

**The Craft Council of BC strongly supports the budget recommendations put forth by the Canadian Arts Coalition:**

**Recommendation One:** Increase the Canada Council for the Arts' Parliamentary appropriation by \$35 million in 2015 with a long-term goal of reaching \$300 million.

**Recommendation Two:** Increase Canada's presence on the world stage for 2017 by establishing a \$25 million pilot program over three years at the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development for Canada's 150th birthday.

**Recommendation Three:** Investigate new revenue models to support a comprehensive Canadian Cultural Digital Strategy that would enable the creation, dissemination and engagement of Canadian cultural content online.

Respectfully  
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