



## FACT SHEET

### BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ARTS AND HERITAGE

The Government of Canada's *Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage* program offers support for activities that are intended for and open to the general population and celebrate local heritage, artists and artisans. Funding is available through two components:

**Local Arts and Heritage Festivals** will provide funding for recurrent local community events and activities that feature the public presentation of local artists and/or local heritage.

**Community Historical Anniversaries Programming** will provide funding for local community events and activities that commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary or greater (in multiples of 25 years) of a historically significant local event or person.

#### Who Can Apply?

Eligible organizations include local non-profit incorporated organizations, groups that are not legally incorporated, and Band Councils, Tribal Councils and other Aboriginal governments or equivalent authorities.

#### What Are the Key Eligibility Requirements?

Applicants must have written confirmation of financial or in-kind support from their municipal government or the equivalent authority and must include the value of that support in the project budget. When the applicant is a Band Council, Tribal Council or other Aboriginal government or equivalent authority, this authority itself must provide written confirmation of support.

For Local Arts and Heritage Festivals: applicants must have already completed one eligible activity within the last two years.

For Community Historical Anniversaries Programming: the anniversary must be at least the 100<sup>th</sup> or greater, in multiples of 25 years (for example, 125<sup>th</sup>, 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, etc.).

#### What Are the Application Deadlines?

The application deadlines for Local Arts and Heritage Festivals are:

- **October 31, 2007** for projects taking place between January 1 and May 31, 2008.
- **January 14, 2008** for projects taking place between June 1 and December 31, 2008.

The application deadlines for Community Historical Anniversaries Programming are:

- If the project is taking place early in 2008 (e.g. starting as early as January 1), the deadline is **October 31, 2007**. This deadline is for projects taking place between January 1 and December 31, 2008.
- If the project is taking place later in 2008 (e.g. starting June 1 or later), the deadline is **January 14, 2008**. This deadline is for projects taking place between June 1 and December 31, 2008.

For more details about this program, including application forms and guidelines, visit the Building Communities through Arts and Heritage site at [www.pch.gc.ca/communities](http://www.pch.gc.ca/communities).

You can also visit your nearest Canadian Heritage office, or contact Canadian Heritage toll-free by calling 1 866 811-0055 or TTY: 819 997-3123.

