

Repatriation & Reconciliation Funding Sources



December 2024

The BCMA is providing this list as a resource to help connect project organizers to funding for action. The goal is to provide quarterly updates to alert you to funding deadlines that are rolling or occurring within three months time.

These funding opportunities come from a variety of sources and are not inclusive of all possible opportunities. Organizations and Communities should visit the funders websites and speak directly to the respective program managers regarding eligibility and applications.

COMING UP SOON

Friends of the BC Archives

Indigenous Research Fund, \$1,000

The Indigenous Research Fund (IRF) began as a response to the 2015 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and is funded by the Friends of the BC Archives (FBCA) with support from the Royal BC Museum and Archives. The IRF is intended to increase access to the collections of the BC Archives for Indigenous peoples. The IRF is open to any individuals (youth, student, adult, Elder) who self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) and organizations with a mandate to serve the interests of Indigenous peoples.

Deadline: December 31, 2024

[Find out more on their website](#)

American Museum of Natural History

Recovering Voices Community Research Program, up to \$10,000

The Recovering Voices Community Research Program (CRP) supports communities in their efforts to save, document, and enliven their languages, cultures and traditional knowledge.

This funding program supports groups of community researchers from around the world to travel to the Smithsonian to examine objects, specimens, and documents related to their heritage, and to engage in a dialogue with Smithsonian staff.

Deadline: January 15, 2025

[Find out more on their website](#)

Department of Canadian Heritage

Commemorating the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, up to \$10,000

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation component of the Commemorate Canada program provides funding (up to a maximum of \$10,000 per organization) to eligible recipients for initiatives that increase awareness and commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30).

Deadline: January 23, 2025

[Find out more on their website](#)

Canada Council for the Arts

Creating, Knowing and Sharing: The Arts and Cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples – Small Scale Activities, up to \$3,000

The Small-Scale Activities component of Creating, Knowing and Sharing funds activities that will advance your artistic career or practice. This may include acquiring materials for artistic production, engaging in career or artistic development activities or benefitting from specific expertise, advice or training from a professional artist or cultural carrier. This component is open to First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, artistic groups, collectives and organizations working in all disciplines.

Deadline: March 26, 2025

[Find out more on their website](#)

Canada Council for the Arts

Creating, Knowing and Sharing: The Arts and Cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples – Short Term Projects, up to \$100,000

The Short-Term Projects component of Creating, Knowing and Sharing funds First Nations, Inuit and Métis professional and aspiring artists, cultural carriers, arts/cultural professionals, groups, collectives and arts/culture organizations. Grants provide support for any combination of eligible Creating, Knowing and Sharing activities for projects lasting up to 12 months.

Deadline: March 26, 2025

[Find out more on their website](#)

Canada Council for the Arts

Creating, Knowing and Sharing: The Arts and Cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples – Travel, up to \$30,000

The Travel component of Creating, Knowing and Sharing funds First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists, arts/cultural professionals (including artists' representatives), cultural carriers, artistic groups, collectives and organizations working in all disciplines. Grants support

travel costs to attend significant events within Canada or abroad that advance your professional development, enable you or the artists you represent to access new markets or build national and international presence. Funds available ongoing until March 26, 2025.

Deadline: March 26, 2025

[Find out more on their website](#)

Department of Canadian Heritage

Museum Assistance Program - Canada-France Agreement, up to \$50,000

The Canada-France Agreement on Museum Cooperation and Exchanges component of the Museums Assistance Program (MAP) is a reciprocal agreement that aims at creating and developing special, lasting ties between museums in Canada and France, enhancing skills and competencies of museum professionals through the sharing of best practices, and optimizing the implementation of joint projects. It also assists Canadian organizations in developing new international partnerships and in reaching new potential audiences for Canadian heritage and collections. Exchange missions where the objectives also further the development of official language minority communities will be given a priority for funding support.

Deadline: March 31, 2025

[Find out more on their website](#)



Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund - OSHKI WUPOOWANE | THE BLANKET FUND

Reconciliation Action Grants, up to \$15,000

The Reconciliation Action grants stream will support reconciliation activities, events, and initiatives in communities that contribute to cultural revitalization, elevate Indigenous culture, languages, and traditions, increase understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, or other grassroots initiatives that move reconciliation forward.

Deadline: quarterly in March, June, September and December

[Find out more on their website](#)

Canada Council for the Arts

Arts Across Canada – Travel, up to \$30,000

The Travel component of Arts Across Canada funds activities linked to Canadian presentation, exhibition, artistic collaboration, networking and building market opportunities for Canadian artists, arts professionals, artistic groups and arts organizations. Grants provide support to participate in significant events, build a national presence and for festivals and presenters to conduct research for Canadian artistic programming. (anything over 300km from home, by invitation)

[Find out more on their website](#)

Canada Council for the Arts

Research and Creation - Explore and Create, up to \$25,000

The Research and Creation component of Explore and Create supports the initial stages of the creative process. Canadian artists, artistic groups and arts organizations can apply to develop and make creative works. Grants provide support for creative research, creation and project development.

[Find out more on their website](#)

Department of Canadian Heritage

Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, \$ variable

The CCSF supports the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage culture and creative innovation. The CCSF supports renovation projects, the acquisition of specialized equipment, and planning, design and feasibility studies related to arts and heritage cultural spaces. Due to limited funding in the current and next fiscal years, construction projects will no longer be accepted, however, exceptional circumstances may apply. Special considerations may be given by the program to funding applications submitted including those by organizations located in rural or remote areas, Indigenous, underrepresented or equity-deserving communities and groups. Funding cannot be approved without key additional funds being confirmed and will not cover 100% of the total costs.

[Find out more on their website](#)

UBC Museum of Anthropology

Indigenous Collections Access Grant, max \$3,000

MOA's Indigenous Collections Access Grant offers funding to help cover the costs for Indigenous individuals or community groups to travel to MOA to visit with and study the collections and archives. \$500 for individuals, up to \$3,000 for a group.

[Find out more on their website](#)

YVR Art Foundation

Bill McLennan Masterpiece Study Program Microgrants, \$500

Microgrants are \$500 grants for BC and Yukon First Nations artists and researchers who wish to further their art or community practice through the research/study of BC and Yukon Indigenous art and artifacts either in person or virtually with a YVRAF museum partner. If applicants propose a collections visit at a museum other than a YVRAF museum partner, they should describe why the collection is important to the research they will be conducting.

[Find out more on their website](#)

If you know of a funding opportunity that you want to share, please reach out to Leia at engagement@museum.bc.ca so she can track it!

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