

**Are you an artist from a distinct community (as defined by race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or disability) looking for assistance to develop artistically through a mentorship arrangement, an artistic residency, or cross-cultural collaboration?**

Through the Office of Cultural Affairs, the City of Vancouver offers Diversity Initiatives grants to emerging artists and arts groups from distinct communities to assist with professional development. **The next deadline is September 17, 2007.**

The program offers four components:

1. Artistic Leadership Training
2. Artistic Development Projects
3. Cross-Cultural Artistic Projects
4. Cross-Cultural Artistic Residencies

The program applies to activity in the visual and performing arts. Applicants must be based in Vancouver, and activities must take place within the City of Vancouver. Applicants can be a cultural organization registered as a not-for-profit society in BC, or an unincorporated arts group applying under the auspices of a not-for-profit cultural society.

For more information, please visit us online at [www.vancouver.ca/culture](http://www.vancouver.ca/culture) or contact the Office of Cultural Affairs at 604 871-6007.