

Collaborative Spaces Pilot Projects 2015/16

1. Kamloops Art Gallery (\$18,800)

465 Victoria St, Kamloops

- A partnership between the Kamloops Art Gallery and the Arbor Collective, an Indigenous arts group providing training and exhibition opportunities to artists in the Okanagan Valley.
- Project will facilitate enhanced training opportunities for Indigenous artists, as well as increase wider community access and impact.

2. Surrey Arts Hub (\$40,000)

10660 City Parkway, Surrey

- A new hub space for cultural development in Surrey's City Centre, supporting innovation, collaboration and creativity.
- Co-location between the Royal Canadian Theatre Company and Streetrich Hip Hop Society.
- Project will create space for engaging the next generation of creative youth workers through programs, outreach and mentorship activity.

3. Kokoro Dance Theatre Society (\$50,000)

250 - 111 Hastings St W, Vancouver

- A hub in the Woodward's Building in the downtown eastside of Vancouver.
- Co-location between Kokoro Dance, Vancouver International Dance Festival, Vancouver Moving Theatre and Raven Spirit Dance.
- Project supports talent growth through the creation of an accessible community recording studio and performance venue.

4. Wachiay Friendship Centre (\$50,000)

1625 McPhee Ave, Courtenay

- A social enterprise for Indigenous artists located in the Comox Valley.
- Project will create a new digital media facility, generate new business opportunities for local artists (e.g., digital screen printing), and expand youth engagement and mentorship.

5. 221A (\$50,000)

221 Georgia St E, Vancouver

- A social enterprise that provides affordable studio space to professional artists and offices to creative sector organizations in the Vancouver area.
- Project includes conversion of a 10,000 sq.-ft. industrial space into a multi-tenant, flexible arts hub.

6. Presentation House Theatre Society (\$20,000)

333 Chesterfield Ave, North Vancouver

- Performing arts space in North Vancouver, used collectively by five resident organizations, as well as many community partners.
- Project will support the purchase of specialized equipment for a new performance and creation space, increasing the ability to showcase new works by B.C. artists and generate additional revenue.

7. Rotary Centre for the Arts (\$30,000)

421 Cawston Ave, Kelowna

- A thriving incubator for arts and culture creation, presentation and education in the Okanagan.
- Home to six arts organizations, 10 resident artists, four public gallery spaces and a 300-seat theatre.
- Project will support the purchase of specialized equipment to increase the scope and profile of their work, helping to grow their impact on the local creative economy.

8. Nanaimo Art Gallery (\$50,000)

150 Commercial St, Nanaimo

- A cultural hub in downtown Nanaimo.
- Co-location between five resident companies: Nanaimo Art Gallery, Crimson Coast Dance, TheatreOne, Vancouver Island Symphony, and Nanaimo Archives. Accessible to a wide range of community groups and artists.
- Project will create a flexible space designed to facilitate cross-collaboration and engagement among the residents.

9. VIVO (\$50,000)

2625 Kaslo St, Vancouver

- A new media arts hub located in the under-served Vancouver neighbourhood of Renfrew-Collingwood.
- Project will help to build a facility that serves the needs of professional media artists, digital designers and technologists, increasing access for artists with disabilities and youth.

10. En'owkin Centre (\$27,500)

Lot 45 Green Mountain Rd, Penticton

- A leading Indigenous creative hub that promotes creation, presentation, language revitalization and business development.
- Project will upgrade space and equipment to further the overall artistic objectives of the organization, as well as their contribution to the local creative economy.

11. Russian Hall (\$50,000)

600 Campbell Ave, Vancouver

- A vibrant hub in the downtown eastside of Vancouver.
- Co-location between four resident companies: Fight With a Stick, Theatre Replacement, Axis Theatre Company and Lola MacLaughlin Dance. Accessible to a wide range of community groups and artists.
- Project will expand the hub's accessible creation and presentation spaces, as well as audience reach.

Total investment: \$436,300