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To mark the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation, the Province is launching a funding program to celebrate B.C. communities and their contribution to Canada. The Government of British Columbia will invest \$8 million in museums and heritage sites throughout the province.

In announcing *British Columbia / Canada 150: Celebrating B.C. Communities and their Contributions to Canada*, Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development said, "Arts, culture and heritage are at the core of British Columbia's cultural identity. We have a wealth of stories to contribute to Canada 150 and an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our province. Investing in long-term cultural legacies will support our communities in sharing B.C.'s stories for generations to come."

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for public and not-for-profit museums, art galleries, archives, cultural centres, historic places and heritage sites," says Heritage BC Chair Gord Macdonald. "This investment will stimulate work and creativity throughout the province, so that our heritage and culture will be honoured today and enjoyed by future generations."

Heritage BC is proud to support the BC Museums Association (BCMA) in administering the *British Columbia / Canada 150* program. "We are thrilled to be working with our colleagues at BCMA. This relationship will present new possibilities of bringing together the heritage and museum sectors, and we hope and expect this is the beginning of a lasting collaborative partnership," adds Macdonald.

Grants will assist with:

1. **Developing infrastructure:** Projects that improve or develop new museums spaces and/or facilities.
2. **Conserving historic places and heritage sites:** Projects that preserve, rehabilitate and restore formally registered, designated or recognized historic places.
3. **Building lasting legacies:** Projects that physically represent B.C.'s unique and diverse histories, culture and heritage (i.e., permanent exhibitions, monuments, public art, statues, interpretation, plaques and signage). Projects must include a permanent, publicly accessible physical component.
4. **Sharing our history:** Projects that promote the sharing of collections and expertise between the Royal BC Museum, B.C.'s provincial museum and archives and the wider museum community to reveal the diverse historical narratives of British Columbia (e.g. collaborative exhibition design and development, curatorial exchanges and knowledge sharing and publications).

The program application deadline is **February 10, 2017**. [Application forms and guidelines can be found here](#). If you have any questions or need assistance with your application, Please contact the BCMA's program officer at grants@museumsassn.bc.ca or 250-356-5700.