



Membership Advisory

Government of Canada Budget 2021

On April 19, 2021, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland released the Government of Canada's 2021 Budget, *A Recovery Plan for Jobs, Growth, and Resilience*. This budget focusses on pandemic recovery and includes important investments in the heritage and arts sectors.

These investments include:

- \$300 million over two years, starting in 2021-22, to Canadian Heritage to establish a **Recovery Fund for Arts, Culture, Heritage and Sport Sectors**, to promote recovery from the pandemic.
- \$23 million over three years, starting in 2021-22, to the **Museums Assistance Program** to support the **digitization of information and collections** by non-national museums and heritage institutions, which will allow these institutions to create original content such as educational materials, apps, or other virtual activities to enhance the visitor experience.
- \$371.8 million in **new funding for Canada Summer Jobs** in 2022-23 to support approximately 75,000 new job placements in the summer of 2022. This is in addition to 2020 *Fall Economic Statement* funding for approximately 94,000 additional job placements in 2021-22.
- \$15 million in new funding in 2021-22 to the **Canada Cultural Spaces Fund** to help arts and heritage organizations upgrade their facilities to meet public health guidelines.
- Extensions of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy, and the Lockdown Support until September 2021. The subsidy rates would gradually decrease over the July-to-September period to target sectors that are slower to recover.

The federal government will be releasing further details in the coming weeks.

These investments recognize the value of museums and heritage organizations as leading contributors to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of our communities. We encourage our members to reach out to their Members of Parliament, the Minister of Canadian Heritage, Steven Guilbeault, and the Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland, regarding the impact of these investments on the museum sector in Alberta.

For more information about Budget 2021, please see the Government of Canada's [website](#).