

Arca Partnerships Impact Report

2023

BC ELN-BCHDP Support Service

“Thank you to you and your team for the support, advice, and general collaboration. We’re a lot smarter about digitization and our options because of you all, which will benefit us immensely.”

Paul Bradley Sherfey, Swedish Heritage in BC

The BC ELN-BCHDP Support Service cycle begins with the Early Notice Survey sent out in early July. For the 2024-25 cycle, a total of 17 survey respondents indicated that they required some form of assistance to apply for BC History Digitization Program (BCHDP) funding. Seven additional prospective applicants reached out to either the BC Electronic Library Network (BC ELN) or the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre (IKBLC) for assistance, independent of the survey. After assessing eligibility and referring some sites to appropriate alternative venues for support (e.g., BC Regional Digitized History, Archives Association of BC), the BC ELN-BCHDP Support Service team assisted a total of 11 sites with preparing applications.

2024-25 PARTICIPANTS

5th (BC) Artillery Regiment RCA Foundation*
BC Labour Heritage Centre Society*
Centre A: Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art*
City of Abbotsford
Delta Heritage Society

Kaatza Station Museum and Archives*
Kootenay Library Federation
Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin*
Nakusp & District Museum Society
Swedish Heritage in BC*
Vancouver Maritime Museum

* Participants that submitted a 2024-25 BCHDP grant application.

2023 IMPACTS

BUILDING MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS AND CROSS-SECTOR CONNECTIONS

Connected first-time applicants BC Labour Heritage Centre Society and Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin with established digitization service provider Micro Com Systems, and Swedish Heritage in BC with the SFU Digitization Centre

Visited Swedish Heritage in BC facilities in person to preview project materials and address volunteer questions about Arca and the digitization process

Referred prospective applicants Beaver Valley and the Pend d’Oreille Historical Society and Cowichan Valley Museum and Archives to system partners BC Regional Digitized History (BCRDH) and the Archives Association of British Columbia (AABC), respectively, for regional and more targeted support

PROMOTING A MORE SUSTAINABLE AND INFORMED SERVICE

Migrated the [BC ELN-BCHDP Support Service Site](#) to a future-friendly, Markdown-based documentation site built on Github Pages

Initiated a process to gather feedback from past support recipients to evaluate and refine service offerings as needed

“Your initial notes were really helpful and I appreciate the work you both are doing. I feel confident moving forward.”

Casey Bennett, Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin

FINANCIALS

Following is a 2023/24 Expenditure Summary (final year of pilot) and a 2024/25 Expenditure Plan.

	2023/24 Summary	2024/25 Budget
Revenue		
IKBLC Grant	10,000	15,030
Carryforward	(245)	53
Total	9,755	15,083
Expenses		
Coordination and Partner Liaison	3,452	4,270
Grant Applicant Support and Support Tool Development (Students) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support website development Guides, handouts, template creation Grant application draft review 	5,950	10,495
Reporting/Outreach	300	300
Total	9,702	15,065
Revenue - Expenses	53	18

BCHDP-Arca Hosting Service

AN ESTABLISHED PARTNERSHIP

The BCHDP-Arca Hosting Service provides low-barrier, sustainable, and standards-based hosting on Arca to past, present, and future BCHDP grant recipients, safeguarding provincial investments in digitization.

2023 PARTICIPANTS

5th (BC) Artillery Regiment RCA Foundation*
Alert Bay Public Library*
Barkerville Historic Town
BC Labour Heritage Centre Society*
BC Society of the Museum of Original Costume
Centre A: Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art*
Centre for Socialist Education
City of Port Coquitlam
grunt gallery
Hazelton Pioneer Museum
Heritage Park Museum
Kaatza Station Museum and Archives**

Karen Jamieson Dance Society
Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin
North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site
Potters Guild of BC
Sidney Museum and Archives**
Société historique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique
Sointula Museum
South Asian Canadian Digital Archive*
Swedish Heritage in BC*
Terrace Public Library
Vancouver Police Museum
White Rock Museum & Archives

* Organizations new to Arca with collections soon to be available.

** Organizations anticipated to add to existing collections in Arca.

2023 IMPACTS

EXPANDING CAPACITY FOR NEW COLLECTIONS AND ENHANCING METADATA FOR EXISTING ONES



Reviewed metadata requirements and templates with eight organizations in preparation for eventual ingest into Arca



Continued to perform metadata amelioration on the BCHDP Arca child site in preparation for platform migration to Islandora 2 (expected Fall/Winter 2024-25)



Assisted Vancouver Police Museum and Kaatza Station Museum and Archives with their first batch ingests to Arca, performing quality control review and corrections as necessary

LOOKING AHEAD

Formally launching collections from 2023-24 BCHDP grant recipients: Vancouver Police Museum and Kaatza Station Museum and Archives

Partnering with 2024-25 BCHDP grant recipients to bring in new collections, including the 5th (BC) Artillery Regiment RCA Foundation, BC Labour Heritage Centre, Centre A, Kaatza Station Museum and Archives, the Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin, and Swedish Heritage in BC

Following up with respondents to the previous Early Notice Survey who indicated an intention to apply in the 2025-26 grant funding cycle

Reconnecting with past partners of the BCHDP-Arca Hosting Service to inform them of changes to the Arca interface post-migration

“The collection looks fantastic, thank you very much for all your hard work and expertise.

It is very exciting to know researchers and individuals can have digital access to these items, and to see how the compound objects appear on the site.”

G.D.,
Sointula Museum



Visit the BCHDP-Arca website:
<https://bchdp.arcabc.ca>

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	2023/24 Summary	2024/25 Budget
Revenue		
IKBLC Funding	15,040	15,040
Carryforward	620	154
Storage amount	1,520	2,556
Total	17,180	17,750
Expenses		
Arca Service Support Fee	5,518	5,795
Coordination and Partner Liaison	1,000	3,500
Technical Infrastructure, Storage, and Advanced Support	5,483	3,660
Metadata Wrangling	4,525	3,500
Communications/Outreach	500	1,000
Total	17,026	17,455
Revenue - Expenses	154	295