

# ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT PROGRAMS

## IMPACT REPORT 2023



A thriving arts and culture scene makes Calgary a more livable city by strengthening the local economy, enriching our city's cultural diversity, supporting well-being and creating social connections for all individuals.

One of the ways that **The City of Calgary Arts & Culture Division** invests in communities and builds capacity within the arts and culture sector is through grant programs. We are pleased to have offered the following grants to local non-profits, Community Associations and Business Improvement Areas in 2023.

### Arts and Culture Microgrant

- The **Arts and Culture Microgrant** helps activate culturally vibrant neighbourhoods and districts.
- Funded new initiatives that enhanced cultural learning and arts appreciation, such as community art installations, creative placekeeping, workshops, productions, makerspaces and programming.

### Chinese Immigration Act Centenary Microgrant

- Provided to the Calgary Chinese community to mark the centenary of the Chinese Immigration Act, also known as the **Chinese Exclusion Act**.
- Funded initiatives supported actions identified in the Chinatown Cultural Plan, such as honouring contributions, intergenerational talks, cultural education and revealing hidden histories.

### Festivals and Events Grants

#### Festivals and Events Subsidy Program

- Helps strengthen the local economy and enhance communities.
- Subsidized 50 to 90 per cent of the cost of City services (permits, inspections, road closures) and 50 per cent of City-contracted services incurred by festival and event organizers.

#### Innovation Microgrant

- Provided startup funding to festival and event subsidy recipients for new initiatives that diversify programming and promote environmental stewardship.

#### Eventful City Electrical Efficiency Microgrant

- Provided funding to reduce financial barriers for local festival and event organizers to implement efficient electrical and power management.





# 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

## ARTS AND CULTURE MICROGRANT



### Tall Feathers Raising and Ceremony

“People told us how they were moved on a deep level, stirring a thoughtfulness from the heart, and how their journeys were enriched by learning common values with Indigenous traditional wisdom. The raising of the large feathers gave a visceral memory of the event.”

– ORGANIZER

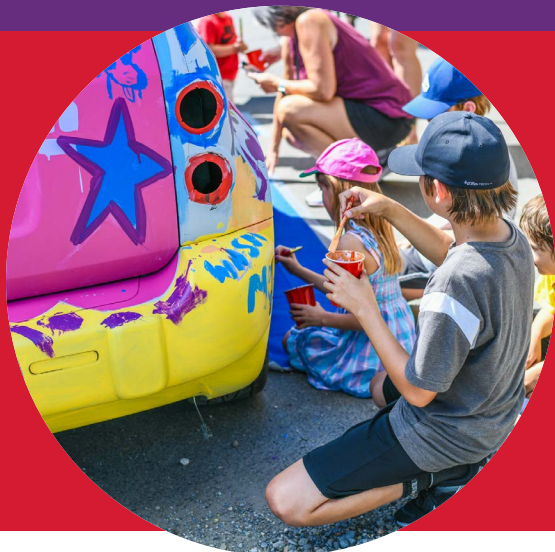
### N!ght L!ght

“N!ght L!ght helped change people’s perceptions of Victoria Park and evoked a sense of belonging and pride in local residents.”

– ORGANIZER

“Even at night, I felt safe, and the area was much more vibrant with so many nice shops and bars than I realized.”

– PARTICIPANT



### The “Carden”

“The highlight of this project was watching the hundreds of families paint the car and contribute to this wonderful community art piece in Greenview. *The Carden* will have a lasting impact on our BIA and the city, helping to placemake, beautify, create a bright, safe space and bring joy to people’s hearts.”

– ORGANIZER