

# Repatriation Grant Description

## Introduction

The Repatriation Grant is made possible by the Provincial Government of BC working in partnership with the Royal BC Museum. In 2016, funding was allocated to the Royal BC Museum to create a repatriation program that assists First Nations communities in repatriating ancestral remains, cultural objects and intangible cultural heritage.



## Grant Objectives

The Royal BC Museum makes Repatriation Grants available to BC First Nations and associated organizations (such as a cultural society, repatriation committee etc.) for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation and repatriation of First Nations cultural items, ancestral remains and burial items as well as intangible cultural heritage from global museums.

## Deadline for applications

**4:30pm, May 31, 2018.** Late proposals will be considered ineligible. Repatriation activities must start no sooner than July 1, 2018.

## Amount

Each grant awarded will be up to \$30,000. Applicants may submit only one application. Successful applicants will receive 80% on approval and 20% on completion and acceptance of the Repatriation Grant Report. The Royal BC Museum may consider grants over \$30,000 upon special request. However, applicants must contact the Repatriation Specialist to discuss this option prior to applying.

There is total of \$500,000 available for repatriation grants.

## Grant Description

The Repatriation Grant is intended solely for Indigenous organizations that have a commitment to the repatriation of ancestral remains, tangible (cultural belongings) and intangible heritage (e.g. songs, stories and language recordings) from museums and cultural institutions to First Nations organizations in BC.

## The Grant is intended to

- Assist First Nations with their repatriation efforts and long-term planning;
- Build repatriation capacity and sustainability for First Nations;
- Encourage collaboration between cultural institutions and Indigenous peoples.

## An eligible organization must

- Have a repatriation mandate that demonstrates a commitment to the repatriation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage;
- Be a Tribal Council or First Nations Band Council or be a First Nations Repatriation or Cultural Committee in BC with the written support, participation and direction of a Tribal Council or First Nations band council and must be First Nations directed;
- Present a realistic and balanced budget that demonstrates financial need and identifies other sources of revenue and/or in-kind contributions to complete the project; and
- Present a realistic project timeline;
- Collaboration between related nations is strongly encouraged.

## Appropriate Activities for the Repatriation Grant

Repatriation Grants cover costs associated with the transfer of possession of ancestral remains and cultural items from global museums and institutions such as universities to First Nations communities in BC.

### **Activities may include**

- Start-up of a new community repatriation committee;
- Documentation of cultural items, ancestral remains and burial items in museums;
- Travel by First Nations and museum staff to prepare and/or accompany ancestral remains and/or cultural items to the First Nations;
- Transportation of First Nations ancestral remains and/or cultural items to the First Nations organization ;
- Repatriation of collections that are the result of excavations in BC, which are currently in museum collections;
- Construction of appropriate containers for the transport and disposition of repatriated cultural items;
- Construction of burial house, cairn or other grave structure to reinter ancestral remains (up to \$10,000);
- Ceremonial materials necessary for the appropriate return of First Nations ancestral remains and cultural items;
- Staff time dedicated to the administrative and logistical arrangements for repatriation;
- Travel and expenses for meetings between First Nations and museums to facilitate repatriation activities.

### **The following expenses are NOT eligible for funding through the Repatriation Grant:**

- Capital costs (burial house, cairn or other grave structure under \$10,000 is the exception);
- For-profit business development costs;
- Equipment purchase (such as a camera, video camera or laptop);
- Expenses for non-repatriation activities;
- Consultant fees;
- Purchase of tangible and intangible heritage

## Application Guidelines and Forms

### Please ensure your proposal includes:

- A completed and signed application form
- A completed budget form
- Letter of commitment from Tribal Council or Band Council
- CVs or resumes or biographies of the project participants
- Two letters of support from previous repatriation OR cultural collaborations
- One letter of commitment from the museum or institution you are proposing to collaborate with on repatriation

Repatriation Grant applications should be submitted at least one month before the scheduled repatriation as funding may take an additional two months to become available after the Repatriation Grant recipients are announced.

### Please note

- Applications with supporting materials must be postmarked or submitted by email by 4:30pm on May 31, 2018;
- If sending through the mail, please provide printed material on unstapled, single-sided 8 1/2 x 11 white paper, with a minimum font size of 12pt;
- Proposals will only be discussed with the applicant or named contact person;
- Supporting material will be returned if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is provided
- Successful applicants must acknowledge the support of the Royal BC Museum's Repatriation Program in all materials produced in relation to the approved project undertaken;
- Late proposals will be considered ineligible.

## Adjudication Process

- Applications will be reviewed by Repatriation Specialist for eligibility, completeness and clarity;
- The Royal BC Museum's First Nations Advisory and Advocacy Committee (FNAAC) granting sub-committee will review all applications and make recommendations of successful applicants to the Royal BC Museum;
- Funds for this program are limited. Priority will be given to applications and activities that are not already being fully funded by way of the treaty process or another funding source; that demonstrate a financial need; that request achievable levels of financial assistance and that have an achievable project;
- The Royal BC Museum reserves the right to require confirmation of funding, to request financial records of the project and to require receipts for expenses incurred by the project;
- If your application is successful, you will be required to complete contract paperwork before receiving a grant. You will also be required to complete the Repatriation Grant Report Form and to submit images or videos of your project within a month of finishing your project.

## Questions and submission of your application:

By mail: Lou-ann Neel, Repatriation Specialist  
First Nations and Repatriation Department,  
Royal BC Museum  
675 Belleville Street  
Victoria BC, V8W 9W2

By email: [repatriation@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca](mailto:repatriation@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca)

By fax: 250 387-0533

If you wish to clarify whether your First Nation or organization is eligible to apply for this grant, please contact Lou-ann Neel, Repatriation Specialist ([repatriation@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca](mailto:repatriation@royalbcmuseum.bc.ca) or 250-889-9674)

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