

## Guidelines for Applying for a Multiculturalism Grant

The following document provides information for cultural organizations about the Multiculturalism Grant Program offered by the Minister of State for Multiculturalism. This grant program is administered by the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch's Licensing and Grants Division.

<b>1. Introduction</b>	<p>British Columbia is characterised by a rich variety of languages, traditions, and cultures that make up its diverse cultural mosaic. The participation and engagement of all cultures in B.C. is vital to strong and vibrant communities where understanding, acceptance, and mutual respect underlie social, economic, and political activity.</p> <p>To promote the participation and engagement of all cultures across the province, the Province of British Columbia will support communities in honouring the diverse cultures that shape British Columbia through the Multiculturalism Grant Program and through EmbraceBC Program Funding.</p>
<b>2. Role of the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch</b>	<p>The Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch is responsible for receiving grant applications, determining organizational eligibility, and recommending grant amounts for approval by the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, which has responsibility for multiculturalism.</p>
<b>3. What is the multiculturalism grant program?</b>	<p>The Multiculturalism Grant Program was established to honour and celebrate British Columbia's cultural diversity, through two project streams:</p> <p>Stream A)</p> <p><b>Cultural Expression:</b> Projects will be supported which raise awareness of British Columbia's rich multicultural identity through cultural events and/or resource tools. This could include festivals, community forums or cultural celebrations and materials that support positive expressions of culture and traditions in a community; and</p> <p>Stream B)</p> <p><b>Capacity Building:</b> Projects will be supported which strengthen the capacity of cultural organizations to participate in civil society and enhance the multicultural identity of the province through operational supports such as resource tools and materials.</p>
<b>4. How much funding is available through the Multiculturalism Grant Program?</b>	<p>The total funding available under the Multiculturalism Grant in 2012-2013 is \$750,000. Organizations may apply in two separate application periods. Approximately 50 per cent of the available funding will be granted to organizations that apply in the first application period, with the remainder being granted to organizations that apply in the second application period.</p> <p><b>The maximum Multiculturalism Grant funding per organization is \$5,000. Any project applications that seek Multiculturalism Grant funding in excess of \$5,000 will not be considered for a grant.</b></p>

<p><b>5. Who is eligible for the Multiculturalism Grant Program?</b></p>	<p>Non-profit societies and community-based organizations (including ad hoc committees, coalitions, umbrella organizations, associations and centres) that reflect Aboriginal or ethno-cultural communities.</p>							
<p><b>6. How do I apply for a Multiculturalism Grant?</b></p>	<p>Multiculturalism grant applications must be submitted by mail (online applications are not available at this time). Information and related documents and forms are available at: <a href="http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/multiculturalism.htm">www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/multiculturalism.htm</a></p> <p>An organization may apply in two separate application periods shown below. Submit a separate application form for each sector. For example, an organization must submit two separate applications if it wishes to apply in both “Cultural Expression” and “Capacity Building” in application period #1. Organizations must mail their applications between the dates shown below for each application period. Notifications will be sent to applicants by the final notification date.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="451 678 1421 976"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Application Periods and Sectors:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="451 730 837 848"> <p><b>Application Period #1</b> Cultural Expression Sector Capacity Building Sector</p> </td> <td data-bbox="837 730 1421 848"> <p>Apply between June 29 and August 31 Final notifications will be made by October 15</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="451 848 837 976"> <p><b>Application Period #2</b> Cultural Expression Sector Capacity Building Sector</p> </td> <td data-bbox="837 848 1421 976"> <p>Apply between November 1 and February 15 Final notifications will be made by March 31</p> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Application Periods and Sectors:		<p><b>Application Period #1</b> Cultural Expression Sector Capacity Building Sector</p>	<p>Apply between June 29 and August 31 Final notifications will be made by October 15</p>	<p><b>Application Period #2</b> Cultural Expression Sector Capacity Building Sector</p>	<p>Apply between November 1 and February 15 Final notifications will be made by March 31</p>
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<p><b>7. What other funding opportunities are available through the EmbraceBC Program?</b></p>	<p>EmbraceBC (<a href="http://www.embracebc.ca">www.embracebc.ca</a>) provides funding opportunities for community-based anti-racism and multiculturalism projects through six program elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Arts Engagement</a>;</li> <li>• <a href="#">Community Dialogues</a>;</li> <li>• <a href="#">Inclusive Leadership</a>;</li> <li>• <a href="#">Interfaith Bridging</a>;</li> <li>• <a href="#">Organizing Against Racism and Hate</a>; and</li> <li>• <a href="#">Public Education</a>.</li> </ul>							
<p><b>8. Are decisions regarding a grant application eligible for reconsideration?</b></p>	<p>No, the decision by the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation will be made based on the information submitted with the original application and is final.</p>							
<p><b>9. Contact Information</b></p>	<p><b>Mail:</b> Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch Licensing and Grants Division PO Box 9202 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9J1</p> <p><b>Location (use for courier deliveries):</b> Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch Licensing and Grants Division 3rd Floor, 910 Government Street Victoria, BC V8W 1X3</p>	<p><b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming/">www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming/</a> <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:gaming.branch@gov.bc.ca">gaming.branch@gov.bc.ca</a> <b>Phone:</b> 250 387-5311 Or call toll-free 1 800 663-7867 and ask for 250 387-5311.</p>						