
Arts & Culture Support Service

Call for new Arts Advisory Council Members



The Capital Regional District (CRD) is seeking individuals to serve on the **Arts Advisory Council (AAC)**.

The AAC is a **volunteer group** that adjudicates arts funding programs and provides advice to the CRD Arts Commission (AC) on issues relating to arts in the region as part of the CRD Arts & Culture Support Service. We encourage applicants of all abilities, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, racialized identities and/or other lived experiences that reflect the diversity of the capital region.

Closing Date: August 15, 2024 at 4:30 pm

About the CRD Arts & Culture Support Service

The CRD Arts & Culture Support Service administers five funding programs that support not-for-profit arts organizations and is composed of CRD staff and two committees: the **Arts Commission (AC)** and the **Arts Advisory Council (AAC)**. Funding programs include Operating, Equity, IDEA and Incubator Grants (one intake per year) and Project Grants (two intakes per year). The CRD is unable to fund individuals or businesses and only funds not-for-profit organizations in participating municipalities: Victoria, Saanich, Oak Bay, Esquimalt, Metchosin, Highlands, View Royal, Sooke and Southern Gulf Islands.


[Read more about the funding programs.](#)

The **Arts Commission (AC)** is comprised of elected representatives from each of the participating municipalities and is responsible for support and development of arts in the region through:

- the oversight of operational and project support to arts organizations,
- the consideration of policies aimed at encouraging a wide range of arts activities, and
- the approval of the overall CRD Arts and Culture Support Service budget.

The Role of the Arts Advisory Council (AAC)

The AAC is a **volunteer council** appointed by the Arts Commission and consisting of up to twelve members. Established by [CRD Bylaw 2973](#), the AAC mandate includes:

- advising the AC on policies to foster and promote: support of the arts in the community; public awareness of and involvement in the arts; the creation, exhibition and performance of artistic works; and the development of artistic and other requisite skills.
 - adjudicating grant applications and providing recommendations to the AC for final approval.
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Time Commitment – New Positions start January 1, 2025

Meetings are typically held over zoom with the following schedule:

- the first Tuesday evening of each month with the exception of July, August, and December;
- a Saturday meeting replacing the regular meeting in November, for review of Operating Grants;
- additional adjudication meetings for Project, Equity, IDEA and Incubator Grants in the spring, typically held in the evening; and
- special meetings at the call of the Chair.

Qualifications

AAC members reflect a wide range of experiences and interests in the arts as well as other professions and life experiences. Member expertise may include training and experience in an arts discipline or other field including law, business, accounting, administration, policy development, public sector funding, grant adjudication, finance, governance, or development. Some understanding or familiarity with the non-profit arts sector, or non-profit organizations in general, is preferred.

Eligibility

- Members must live in the capital region.
- If you are a member of the board of directors, an employee, regular contractor, or have a fiduciary duty to an organization applying for CRD Arts & Culture Support Service funding, you are not eligible to be appointed to the AAC.

Selection and appointment

Applications are reviewed according to provisions within CRD Bylaw 2973 and prospective appointees are selected based on the current needs of the Council. Final approval and appointments are made by the Arts Commission. Initial appointments are for one year with the possibility of reappointment up to a maximum of eight years. New positions are appointed for January 1, 2025.

How to apply

Email a brief letter on why you are interested in this position along with your resume outlining your experience to artsdevelopment@crd.bc.ca by **August 15, 2024 at 4:30 pm**. If you have a disability that you anticipate needing accommodations for to apply or participate, please contact us.

For further information or questions, get in touch at 250.360.3215.

