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An Established Partnership

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

2022 Impacts

Expanding Capacity for New Collections and Enhancing Metadata for Existing Ones

Established workflows for exporting content and metadata from alternative hosting platforms (e.g., PastPerfect) and ingesting into Arca for the BC Forest Discovery Centre and Alert Bay Public Library.

Coordinated metadata preparation for collections at four organizations for upload into Arca: Centre for Socialist Education, North Vancouver District Public Library, Société historique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique, and the Society for the Museum of Original Costume.

Refined *Name, Role, and Genre* metadata for all collections in the BCHDP child site in anticipation of the Arca-wide migration to Islandora 2.

Raising Province-Wide Awareness

Co-presented a session titled "Connecting the Dots: Building support for GLAM partners in digital repository networks" with the administrators of the South Asian Canadian Digital Archive at the AABC/ARMA VI Joint Conference (Apr 23).

Launched la Société historique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique collections to B.C.'s Francophone community at the Fédération des francophones de la Colombie-Britannique Annual General Meeting (Nov 22).

Participants

Alert Bay Public Library, Barkerville Historic Town, BC Forest Discovery Centre*, 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, North Pacific Cannery National Historic Site, North Vancouver District Public Library**, Potters Guild of BC, Sidney Museum and Archives, Société historique francophone de la Colombie-Britannique, Society for the Museum of Original Costume, Sointula Museum*, Terrace Public Library, Vancouver Police Museum*, White Rock Museum & Archives

*Collections soon to be available in Arca; **Opted for a standalone Arca child site to display future collections alongside a BCHDP-funded newspaper collection

Looking Ahead

Welcoming collections from 2022-23 BCHDP grant recipients, Alert Bay Public Library and BC Forest Discovery Centre.

Partnering with 2023-24 BCHDP grant recipients to bring in new collections, including the Kaatza Station Museum and Archives, the Vancouver Police Museum, and the Sointula Museum.

Performing final remediation touches to collection metadata in preparation for the migration of the BCHDP child site to Islandora 2.

Following up with respondents to the previous Early Notice Survey who indicated an intention to apply in the 2024-25 grant funding cycle.

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

2022-23 BCHDP-Arca Hosting Financials

Following is an expenditure summary for Year 2 of the 2021-2026 BCHDP-Arca Hosting Agreement, and a draft budget for Year 3.

	Year 2 2022/23 Summary	Year 3 2023/24 Budget
Revenue		
Carryforward	578	620
IKBLC Funding	15,040	15,040
Total	15,618	15,660
Expenses		
Arca Service Support Fee	5,358	5,518
Coordination and Partner Liaison	823	1,000
Technical Infrastructure, Storage and Advanced Support	4,887	5,720
Metadata Wrangling	3,450	2,900
Communications/Outreach	480	500
Total	14,998	15,638
Revenue - Expenses	620	22

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Connecting Participants with the Right Support

Digitization Support
Connected two organizations, the Alder Grove Heritage Society and the Kaatza Station Museum and Archives, with the UBC and SFU Digitization Centres to digitize their materials, to be hosted on the BC Historical Newspapers and BC History Digitization Program (BCHDP)-Arca sites respectively.

Localized Support
Referred five grant applicants to localized Okanagan and Kootenay region digitization support with Arca's partner BC Regional Digitized History (BCRDH).

Expert Consultation
Connected two prospective applicants to more appropriate system partners for support: the Fifth (BC) Regiment RCA Foundation with the Archives Association of British Columbia and Tonari Gumi (the Japanese Community Volunteers Association) with the Nikkei National Museum.

Streamlining Support and Communications

New Support Website: Launched the BC ELN-BCHDP Support Service website to provide convenient access to support materials including metadata templates, digitization guides by content type, tips for assessing copyright, and more; made by BCHDP contractors and student librarians.

Amplified Notification: Notified BC ELN partner libraries of the new BCHDP grant cycle and the new initiative for Indigenous applicants, resulting in Early Notice Survey responses from four BC ELN partner libraries.

Project Management: Created a more robust project timeline to ensure Support Service participants have enough time to inventory collections and incorporate feedback on drafts.

Efficient Support: Directed all communications and requests for support through a centralized inbox, ensuring more efficient triage of and response to inquiries.

"Thank you so very much for all the time and labour you have spent on our application. From connecting over phone and email to answering questions to checking the application itself, you have both made this process so much more manageable for me. The feedback you gave was hugely appreciated, and has undoubtedly made this a far stronger application for us."

Henry John
Kaatza Station Museum and Archives

The BC ELN-BCHDP Support Service cycle begins with the Early Notice Survey sent out in early July. For the 2023-24 cycle, a total of 25 survey respondents indicated that they required some form of assistance to apply for BCHDP funding. Four additional prospective applicants reached out to either 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., BCRDH, IKBLC), the Support Service team assisted a total of 14 sites with preparing applications.

Alder Grove Heritage Society ↑$

Boundary Museum & Archives

College of New Caledonia Library

Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Library + Archives

Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society

Fifth (BC) Regiment RCA Foundation

Kaatza Station Museum and Archives ↑$

Nechako Valley Historical Society

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

Pacific Mountain Regional Council ↑$ Archives

Tonari Gumi (Japanese Community Volunteers Association)

UFV South Asian Studies Institute ↑$

Vancouver Maritime Museum ↑

Vancouver Police Museum & Archives ↑$

> ↑ *Submitted a 2023-24 BCHDP grant application.* $ *Successfully received funding.*

BC ELN-BCHDP Support Service Financials

Following are expenditure summaries for Years 1 and 2 of the BC ELN-BCHDP Support Service, and a budget for the final year.

	Year 1 2021/22 Summary	Year 2 2022/23 Summary	Year 3 2023/24 Budget
Revenue			
IKBLC grant	10,000	10,000	10,000
Carryforward	N/A	(5,265)	(245)
Cost overrun grant		5,265	N/A
Total	10,000	10,000	9,755
Expenses			
Coordination and Partner Liaison	8,960	3,920	3,360
Grant Applicant Support and Support Tool Development (students) • Support website development • Guides, handouts, templates creation • Grant application review	5,585	6,025	6,000
Reporting/Outreach • Conference presentation in year 1	720	300	300
Total	15,265	10,245	9,660
Revenue - Expenses	(5,265)	(245)	95