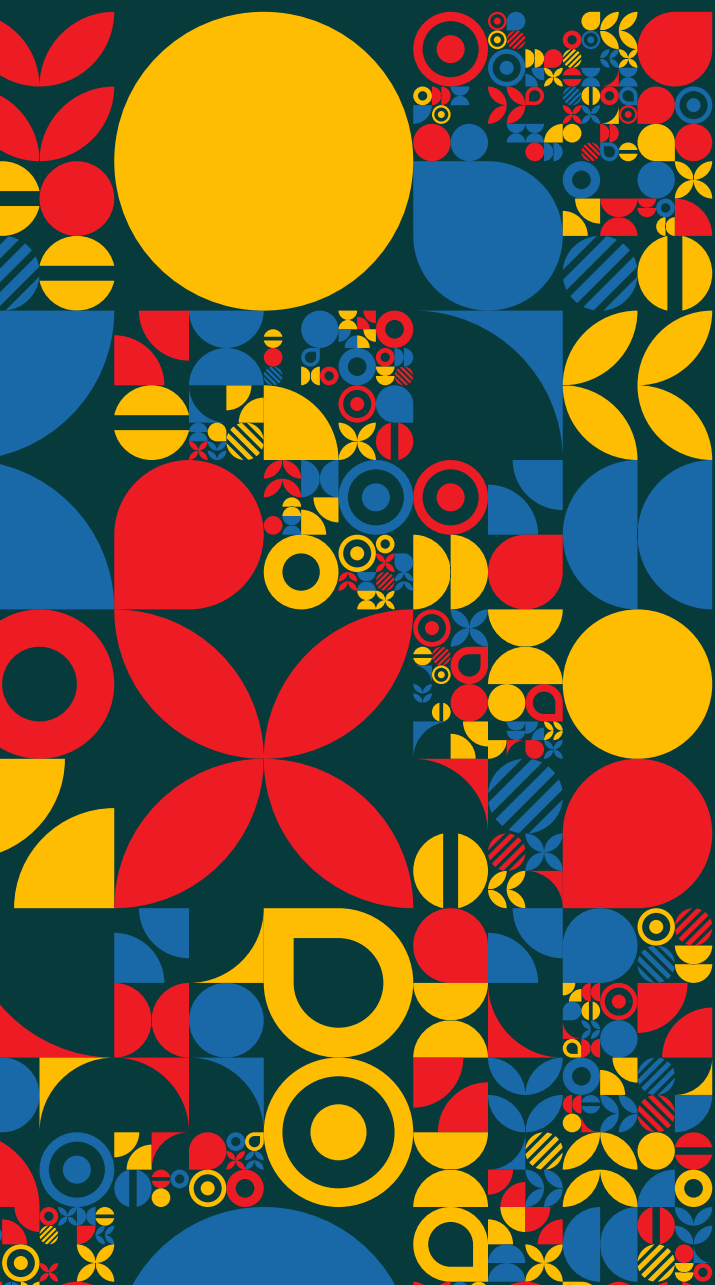


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# ARTS & CULTURE GRANT PROGRAMS

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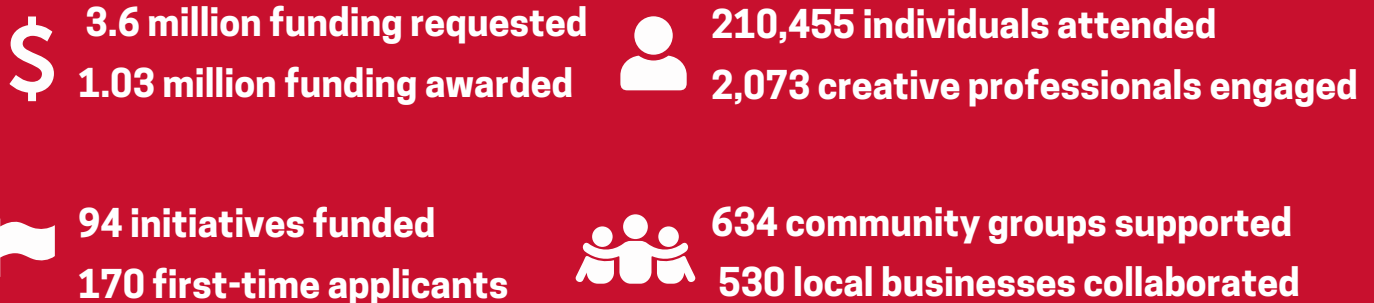
# GRANT PROGRAMS

A thriving arts and culture scene makes Calgary a more livable city by strengthening the local economy, enriching our city's cultural diversity, supporting well-being and creating social connections for all individuals.

One of the ways that **The City of Calgary Arts & Culture Division** invests in communities and builds capacity within the arts and culture sector is through grant programs. We are pleased to have offered the following grants to local non-profits, Community Associations and Business Improvement Areas in 2023:

## Arts and Culture Microgrant:

- The **Arts and Culture Microgrant** helps activate culturally vibrant neighbourhoods and districts.
- Funded new initiatives that enhanced cultural learning and arts appreciation, such as: community art installations, creative placekeeping, workshops, productions, makerspaces and programming.



## Chinese Immigration Act Centenary Microgrant:

- Provided to the Calgary Chinese community to mark the centenary of the Chinese Immigration Act, also known as the **Chinese Exclusion Act**.
- Funded initiatives supported actions identified in the Chinatown Cultural Plan, such as honouring contributions, intergenerational talks, cultural education and revealing hidden histories.



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## Festivals and Events Grants:



### Festivals and Events Subsidy Program

- Helps strengthen the local economy and enhance communities.
- Subsidized 50 to 90 per cent of the cost of City services (permits, inspections, road closures) and 50 per cent of City-contracted services incurred by festival and event organizers.

### Innovation Microgrant

- Provided startup funding to festival and event subsidy recipients for new initiatives that diversify programming and promote environmental stewardship.

### Eventful City Electrical Efficiency Microgrant

- Provided funding to reduce financial barriers for local festival and event organizers to implement efficient electrical and power management.

**\$ 3.2 million subsidy awarded**



**7,920 partnerships supported**

**1,043 local businesses benefitted**



**108 festivals and events funded**



**1.4 million individuals attended**



**4.2 million non-profit investment**

# 37

of events focused on  
advancing equity, diversity,  
inclusion and belonging

# 27

of events focused on a  
commitment to Truth  
and Reconciliation

# 92

cultures, faiths and  
unique communities  
celebrated

# HIGHLIGHTS

## ARTS AND CULTURE MICROGRANT

### Tall Feathers Raising and Ceremony

“People told us how they were moved on a deep level, stirring a thoughtfulness from the heart, and how their journeys were enriched by learning common values with Indigenous traditional wisdom. The raising of the large feathers gave a visceral memory of the event.”

~ organizer



### Night L!ght

“Night L!ght helped change people’s perceptions of Victoria Park and evoked a sense of belonging and pride in local residents.”

~ organizer

“Even at night, I felt safe, and the area was much more vibrant with so many nice shops and bars than I realized.”

~ participant



### The “Carden”

“The highlight of this project was watching the hundreds of families paint the car and contribute to this wonderful community art piece in Greenview. The Carden will have a lasting impact on our BIA and the city, helping to placemake, beautify, create a bright, safe space and bring joy to people’s hearts.” ~ organizer

