

Federal Funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage



Press Release

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The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of a federal grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage via its Canada Cultural Spaces Fund (CCSF).

The CCSF supports the improvement of physical conditions for arts, heritage culture and creative innovation. The fund supports renovation and construction projects, the acquisition of specialized equipment and, notably, feasibility studies related to cultural spaces. With some exceptions, its mandate is to fund up to 50% of a project's costs. Based on guidance provided by program advisors, in September the HHACF applied for half the cost of its Feasibility Study.

In early December, the Foundation was notified that it was being awarded a total of \$44,900, the full requested amount. This generous grant assures that the HHACF's Feasibility Study is fully funded and will be completed without pausing between phases for additional fund-raising.

"This funding is a dream come true for the HHACF and was many months in the making. Without something tangible in hand - land, drawings, cost estimates - public fundraising has been a challenge," says Foundation president, Dan Manley. "Thanks to Canadian Heritage and their advisors' invaluable guidance during the RFP and proposal stages, we're now on a solid path to completing the research and consultations."

The Foundation's Feasibility Study, consisting of four phases, was launched in October (2021). It is being executed by Janis A. Barlow and Associates, and is scheduled to be completed in April 2022. With results and materials from the study, the HHACF is expecting to produce marketing materials for a large-scale capital fund-raising campaign.

For more information about Canadian Heritage and their CCSF program, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/cultural-spaces-fund.html>.

The *Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation* (HHACF) is a registered charity founded in 2018. Its mission is to build a world-class arts centre in Haliburton County, situated in the Haliburton Highlands, 250km North-east of Toronto. The region, with a growing arts economy, is the home of the Haliburton School of the Arts (Fleming College), the Highlands Opera Studio, Highlands Summer Festival, the Highlands Chamber Orchestra, the Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) and more. Let's Build the Dream Together.

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