



# Today's Webinar

- Introduction to the CCSF Team
- Overview of Canada Cultural Spaces Fund
- Introduction to the “Making Cultural Spaces Safe During COVID-19” Initiative
- Q&A

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# Canada Cultural Spaces Fund

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# What's it all about?

## Objectives

- **Improve physical conditions** for professional arts and heritage related collaboration, creation, presentation, preservation, and exhibition
- **Increase** and **improve access** for Canadians to arts and culture

## Expect Results

- Artists, creators and heritage practitioners have **access to professional cultural facilities**
- A variety of arts and heritage **experiences are available in a wide range of communities**

# What type of projects?

- **Construction** and/or **renovation** of arts and/or heritage facilities, including creative hubs
- Acquisition and installation of **specialized equipment**
- Development of **feasibility studies**
- No deadline, ongoing intake



# Who can apply?

- A **not-for-profit** arts and/or heritage organization
    - **Incorporated**
    - Operating in a **professional** manner
    - Active in the implementation of your mandate for **at least 2 years**
    - **Programming is accessible** to all Canadians;
  - An incorporated not-for-profit proposing the development and management of a **creative hub**; or
  - A provincial/territorial **government**, a municipal administration, one of their **agencies** or an equivalent **Indigenous peoples' institution or organization**
  - For construction and/or renovation projects, your organization must demonstrate that:
    - You **own the property**; or
    - Have a **long-term lease** (minimum of 10 years)
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# What's eligible?

## Construction and Renovation

- Professional fees
- Property acquisition or interest on short-term financing;
- Demolition and excavation;
- Materials and labour;
- Fire, safety and security systems;
- Measures to improve accessibility and mobility;
- Purchase and installation of public art as part of construction or renovation project; and
- Acknowledgement signage

## Specialized Equipment

- Sound, lighting and multimedia equipment;
- Integrated data collecting and ticketing systems;
- Environmental control systems;
- Storage systems;
- Exhibition cases, panels and interactive displays related to a permanent exhibition;
- Hanging system for exhibition;
- Hygrothermograph; and
- Installation and initial training costs related to the operation of specialized equipment

# Funding details

CCSF can fund **up to 50%** of eligible costs; up to 75% in exceptional circumstances

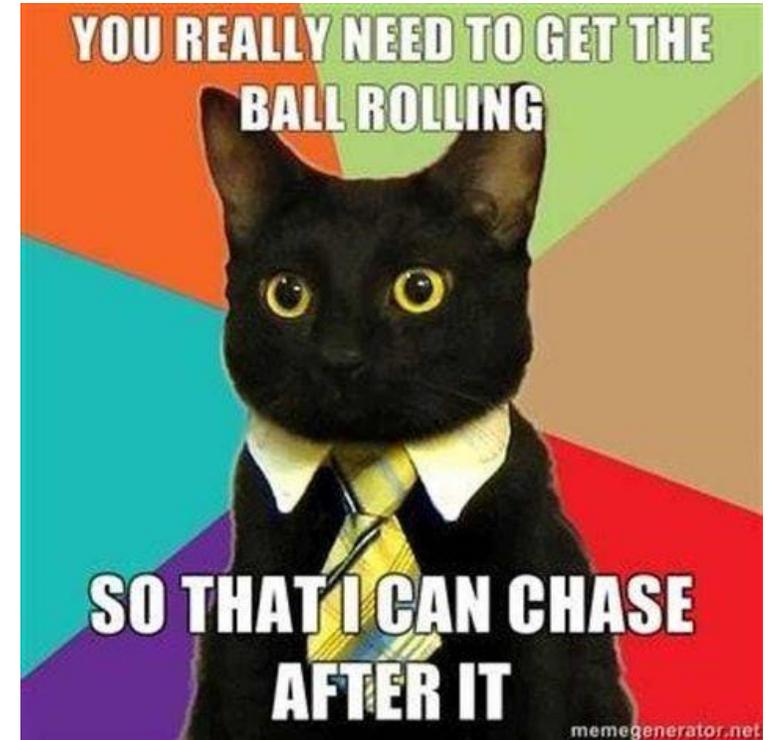
## **MAX**

- \$15M for construction/renos
- \$5M for special equipment
- \$500K for feasibility studies

- Regional budget for Ontario is **about \$20M annually**
  - **Multi-year** projects are permitted with a reasonable timeline
  - Wide range of project budgets are supported – **large and small**
  - Match funding - At least 2/3 or **66% of revenues need to be confirmed** for approval
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# Email or call us! We can help!

- Contact your friendly **Ontario Region Program Advisor!**
- We can help you:
  - Think through your project ideas
  - Understand program guidelines and requirements
  - Coordinate your application with project timing
  - Recommend other potential funding opportunities
- Guidelines and application forms on the website <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/cultural-spaces-fund.html>



# Making Cultural Spaces Safe During COVID-19 Initiative

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# COVID context for museums

- At least **3 mandatory lockdowns** in Ontario since the pandemic began
- **July 16, 2021** - Ontario Provincial government allowed public art galleries, museums and heritage sites to re-open
- Closures and re-openings have meant **significant adjustments** to working arrangements, in-person experiences and programs to **meet health and safety requirements** for staff and the public
- **Some remain closed** because they are unable to meet these requirements



# A new initiative...

- Budget 2021: Government of Canada committed \$15 million to help **support the safe reopening** of arts, culture, heritage and sport sectors
- **One-time project funds** are now available through the “Making Cultural Spaces Safe During COVID-19 Initiative”, aka the “**Safe Reopening Initiative**”
- Launched in early **November 2021**
- **\$4 million** has been allocated to **projects in Ontario region**

# Some fine print...

- **New application form** for this initiative, the budget form is still the standard CCSF budget template – **email us for a copy**
- Each applicant can **apply only once** to this initiative, however a single application may include **multiple safe reopening project elements**
- There are **two tiers** of projects:
  - Grants up to \$150,000
  - Contribution up to \$300,000
- Projects must be **substantially completely by March 31, 2022**
- Only eligible **expenses incurred after April 19, 2021** may be considered

# A fine point on the fine print...



- “Projects must be substantially completely by March 31, 2022” means:
  - **All CCSF funds** have been spent by March 31, 2022
  - The **majority of the project** itself is completed or **most elements** of the project have been paid for\*

\*in some cases there may be supply-chain-related issues or unforeseen seasonal delays
- “Only eligible expenses incurred after April 19, 2021 may be considered” means:
  - We can provide **retroactive support** for projects, so long as they started after April 19, 2021
  - **BUT** we cannot guarantee funding support
  - If you incur expenses before receiving written confirmation of your funding approval, you do so at your own risk

# The good news...

- Can support **up to 100% of eligible expenses**
- **Maximum grant** threshold has increased to **\$150,000** (up from \$100,000)
- A **streamlined assessment** process will result in more timely funding decisions
- The signed application **form doubles as a grant agreement** to reduce paperwork
- Organizations **can apply to both** the Safe Reopening Initiative **and** CCSF Regular Funds at the same time (for different/complementary projects)

# Who can apply?

- Professional not-for-profit arts and heritage organizations with at least 2 years of operations **or equivalent experience**
  - Provincial/territorial government agencies
  - Municipal arts and heritage facilities with professional programming
  - Indigenous peoples' institutions or organizations that undertake cultural programming
  - For construction/renovations and fixed equipment:
    - Facility owners
    - Organizations with a **lease of at least 5 years**
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# What's eligible?



- Projects need to **contribute to the safe reopening** of a cultural space, some examples:
  - Creating new or adapting existing outdoor spaces
    - E.g. adding lighting, heating, security systems for outdoor performance or interpretation spaces, tent purchase, etc.
  - Health, sanitization and safety-related
    - E.g. hands free bathroom fixtures, automatic doors, HVAC filter upgrades/retrofits, reconfigured or expanded workspaces, etc.
  - Live-streaming and digital ticketing equipment
    - E.g. cameras and related A/V equipment to provide accessible and safe digital programming from your facility, or software that allows for online/timed ticketing, etc.

# Brainstorming...



- Take a moment and think about your cultural space:
  - What needs have you identified so far to safely reopen?
  - If you have already reopened, what lessons have you learned and what further needs have you identified?
  - Think beyond the front-of-house: What about staff? Volunteers? Other partners and contributors?
    - What are their needs to ensure your spaces are safe?

# Ask us!

More information about the CCSF Safe Reopening Initiative on the website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/cultural-spaces-fund/fund/parameters.html>

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