred) will it obtain a LEED certification? (Gold or equivalent standard is recommended)
- Will the newly constructed buildings meet the requirements of the Canadian Standards Association Technical Standard Accessible Design for the Built Environment (CAN/CSA B651-04)?

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

The following are examples of information that must be submitted to help support and strengthen the business case for your project.

- Project Drawings
- Detailed project cost breakdown including quotes or cost estimates
- Confirmation of sources of project funds, i.e., bank statements, approved bank loan documentation, letters of commitment (or copies of cheques) from funding contributors, approved referendum (or a council resolution to hold a referendum to borrow for the project).
- Approvals of land use required prior to construction proceeding, i.e. Agricultural Land Reserve, right of ways, federal and/or provincial assets, etc.
- Land lease agreement, if applicable
- Current 5 year financial plan
- Information on measurable project benefits
- Letters of support, if available
- Short term employment hours during construction & creation of full time permanent jobs (job title), if applicable;
- Details on the incremental impact of funding (e.g.: should BCF-CC funding not forthcoming, would the project be reduced, delayed (months/years) or not proceed.
- Details on how the project will minimize the negative impacts on the environment? Will it reduce ongoing energy consumption and/or water consumption and/or waste compared to the existing infrastructure? Will it encourage recycling? Will it use recognized green materials in the construction or improvement of the infrastructure?
- Details on how the project will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions through best practices and new approaches and/or innovative technologies during the construction and operation of the infrastructure and where applicable, will they be reduced and by how much?

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Additional resources can be found on the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component website: www.bcbuildingcanadafundcommunities.ca

The Shared Information Management System for Infrastructure (SIMSI) on-line application, can be found at: <https://bcfcc-fccvc.infrastructure.gc.ca/>

To be assigned a username and password to access the SIMSI on-line application system, please forward a request to Infra@gov.bc.ca.