



Canada

March 18, 2020

Ref: 252252

Jon Tupper  
Director  
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria  
1040 Moss Street  
Victoria BC V8V 4P1

Dear Jon Tupper:

**Re: Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Community, Culture and Recreation  
Project # IC0048 - The NEXT Gallery Project**

Thank you for your application for funding under the ICIP – Community, Culture and Recreation Program.

We would like to advise that, after careful consideration, the above-noted project was not selected for funding under the ICIP – Community, Culture and Recreation Program.

The program received significantly more applications than could be funded. This decision does not reflect on the importance of this project for your community, but rather the degree by which the program has been oversubscribed. All applications were equitably reviewed and given consideration for funding. If you have any questions, please contact Laird McLachlin, Community, Culture and Recreation Program Lead, by email at: [Laird.McLachlin@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Laird.McLachlin@gov.bc.ca).

Additional program information can be found at the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program website: [www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program). Should future funding become available, staff are pleased to provide advice on preparing an application.

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Thank you for your interest in the ICIP-Community, Culture and Recreation Program. We wish you every success with your community project.

Best regards,



Liam Edwards, Executive Director  
Local Government Infrastructure and Finance  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

pc: Brian Bedford, Director  
Local Government Infrastructure & Engineering  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
  
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria

**From:** [Jon Tupper](#)  
**To:** [Minister, MAH MAH:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Letter to Minister Robinson  
**Date:** December 2, 2019 10:49:42 AM  
**Attachments:** [2 Dec 2019 Minister Robinson.pdf](#)

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Please note the attached letter to Minister Selina Robinson.

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**Jon Tupper**

Director

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The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria is located on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen peoples, today known as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations. We extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live and learn on this territory.

2 December 2019

Honourable Selina Robinson  
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing  
PO Box 9056 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC  
V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Robinson,

I am writing to inquire about our submission to the Communities, Culture and Recreation Stream of Infrastructure Canada funding which is administered in British Columbia by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. As you are aware the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria has received support for our infrastructure project from the Province of BC and has been raising funds privately for the past 5 years.

Continued escalation of the construction costs on Vancouver Island is having an impact on our project and we found ourselves in a position of having to go through a process of 'value engineering' to reduce some costs. Unfortunately, these changes have resulted in the Gallery having to resubmit our development permit to the City of Victoria, a process that we will complete in January 2020. In order to avoid yet another delay and even more expenses in the project we would like to start to lock in some of our tenders with our construction partners and suppliers. We have been told that we will hear the results of our application by the end of 2019 however an earlier approval in principle would allow us to proceed with tendering.

We are wondering if it would be possible to have a meeting with you or one of the Ministry staff to discuss our submission.

Kind regards,



Jon Tupper

CC: MLA Carole James, Minister of Finance



**From:** [McCabe, Kate MAH:EX](#)  
**To:** [jtupper@agov.ca](mailto:jtupper@agov.ca)  
**Cc:** [Andrade, Ana MAH:EX](#); [Wilkins, Christina MAH:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Submission to the Communities, Culture and Recreation stream of Infrastructure Canada funding  
**Date:** January 16, 2020 12:46:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [251313 Tupper Outgoing.pdf](#)

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**This message is being forwarded to you on behalf of Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Local Government Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Please see the attached correspondence.**

Tara Faganello, CPA CGA BA Ec.  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Local Government Division  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
and Inspector of Municipalities



January 16, 2020

Ref: 251313

X-Ref: 247618, 248607

Jon Tupper  
Director  
Art Gallery of Greater Victoria  
1040 Moss Street  
Victoria, BC V8V 4P1

Email: [jtupper@aggv.ca](mailto:jtupper@aggv.ca)

Dear Mr. Tupper:

Thank you for your email of December 2, 2019 to the Honourable Selena Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Greater Victoria Art Gallery's application for funding to the Culture, Community and Recreation (CCR) Program under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). As the Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division, I am pleased to respond.

Thank you for your request for an application status update for the NEXT Gallery project submitted to the CCR Program. I appreciate hearing that the project has undergone a value engineering process. This is a proactive step that results in lifecycle cost savings for larger projects.

Applications are in the final phase of the decision process. Infrastructure programs are subject to a merit-based application process, including a rigorous technical review by program staff. As the review is a multi-stage process between the provincial and federal governments, we expect final decisions to be communicated early in 2020. The applications that receive the highest technical score will be those that strongly align with program criteria and objectives, demonstrate the principles of sustainability, and that are supported by strong planning to ensure sustainable service delivery.

While it is too soon to be able to indicate the outcome of funding, all our capital grant programs are oversubscribed. The CCR Program received funding requests approximately 8 times greater than the funding available, making funding highly competitive.

I understand the concerns of escalating construction costs. Program staff and their federal counterparts are working to expedite the required due diligence and decision process. All applicants will be notified once final decisions are made.

Please note that under ICIP criteria, to be eligible for reimbursement, costs must be incurred following final federal approval into the program. Contracts/tenders awarded prior to the date of federal approval

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will render costs associated with the contract ineligible. I appreciate that this provides you with decisions to make as you proceed with planning the project.

You are welcome to connect with program staff to discuss. While program staff will not be able to give you an indication of the outcome of your application until final decisions occur for the program, they can provide information on the program and advice related to your application. Please contact Brian Bedford, Director, Local Government Infrastructure and Engineering, at [Brian.Bedford@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brian.Bedford@gov.bc.ca) or 778 698-3232. Additional program information is also available on the CCR Program website: [www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program).

I trust you will find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tara Faganello', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tara Faganello  
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable Carole James, Minister of Finance

**From:** [Andrade, Ana MAH:EX](#)  
**To:** [McCabe, Kate MAH:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Request FW: Art Gallery of Greater Victoria news and question  
**Date:** July 22, 2019 8:50:40 PM

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Kate over to you please. Thx

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Faganello, Tara MAH:EX" <[Tara.Faganello@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tara.Faganello@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** July 22, 2019 at 5:23:49 PM PDT  
**To:** "Brouwer, Shauna TAC:EX" <[Shauna.Brouwer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shauna.Brouwer@gov.bc.ca)>, "Andrade, Ana MAH:EX" <[Ana.Andrade@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ana.Andrade@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Request FW: Art Gallery of Greater Victoria news and question

Yes we can respond.

Ana pls cliff for ADM email response. Madeline can draft please. RUSH

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**From:** Brouwer, Shauna TAC:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2019 4:17 PM  
**To:** Faganello, Tara MAH:EX <[Tara.Faganello@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tara.Faganello@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Brouwer, Shauna TAC:EX <[Shauna.Brouwer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shauna.Brouwer@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Request FW: Art Gallery of Greater Victoria news and question

Hi Tara,  
Given his questions are around the program at MAH can you give Jon a quick call?  
I am not in a position to let him know when MAH may be making program announcements.  
Thank you!  
Shauna

**From:** Jon Tupper <[jtupper@aggv.ca](mailto:jtupper@aggv.ca)>  
**Sent:** June 26, 2019 2:52 PM  
**To:** Brouwer, Shauna TAC:EX <[Shauna.Brouwer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shauna.Brouwer@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Art Gallery of Greater Victoria news and question

Hi Shauna,  
I hope you are well. I just wanted to let you in on some good news regarding our building project. The Bank of Montreal has committed \$500,000 toward our capital campaign. This is good news in itself however it is usually a signal that other financial



institution will start to come on board in exchange for naming rights.

The second thing I wanted to ask you concerned the timing of the Infrastructure Canada (Communities, Culture and Recreation) funding. I know it is not your Ministry however we are concerned with the upcoming election and the impact it will have. It seems like any announcement will be made in the fall and the writ will likely drop mid September. Would this funding, should it be approved, be delayed because of the election or is it a provincial announcement. If there is a change in government in Ottawa will it jeopardize the funding and the program?

Kind regards,

Jon

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**Jon Tupper**

Director

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**From:** [McCabe, Kate MAH:EX](#)  
**To:** [jtupper@aggv.ca](mailto:jtupper@aggv.ca)  
**Cc:** [Faganello, Tara MAH:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Art Gallery of Greater Victoria news and question  
**Date:** August 9, 2019 12:35:00 PM

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**This message is being forwarded to you on behalf of Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Local Government Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Ref: 248607

Jon Tupper  
[jtupper@aggv.ca](mailto:jtupper@aggv.ca)

Dear Jon Tupper:

Thank you for your email of July 22, 2019 to Shauna Brouwer, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture which was kindly forwarded to me as Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division. I am pleased to respond.

Final decisions for funding under the Community, Culture and Recreation (CCR) program are anticipated to be made in late 2019. This is consistent with the information that was included in the CCR program materials. Given these approval timelines under CCR, we currently do not anticipate any impacts to announcements because of the upcoming Federal election.

I trust you will find this information helpful. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Tara Faganello  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Local Government Division  
and Inspector of Municipalities

**From:** [Jon Tupper](#)  
**To:** [Minister, MAH MAH:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Art Gallery of Greater Victoria  
**Date:** February 28, 2019 2:56:12 PM  
**Attachments:** [Copy of letter to Min Champagne for SR.pdf](#)

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Attached copy of a letter sent to Honourable Francois-Philippe Champagne regarding the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.

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**Jon Tupper**  
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26 February 2019

The Honourable Francois-Philippe Champagne  
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Champagne,

Thank you for your letter of January 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 regarding the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. I wanted to let you know that the AGGV has made a submission to the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure as you suggested. The submission is currently being reviewed by the BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Both in our discussion in Ottawa and in your letter you reinforced strongly the need to demonstrate the support of the Province of British Columbia for our project. We have letters of support from our local Member of the Legislative Assembly (and BC Finance Minister) Carole James, the Mayor of Victoria, the Chair of the Capital Regional District and many of our regional MLAs. In addition, the Province of BC has already given the Gallery a substantial contribution to the project through the BC Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture. I am unclear as to what kind of further evidence of Provincial support we should be providing and there was nothing in the program's application guidelines that clarifies what that could be.

I respectfully request that if there is something additional we should be providing in order to enhance our submission that you let me know. As we discussed the escalation of construction costs in BC is having an adverse effect on our project and any further delays will impact our planned outcomes.

With kind regards,

Jon Tupper  
Director

CC: The Honourable Carole James  
The Honourable Lisa Beare  
The Honourable Selina Robinson ✓  
Murray Rankin, MP



**From:** [Minister, MAH MAH:EX](#)  
**To:** [murray.rankin@parl.gc.ca](mailto:murray.rankin@parl.gc.ca)  
**Cc:** [James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** 247618: Greater Victoria Art Gallery Application to the Community, Culture and Recreation Program  
**Date:** August 1, 2019 2:51:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [247618 Rankin Signed Final.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Thank you.



July 31, 2019

Ref: 247618

Murray Rankin, M.P.  
Victoria  
1057 Fort St  
Victoria BC V8V 3K5

Dear Murray Rankin:

Thank you for your email requesting information regarding the Greater Victoria Art Gallery's application to the Community, Culture and Recreation Program.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture awarded \$6 million in grant funding to the Victoria Art Gallery for its renovation project in 2018.

The Province of British Columbia, in partnership with the Government of Canada, provides funding for infrastructure projects in communities across the province through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, of which the Community, Culture and Recreation Program is a component. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, are signatories to the Integrated Bilateral Agreement with the Government of Canada.

Applications to the Community, Culture and Recreation Program are currently under review. Funding is awarded through a merit-based application process, and every grant application is assessed in the context of program eligibility guidelines, with consideration given to projects demonstrating alignment with program criteria. This reinforces the expectation that infrastructure grant funds are allocated fairly and equitably between competing projects based on a rigorous technical evaluation and risk assessment. Eligible project types, associated eligible project outcomes, and other relevant criteria can be found in the program guide on the ICIP website: [www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Investing-in-Canada-Infrastructure-Program).

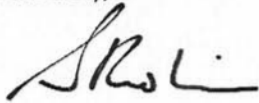
The deadline for applications to the Community, Culture and Recreation Program was January 23, 2019. As the review is a multi-stage process between the provincial and federal governments, it is anticipated that successful applicants will be contacted near the end of 2019.

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Murray Rankin, M.P.  
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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SR', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Selina Robinson  
Minister

pc: Honourable Carole James, MLA, Victoria-Beacon Hill

**From:** [Murray.Rankin.C1@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Murray.Rankin.C1@parl.gc.ca)  
**To:** [Minister, MAH MAH:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Art Gallery of Greater Victoria  
**Date:** June 11, 2019 11:40:11 AM

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Further to discussions our office has had with Minister's office and ministry staff regarding the disposition of funds and recommendations to the federal government for allocations under the Community, Culture, and Recreation Infrastructure Program, we note that Hon. Minister Beare indicated in recent media interviews that she will recommend Vancouver Art Gallery projects for funding under this program. Wondering if any new information is available regarding the application of the Greater Victoria Art Gallery with respect to funding as the list of projects favoured by the province is being prepared.

**John Luton**

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