

2024 Arca Partnerships Impact Report

BC ELN-BCHDP Support Service

The BCHDP Support Service cycle begins with the [Early Notice Survey](#) sent out in early July. For the 2025-26 cycle, a total of 24 survey respondents indicated that they required some form of assistance to apply for BCHDP funding. Three additional prospective applicants reached out to either BC ELN or IKBLC for assistance, independent of the survey. After assessing eligibility and referring some sites to appropriate alternative venues for support (e.g., BCRDH, AABC), the BCHDP Support Service team assisted a total of 17 sites with preparing applications.

2025-26 PARTICIPANTS

Arrow Lakes Historical Society
Chinese Canadian Museum / Chinese Canadian Museum Society of BC
Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Society*
Country Life in BC
Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum
Kaatza Station Museum and Archives / Kaatza Historical Society *
Mascall Dance Society*
MONOVA: Archives of North Vancouver
Muslims in Canada Archives / Institute of Islamic Studies, U of T
Saanich Archives / District of Saanich

"Thanks so much for providing feedback on our draft. The BCHDP team makes the application process as easy and low stress as possible and I really appreciate that!"

— Mallory Marrs, Kaatza Station Museum and Archives

Sointula Museum and Historical Society*
South Asian Studies Institute (UFV)*
S.U.C.C.E.S.S.*
Swedish Heritage in BC*
Syilx Okanagan Nation
Town of Oliver
United Church of Canada Pacific Mountain Regional Council Archives

* Participants that submitted a 2025-26 BCHDP grant application.

"It was immensely helpful to have your guidance as we prepared the application and helps us to do the work as we explore in-house digitization of other materials. There are so many options, services, standards and other considerations to think about with digitization, and having a mentor like yourself helps to get past the initial sense of being overwhelmed by all the information and choices."

— Paul Bradley Sherfey, Swedish Heritage in BC



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2024 IMPACTS

STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS AND CROSS-SECTOR CONNECTIONS



Facilitated Swedish Heritage in BC's continued collaboration with the SFU Digitization Centre for digitization of the [Swedish Press collection](#), to be hosted once again on the BCHDP Arca child site

PROMOTING INCLUSIVE AND AFFORDABLE PRACTICES



Refreshed resources and links to best practices in digitization on the [BCHDP Docs](#) site, ensuring guides were up to date



Updated support documentation and metadata templates based on applicant feedback to improve clarity and useability

STREAMLINING SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS



Trained and supervised two student librarian staff members to support small GLAM organizations with 2025-26 grant applications



Migrated Support team documentation to the new BC ELN internal documentation platform, BookStack, as a complement to our established workflow on Asana

FINANCIALS

	2024/25 Summary	2025/26 Budget
Revenue		
IKBLC Grant	\$15,030	\$15,030
Expenses		
Coordination and Partner Liaison	\$4,270	\$4,400
Grant Applicant Support & Support Tool Development (Students)		
• Support website development		
• Guides, handouts, template creation	\$10,495	\$10,348
• Grant application draft review		
Reporting/Outreach	\$300	\$300
Total Expenses	\$15,065	\$15,048
Revenue - Expenses	-\$35	-\$18
Previous End of Year Balance	\$53	\$18
Projected End of Year Balance	\$18	\$0

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.

2024 PARTICIPANTS

Barkerville Historic Town

BC Labour Heritage Centre

BC Society for the Museum of Original Costume

Centre for Socialist Education

City of Port Coquitlam

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Society*

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**

S.U.C.C.E.S.S.*

Swedish Heritage in BC**

Terrace Public Library

Vancouver Police Museum

Whiterock Museum & Archives

* Organizations new to Arca with collections soon to be available

** Organizations anticipated to add to existing collections in Arca

2024 IMPACTS

EXPANDING CAPACITY FOR NEW COLLECTIONS AND ENHANCING METADATA FOR EXISTING ONES



Performed metadata amelioration on the BCHDP Arca child site leading up to and immediately following the platform migration to Islandora 2 in March 2025



Published new top-level pages on the migrated BCHDP child site to introduce visitors to the repository



Refined new batch ingest workflow in the new system using [Islandora Workbench](#), and used it to upload new materials from 2024-25 grant recipients

LOOKING AHEAD

Formally launching collections from 2024-25 BCHDP grant recipients: BC Labour Heritage Centre Society, Kaatza Station Museum and Archives, Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin, and Swedish Heritage in BC

Partnering with 2025-26 BCHDP grant recipients to bring in new collections, including Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, Kaatza Station Museum and Archives (Round 3), Sointula Museum, S.U.C.C.E.S.S., and Swedish Heritage in BC (Round 2)

Reconnecting with past partners of the BCHDP-Arca Hosting Service to orient them to the new Arca interface and features available post-migration



Visit the BCHDP-Arca website, now hosted on the new Islandora: <https://bchdp.arcabc.ca>

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	2024/25 Summary	2025/26 Budget
Revenue		
IKBLC Funding	\$15,040	\$15,040
Storage Amount	\$2,556	\$3,606
Total Revenue	\$17,596	\$18,646
Expenses		
Arca Service Support Fee	\$5,795	\$6,085
Coordination and Partner Liaison	\$5,440	\$5,600
Technical Infrastructure, Storage & Advanced Support	\$2,556	\$3,606
Metadata Wrangling	\$2,660	\$3,354
Communications/Outreach	\$1,000	\$300
Total Expenses	\$17,451	\$18,945
Revenue - Expenses	\$145	-\$299
Previous End of Year Balance	\$154	\$299
Projected End of Year Balance	\$299	\$0