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**Free Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant Writing Workshops**  
***Applications Now Accepted***

**Columbia Basin** – Want to learn more about how to apply for arts, culture and heritage grants delivered by the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance? Attend a free workshop with Krista Patterson or Natasha Smith, who will share with you how to apply and what to expect from the application process.

Individuals working in all artistic disciplines as well as arts, culture and heritage organizations residing in the Columbia Basin are invited to attend the workshops.

The Columbia Basin Trust's arts, culture and heritage grants are managed and administered by CKCA. The Trust proudly supports initiatives and projects that highlight Basin culture and heritage, and for 2017/18, the Arts, Culture and Heritage program allocation is \$751,000.

**Workshops are FREE. Pre-registration is required. Locations, dates and times are as follows:**

**Silverton - Friday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. - 12 noon** *hosted by the Slocan Lake Gallery Society*

Location: Fire Hall Meeting Room - located behind the Old Silverton Gallery/Museum building off Highway 6.

**Castlegar - Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. - 12 noon** *hosted by the Castlegar & District Arts Council*

Location: Castlegar Rec. Centre (Kootenay Room) 2101 - 6th Ave, Castlegar.

**Nelson - Thursday, Feb. 23, 1 - 3 p.m.** *hosted by the Nelson & District Arts Council*

Location: Nelson Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room, 91 Baker St, Nelson.

**Cranbrook - Friday, Feb. 24, 6 - 8 p.m.** *hosted by the Cranbrook & District Arts Council*

Location: Rm 205, 2700 College Way, Cranbrook.

**Invermere - Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 - 3 p.m.** *hosted by the Columbia Valley Arts Council*

Location: Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce – Lion's Hall, 651 Hwy 93/95, Invermere.

**Online Workshops – Thurs. Feb. 9, 6 - 8 p.m. or Thurs. Feb. 23, 9 - 11 a.m.**

**TO REGISTER:** Email [wkracassistant@telus.net](mailto:wkracassistant@telus.net) or call 1-250-505-5505; toll free 1-877-505-7355.

More information, funding policies and program application forms are available online at [www.basinculture.com](http://www.basinculture.com), or from local community arts councils.

Working with community arts councils, individual artists, performers, heritage workers and cultural organizations, the goal of the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance is to build long-term sustainability for artists and to strengthen and support arts, cultural and heritage organizations.

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