

The Russian Hall's Rental Subsidy Program

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Deadline to submit: April 26th, 2024

Notification of results: no later than May 31st, 2024

All requested activities must take place in 2025.

The Federation of Russian Canadians of BC (FRCBC) is accepting applications for subsidized and free rental space for community events, rehearsals and performances taking place in 2025. The program is open to individuals as well as community groups that demonstrate financial need, have experienced or continue to experience marginalization and oppression, and whose activities align with the values of the FRCBC.

The FRCBC operates the Russian Hall as a space dedicated to carrying on the cooperative spirit of its founders by: hosting performing arts activity; programming community-based activity; and accommodating and promoting civic engagement.

Eligible groups include but are not limited to:

- Indigenous artists or Indigenous led organizations
- Racialized artists or organizations led by racialized community members
- Artists or organizations led by members of the LGBTQAI2+ community
- Artists or groups led by individuals with a lived experience of disability
- Groups with an environmental focus
- Labour/worker-focused organizations
- Other social justice–focused artists/organizations.

We encourage members of equity-seeking communities to self-identify as they feel comfortable.

Subsidies

Subsidies are awarded in the form of credits for hours or days with the maximum allotted time being 14 days. These credits can be used to book the space in the same way that a commercial client would book rentals.

- Rentals are on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability.
- Anything less than a one-week rental will be able to be booked no more than three months in advance.
- We may not be able to grant subsidy requests in their entirety, so please be sure to include in your application whether you would be willing to pay for additional time needed beyond the 14-day maximum.
- Recipients will be notified by email no later than May 31st, 2024. All subsidies awarded must be used in 2025 and cannot be carried forward into future years.
- Hours are not transferable to other companies or individuals.
- Grantees must sign and adhere to the Russian Hall Rental Agreement and abide by all conditions therein.
- Recipients are required to obtain general liability and property damage insurance for the duration of the rental in respect of the Rental Space and the building in which the Rental

Space is situated with a combined limit of no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence and will name The Federation of Russian Canadians of British Columbia as the additional insured. The Grantee must provide the FRCBC with a copy of the insurance certificate on or before the rental start date.

Application

To apply for a rental subsidy for 2025, please complete a separate document that answers the following questions and send that document in PDF form to frcbc@telus.net with the subject line: FRCBC Rental Subsidy Application.

Please note, that only those selected for a subsidy will be contacted. You may be contacted by telephone if we have any questions about your application. If you have any questions or require assistance with your application, please contact the Rental Manager, Craig Boyko, at frcbc@telus.net or 604-254-9932.

Russian Hall Subsidy - Application Form

Name of individual, or organization/group (if applicable):

Name of main contact:

Phone number for main contact:

Email for main contact:

Organization website (if applicable):

1. How would you use the space if you were awarded a subsidy? For example, would it be for an extended rehearsal? A presentation? A single-evening event? (100 words max)
2. Please outline your personal or organization's purpose and mission. How will the activities at the Russian Hall help further this mission or purpose? (300 words max)
3. How many hours or days are you hoping to book with the Russian Hall?
4. If the Russian Hall were only able to grant a portion of the time you are requesting, would your activities still be able to happen?
5. Do you or your organization identify as one or more of the following equity-seeking or social justice-focused groups? (Please identify as you feel comfortable and select all that apply)
 - Indigenous
 - Racialized
 - Member of the LGBTQAI2+ community
 - Member of the Disability Community
 - Groups with an environmental focus
 - Groups experiencing poverty or class connected struggles.
 - Labour- or worker-focused groups
 - Other equity-seeking group
 - If you selected "other", please identify as you feel comfortable.
6. With this subsidy program, the Russian Hall and its stewarding body, The Federation of Russian Canadians of British Columbia, aims to support groups and individuals operating at society's margins, groups and individuals engaged in grass roots community initiatives, and groups and individuals innovating and experimenting in the arts. Please speak to how you or your organization might align with these goals. (300 words max)