

Investing in communities to support vibrancy, connection and capacity-building within the arts and culture sector.

2025 Arts & Culture Funding Programs

Available for local registered non-profits and charities, Community Associations and Business Improvement Areas

Festivals & Events Subsidy Program (FESP)

Local festival and event organizers can receive a % of subsidy to cover approved City of Calgary services (i.e. permit & license fees)

Festivals & Events Subsidy Program Innovation Microgrant (FESPIM)

Funding for FESP recipients to introduce innovative aspects to enhance their reoccurring festival or event

Arts and Culture Microgrant

Funding for new arts and culture initiatives and reoccurring initiatives that include at least one new programming element to activate culturally vibrant communities

Downtown in Motion Grant

Funding for publicly accessible arts, culture and sports initiatives held in Calgary's greater downtown to turn public spaces into places of connection and creativity

Chinatown Activation Microgrant

Funding for small-scale initiatives, events and activities held in Chinatown that celebrate its rich heritage and energize the community

#YYCNeighbourDay Microgrant

Funding for free, small-scale Neighbour Day events that foster community connection and promote equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging

Culture Days Microgrant

Funding for small-scale, community-led new or enhanced initiatives held during the month of September to activate Calgary's greater downtown

Returning events: 90%
New events: 50%
City-contracted services: 50%
Apply at least 90 days before event

Submit an Event Opportunity Form.

Cannot be combined with A&C Microgrant.

Up to \$20,000

Application intake from **September 15 - October 9**.

Cannot be combined with A&C Microgrant or Downtown in Motion Grant.

Tier 1: Up to \$5,000
First-come, first serve on-going application

Tier 2: Up to \$30,000
Intake #1: apply by March 3 for events happening June - Nov

Intake #2: apply by Sept 3 for events happening Dec - May

Up to \$50,000
Apply by June 11

For initiatives and events happening **Sept 2025 - Sept 2026** in the **greater downtown area** only.

Cannot be combined with FESPIM or A&C Microgrant.

Up to \$3,000
Apply anytime

For initiatives and events happening in **Chinatown** only.

Open to Individuals, businesses, collectives and social groups as well.

Up to \$2,500
Apply by May 31

For initiatives and events happening on **the 3rd Saturday in June** only.

Up to \$5,000
Apply by July 2

For initiatives and events happening **Sept 1 - 30** in the **greater downtown area** only.