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Dear colleague,

Canada is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation in 2017. The Province of British Columbia is acknowledging this significant milestone by investing in legacy culture and heritage projects in communities throughout the province.

This momentous occasion will be recognized through one-time grants of up to \$100,000, for public and not-for-profit museums, art galleries, archives, cultural centres, historic places and heritage sites. The funding will be administered, on behalf of the Province, by the BC Museums Association (BCMA) with support from Heritage BC.

Grants will assist with:

1. **Developing infrastructure:** Projects that improve or develop new museums spaces and/or facilities.
2. **Conserving historic places and heritage sites:** Projects that preserve, rehabilitate and restore formally registered, designated or recognized historic places.
3. **Building lasting legacies:** Projects that physically represent B.C.'s unique and diverse histories, culture and heritage (i.e., permanent exhibitions, monuments, public art, statues, interpretation, plaques and signage). Projects must include a permanent, publicly accessible physical component.
4. **Sharing our history:** Projects that promote the sharing of collections and expertise between the Royal BC Museum, B.C.'s provincial museum and archives and the wider museum community to reveal the diverse historical narratives of British Columbia (e.g. collaborative exhibition design and development, curatorial exchanges and knowledge sharing and publications).

The program application deadline is **February 10, 2017**. Application forms and guidelines can be found at [www.museumsassn.bc.ca](http://www.museumsassn.bc.ca). If you have any questions or need assistance with your application, Please contact the BCMA's program officer at [grants@museumsassn.bc.ca](mailto:grants@museumsassn.bc.ca) or 250-356-5700.

I encourage you to participate in this memorable opportunity that will provide an enduring legacy in your community while highlighting our province's contribution to the historical tapestry of Canada.

Additional information about the program is available at <http://museumsassn.bc.ca/grants>.

Sincerely,

David Alexander,  
President, BC Museums Association

