



PEC Arts Fund 2026

<https://www.thecountyfoundation.ca/grants-funds/pec-arts-fund>

The PEC Arts Fund aims to strengthen Prince Edward County's vibrant arts sector, celebrating the creativity, innovation, and passion of artists who enrich the lives of both our residents and visitors to the County. Applications will be accepted from **February 2nd to March 2nd at 4 pm.**

It supports the work of arts-mandated organizations in Prince Edward County, including but not limited to: artistic programming or services; events; education and training opportunities; and collaborative projects. As this program is supported in part through municipal funding, applications should highlight the impact on Prince Edward County residents.

2026 Funding Available for Single Year Grants (\$18,328)

While the max grant size you can apply for is \$15,000, we anticipate typical grant size to be \$3k-\$5k based on available funding for 2026.

The total funding for the PEC Arts Fund is \$62,000 and for 2026 there is \$43,672 allocated to multi-year grants.

Full program details on website, and summary listed at bottom of this form.

Note for Former Recipients: If you received grant funding in 2025, and have not submitted your final report yet (due June 30th 2026), please provide a status update to The County Foundation on your previous funding to be eligible for this round of funding if you are applying.

Contact us at info@thecountyfoundation.ca.

Contact Information

Name of Organization or Community Group:

If this application is approved, who should the cheque be made payable to?

Lead Contact Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Street Address: _____

**Please ensure this information is accurate as this is where the cheque would be mailed.*

Town _____ Postal Code _____

Are you applying for:

- Operational Support
- Initiative Support (Project/Program/Event/Etc).

Applicant Overview

Tell us about your organization or community group. What are the primary activities (programs or services) that your organization provides? (Limit 200 words):

Please note: your organization or community group's primary focus needs to be on providing activities specific to the arts. Organizations without a mandate to provide services, programs and amenities in the realm of the arts are not eligible to apply to the PEC Arts Fund.

Describe who participates in your programs and initiatives, including the number of PEC residents, and explain how these activities are open and accessible to the community (Limit 300 words):

How long has your organization or community group been operating?

If less than a year then you are not eligible to apply for cash funding, only in-kind funding.

What does it mean to have been "operating" for at least a year? To show that your organization has been operating for over a year, there needs to be verifiable evidence of activities taking place for at least a year. Examples of a record of activities could include a website, social media, articles, newsletters, written correspondence such as email, or something else that shows the date your organization or community group began operating. You may be asked to provide this.

Website address:

Please include a link to your organization's website (if available). If there is no website, feel free to direct us to where we can find more information on your community organization. You can also email us at info@thecountyfoundation.ca.

Select the primary artistic activities of your organization (select all that apply):

- Visual Arts
- Dance
- Theatre
- Film/Video
- Comedy
- Music
- Literary Arts (Writing/Poetry/Etc)
- Service to other Arts Organizations
- Other (explain below):

If you would like to elaborate on the above answer, then please use the space below Limit 100 words:

Financial Information

Total Grant Amount Requested (2026): _____

For Total Grant Amount Requested: This is the amount you are requesting from the PEC Arts Fund for this application. The maximum grant size per year is \$15,000. Please note typical grant size ranges from \$3k-\$5k, and for 2026 the funding available to disburse is **\$18,328**.

Total Initiative Cost (if applicable): _____

**Please explain the total cost of the initiative if the amount is higher than the amount requested for the grant.*

Activities

Please clearly describe what activities or outcomes this grant funding will enable you to carry out for PEC residents. What are you hoping to achieve? (Limit 500 words):

If applying for Operations – Describe your overall work in the community and how this grant will allow you to carry out the goals of your organization or community group.

If applying for an Initiative – please describe your plans for the initiative. For example, do you plan to host a free event in the park, or would you like to fund a new program?

*Please review the list of what funding from the PEC Arts Fund may **not** be used for at the bottom of this form under "Program Details." For example, fundraising campaigns, events, or activities are **not** eligible, but you may apply for an in-kind grant for this purpose.

How does this benefit Prince Edward County, and why is this a priority for our community? (Limit 500 words)

*Use Vital Signs data or reports, or through other resources to explain the community need (examples: The County's Strategic Plan, The Community Safety & Well-being plan). Limit 500 words.

How will you carry out the work you are requesting grant support for (e.g., timelines, community partners involved, or resources needed)? (Limit 300 words):

Outline any additional details relevant to your request, whether project-based or operational. Limit 300 words.

Where will your activities take place? Please select all applicable wards.

- Ameliasburgh
- Athol
- Bloomfield
- Hallowell
- Hillier
- North Marysburgh
- Picton
- Sophiasburgh
- South Marysburgh
- Wellington

Location(s) of activities and frequency (Limit 100 words):

What are your goals? What does success look like and how will it be measured? (Limit 300 words):

Include specific metrics where possible.

Required Documents

Please attach the following to your application:

- 1) Applicant Profile** - Attach a background of your organization. Include whether your organization is a non profit or a community organization, what it is, services you provide, details of leadership team and Board of Directors if applicable.
 - a. Vulnerable Sector Check: Please include your organization's current policy regarding maintaining up-to-date vulnerable sector checks for staff and volunteers as part of the Applicant Profile if relevant to your application.

- 2) Initiative OR Operating Budget** – Attach an Initiative or Operating Budget. Please be clear in how the grant funding will be used in your budget.

Operating Budget - If you are seeking operational support for the work of your organization or community group then you would submit an operating budget. This would detail your organization's revenues and expenses for the current year, and how the grant will make an impact on your operational expenses.

Initiative Budget - If you are requesting grant funding specific to a project, program, or purpose then please include a budget detailing revenues and expenses related to this initiative, and how the grant will make an impact on your project.

- 3) Financial Statements** (mandatory for funding requests between \$5k-\$15k)

It is preferable that the financials have been prepared by an accountant or other qualified third party if available. Financial statements are optional if requesting less than \$5k in funding.

Financial statements should show the overall financial status of your organization, including income and expenses. The purpose of the financials is to provide information on the organization or community group's current financial status, as opposed to a budget which forecasts a plan for managing money.

- 4) Supplementary Documents - Optional**

You are welcome to submit up to 2 supplementary documents along with your application.

Applications are due: March 2nd, 2026 by 4 pm.

Applications can be printed, scanned, and emailed to info@thecountyfoundation.ca (you will receive an email confirming receipt within 48 hours); or mailed to Unit 107, 35 Bridge St., P.O. Box 24, Picton, ON.

Applying for a grant is a competitive process and we often receive more grant applications than there is funding available. Past funding commitments should not be interpreted as a guarantee that future requests will be approved.

Declaration

- All information is truthful, fair, and complete.
- I am authorized, by my organization, to bind it through the submission of this application.
- I understand that a report must be received within 1 year of the grant being received; or 2 months following the end of the project.

PEC Arts Fund: Program Details

The PEC Arts Fund aims to strengthen Prince Edward County's vibrant arts sector, celebrating the creativity, innovation, and passion of artists who enrich the lives of both our residents and visitors to the County. Funded in part by the Municipality of Prince Edward County through the Municipal Accommodations Tax, The County Foundation, and external donations.

Form for In-Kind Funding must be submitted separately. Available on The County Foundation website.

To apply for a PEC Arts Fund Grant, applicants must:

- Be a Mandated Arts Organization that has a stated organizational mandate to provide services, programs and amenities in the realm of the arts (various fine and applied art forms including but not limited to visual, performing and performance, literary, media and decorative arts);
- Be located and conduct most activities within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of Prince Edward County or be a local chapter of a larger organization that provides consistent services within Prince Edward County;
- Have demonstrated sound fiscal management;
- Demonstrate that they provide those services and programs in an effective, accessible, open, and inclusive manner; and
- Must have financial records in the name of the applicant (such as a bank account).

What can a PEC Arts Fund Grant be used for?

Grant funding from the PEC Arts Fund may be used for general operating expenses, special projects, capacity building projects (such as strategic planning, organizational development), events or new programs (seed funding, pilot projects etc.). There is no restriction on the percentage of operational costs that can be included in the grant request.

*Only 1 request for cash funding per Mandated Arts Organization will be considered per year.

The following entities are not eligible to apply to the PEC Arts Fund:

- Organizations without a mandate to provide services, programs and amenities in the realm of the arts;
- Individuals or households;
- For-profit businesses;
- Organizations with political affiliations or whose primary purpose is political activity or lobbying;
- Non-profit organizations with a mandate to serve the business sector, such as a Chamber of Commerce or a business sector association;
- Hospitals or other organizations whose primary purpose is to provide medical treatment/clinical services;
- School boards, primary and secondary schools, post-secondary institutions;
- Government organizations, including agencies, boards, commissions, service corporations, and committees established by the Municipality, the Province, or the Federal Government;

- Provincial, national, and/or regional organizations, unless a local chapter exists to serve residents of Prince Edward County; and/or,
- Organizations receiving 80% or more of their funding from upper levels government.

Grants from the PEC Arts Fund may not be used for:

- Major capital purchases such as vehicle purchases, land or building purchases or renovations, except for small capital purchases or projects that support compliance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act or accessibility provisions within the Ontario Building Code;
- Prize money, awards, travel expenses, hospitality (food, beverage, alcohol);
- Reduction of accumulated or annual deficits, debt reduction or financing;
- Programs, services, activities, or amenities that are already supported by the Municipality through another funding program, service contract or an Exceptional Funding Partnership;
- Fund raising campaigns, events, or activities, except for In-Kind Grants which may be used to support fund raising initiatives;
- Programs with mandates legislated or regulated by the Provincial or Federal governments;
- Programs, services, activities, or amenities that promote a particular faith, or require participants to adhere to a particular faith;
- Activities, programs services or amenities that will be delivered outside of the geographic boundaries of Prince Edward County;
- Activities that serve to raise funds for other organizations, individuals/households, businesses, or causes;
- Activities that would qualify for fee reductions or waivers as described in the current municipal Fees and Charges By-Law.