



PRIDE SOCIETY OF THE COMOX VALLEY

February 18, 2026

Dear Mayor Wells and Courtenay City Council,

Last year, we were successful in receiving the *Local Festivals - Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage* grant, and we have applied again to support Pride Week in August 2026. Attached to the email is the Municipal Government Support Form, which has been pre-filled with items that were provided in 2025. While in-kind support is preferred, the updated grant guidelines also accept letters of support without financial or in-kind contributions. Due to the success of last year's expanded programming, we have included these additional events again and are excited to see how they continue to grow in 2026.

1. **Heritage Component:**

- An **Indigenous Queer Art Exhibit** with artist Q&A, an **Allyship Workshop** exploring the local history of Pride and strategies to combat hate and discrimination, and a **Queer Senior Pride Celebration** with an intergenerational focus.

2. **Performance Component:**

- **Pride in the Park** featuring local drag performances, storytellers, and choirs.

3. **Arts Component:**

- Showcasing 2SLGBTQIA+ artists through **vendor booths**, and **art workshops** led by members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ disability community.

This grant would allow us to continue offering inclusive and accessible community gatherings while reducing reliance on sponsorship funding, which has historically supported only the Pride in the Park event.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your letter of support in last year's application. Your commitment to ensuring that the 2SLGBTQIA+ community remains visible, celebrated, and supported continues to have a meaningful impact in our city.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janine at pscv2021@gmail.com.

In Pride,

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