



City of Surrey Cultural Grants: The Basics

Are you part of an arts or cultural organization with activities in Surrey? Then the City of Surrey Cultural Grants might be for you!

What are Cultural Grants?

The Cultural Grants Program aims to support Surrey's arts and cultural sector by:

- Building organizational capability in new and existing local cultural organizations
- Investing in community-based cultural activities that promote awareness, access, participation and appreciation of arts and heritage
- Encouraging collaborative opportunities and partnerships

The Cultural Grants Program supports a wide range of arts and cultural activity in Surrey including artistic practices (music, dance, theatre, literary, visual, media, inter-disciplinary, community-based and Indigenous arts); and cultural celebrations and events that reflect Surrey's diverse heritage and community. **The next application deadline for the 2020 grant cycle will be November 7, 2019.**

Grants are awarded in three categories:

Project Grants: The most common grant stream, Project Grants support up to 50% of the costs of an arts or culture related project, up to a maximum of \$10,000. Typical projects include concerts and performances, exhibitions and screenings, and classes and educational programs, and cultural celebrations and events. But these are only examples: if you have an innovative idea, let us know!

Capacity Building Grants: These support activities that increase organizational capacity, such as incorporation, strategic planning, website development, and board development, up to \$3000.

Operating Assistance Grants: Available only to established organizations that have previously received two or more Project Grants, Operating Grants support up to 20% of an organization's overall activities, including operating expenses and overhead, up to a maximum of \$15,000.

What types of projects and groups are NOT eligible for funding?

Schools and educational institutions, and religious, political, and business groups are not normally eligible to apply for Cultural Grants. Funding does not cover capital purchases, fundraisers, travel, scholarships or contests, or any activity that takes place outside of Surrey.

Are grants available to individual artists?

Not-for-profit societies (either registered or unregistered) and collectives can apply for our grants. In some cases, individual artists may apply in collaboration with a Not-for-profit organization.

Where can I get more information?

For more information, visit our website: <https://www.surrey.ca/community/12555.aspx>. Program guidelines will be updated by the end of August.

To join our mailing list, visit <https://www.surrey.ca/12392.aspx> and select Cultural Grants.

I want to apply for a grant! What should I do next?

Attend our public Cultural Grants Info Session on Wednesday, September 18th.

You can also contact the Cultural Grant Program Liaison at 604-591-4850 or culturalgrants@surrey.ca.