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Select Standing Committee on Finance and
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Budget 2023 Consultation

Template for Presenters

As participation in the budget consultation continues to increase each year, the Committee has looked at ways to simplify and standardize the consultation process to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate effectively. This includes the creation of a form for written input and information in support of a presentation.

Should you wish to provide written information in support of your presentation, you must use this template.

Instructions:

You may provide up to three recommendations (maximum 50 words each) along with your explanation for each recommendation (maximum 300 words each). Should you submit more than three recommendations, additional recommendations will not be considered part of your formal submission and may only be reviewed for informational purposes.

Please note, the order of recommendations does not reflect priority.

Please ensure that your recommendations and explanation are captured within the body of the submission. Information provided through links will not be considered to form part of the submission and may only be reviewed for further interest.

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Organization (if the presentation is on behalf of an organization)

Juan de Fuca Performing Arts Centre Society (PACS)

Submission Form

Introduction (100-word limit)

Tell us about yourself (if this presentation is made in your personal capacity) or the organization you are representing.

The Juan de Fuca Performing Arts Centre Society is located in Victoria's West Shore. We are incorporated in BC and have Charitable Status.

PACS is entirely focussed on one objective, which is to create a community-oriented arts and culture centre, including performance space, in the West Shore.

Recommendation 1 (50-word limit)

We recommend that the Provincial Government make a significant contribution - in the order of \$15 million - toward the capital cost of a community-focussed arts centre in the West Shore.

Recommendation 1 Explanation (300-word limit)

Numerous studies indicate a need for more performance venues on the West Shore. There is a region-wide shortage of spaces that are Accessible for diverse users, Affordable for community groups, Available for rent, and offering Appropriate facilities.

A large performance space is under consideration in Langford, but it will be too large for community and amateur groups.

Our solution is being informed by similar successful projects in communities such as Nanaimo, Chilliwack, and Kelowna.

Arts and culture facilities are a strong component of social infrastructure. As described in the book Palaces For The People, social infrastructure builds community cohesion and more-caring neighbourhoods. These contribute to saving lives in emergencies such as heat waves.

"There is also growing evidence that the arts can be used...for promoting mental health". For details, please see <https://theconversation.com/brain-research-shows-the-arts-promote-mentalhealth-136668>

Our project is clearly aligned with the November 2020 mandate letter for the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, which indicates the need to set up the arts sector for success in the years ahead. The letter instructs the Minister to:

"Support the creation of dedicated arts and culture spaces by using capital funding through our new Recovery Investment Fund to expand our government's Arts Infrastructure Program to help communities build new cultural spaces and renovate existing ones."

Planning for our project has included—and will continue to include—First Nations participation. We expect that First Nations visual arts and performances will help to make our venue an anchor attraction.

Your government is working to build a sustainable economy that creates opportunities for everyone. We will provide good jobs and livelihoods. In addition to about \$50 million of construction work, the

centre will create continuing employment, enhance the quality of life for the region, and foster equity, resilience and inclusion.

Recommendation 2 (50-word limit)

Recommendation 2 Explanation (300-word limit)

Recommendation 3 (50-word limit)

Recommendation 3 Explanation (300-word limit)

Upon completion, please email to financecommittee@leg.bc.ca.

The Committee thanks all British Columbians for their continued participation in the annual budget consultation.