

## **Affordable Recreation Policy**

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Any arts education provider in the Bulkley Valley may apply to the Council in writing for funding support for a specific arts education activity. The BVCAC (or designated committee) will take into account the following when considering a grant application:

- Benefit to the arts community, including degree of activity and number of participants
- Degree of need, and whether other funding sources are available
- Whether the participant(s) have shown a high degree of commitment to their chosen art
- Whether the participant(s) are providing their own time and energy in assisting their instructors/group or the larger arts community
- Whether the teacher is also contributing time/resources towards the participants' involvement
- The quality and characteristics of the teachers/leaders of the activity

### **FUNDING DETAILS:**

- Grants to each arts education provider **will not exceed \$750.00 per provider, per year**
- Awards will be paid directly to the teacher/leader. If the activity is not completed by the participant, the BVCAC will only pay a prorated amount to the teacher.
- Each year the BVCAC allocates 10% of the annual operating budget towards affordable recreation activities.
- The BVCAC may under exceptional circumstances grant an award for an arts education activity that would not otherwise qualify.

### **Definitions:**

a) Affordable Recreation Grants are an initiative of the Bulkley Valley Community Arts Council (BVCAC) for the purpose of broadening the availability and accessibility of local arts education activities to residents of the Bulkley Valley.

b) An arts education activity is any activity, such as a course, workshop, or lessons, in which one or more teachers/leaders provide arts education or training to the participants in the activity. The activity is normally considered to have a beginning and an end. Grants for student or artist fees, supplies and venue rental will be considered.

c) An arts education provider is any person or group of people who undertake to provide an educational activity. The teachers/leaders of the activity may not be the same person/people as the participants.