

Culture City: Program Series

[Open call for artists and performers!](#)

Program details and submission requirements are outlined below. Please note that there are rolling deadlines for application intake until all spaces have been filled (deadlines for each month noted under schedule).

[Program Purpose](#)

The **Culture City: Program Series** is a new annual series of multicultural community programming hosted across the City from June to November. Participants will learn more about the rich and diverse cultures and communities in Abbotsford through free, interactive, family friendly arts and culture activities and events.

The goal of the program series is to create space for artists, performers, and organizations to share opportunities for the community to learn and experience culturally significant activities and events. Examples of cultural programming could include: story telling, interactive arts workshops, performances, music, literary arts or spoken word, fashion, oral history, traditions, games and more.

[Schedule & Duration](#)

Program dates are scheduled on the first and third Saturday's of each Month*:

- July 20th (deadline to submit June 24th)
- August 3rd (deadline to submit July 5th)
- September 7th and 21st (deadline to submit August 16th)
- October 5th and 19th (deadline to submit September 13th)

*If there is a culturally significant date that falls outside of those identified above, please share in your application as the program goal is connecting community with culturally significant activities and events.

Performances and/or activities should follow one of the below options:

- One set, 1 – 2 hours continuous

OR

- Two sets, 30 minutes – 1 Hour each, plus intermission

[Locations](#)

Applicants are encouraged to propose activities at City venues, partner venues, or private organizations willing to host their activities.

The following venues have been identified as potential programming locations that the City can provide. Please note that final location selection is based on availability, and will be confirmed between successful applicants and City staff:

City Venues:

- Abbotsford Recreation Centre
- Matsqui Recreation Centre
- Matsqui Centre Auditorium
- City parks (See: [Park/Picnic Shelter Booking Request](#))

Partner Venues:

- Abbotsford Community Library
- Clearbrook Library
- Kariton Art Gallery
- The Reach Gallery Museum

Supports Provided

- Free use of City and partner venues for programming (based on availability)
- Access to equipment: tables, chairs, tents, portable audio equipment, and event signage (based on availability)
- City marketing and promotion of activities

Eligibility

- Projects must create opportunities for the community to learn from, and experience culturally significant activities and events
- Projects must be completed by October 31, 2024. If there is a culturally significant date that falls outside this timeline, please share in your application as the goal of the program is to celebrate culture
- Applicants Must be 18 years or older
- Proposed activities and events must be family friendly, free, and open to all members of the public without restriction
- Applicants must have a relationship to Abbotsford (live past or present, study, work, or play)
- Successful applicants may be required to provide a Police Information Check including a Vulnerable Sector Screening. The results of the check must be acceptable to the City of Abbotsford at its sole discretion (Reimbursement provided)
- Successful applicants proposing activities at non-City venues will be required to provide insurance listing City of Abbotsford and Abbotsford School District #34 as additional insured (Reimbursement provided)

Remuneration

Successful applicants will be paid according to CARFAC's 2024 [Minimum Recommended Fee Schedule](#) based on the number of artists/performers involved, and activity duration.

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If you have any questions regarding the program, project eligibility, or the application process, please contact the Culture Coordinator:

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Apply at <https://www.abbotsford.ca/culture-city>