

## #FutureOfLIVE

### Letter Template to Follow-Up with an MP about CAPF (p. 2) or BCAH (p. 4)

*What follows is a letter template that you can use to follow-up with your Member of Parliament, after a first letter or a meeting. Don't hesitate to customize this template to make it your own. Add information about your organization or about the benefits of the arts in your community.*

*Your goals in sending this letter are the following:*

- 1. Inform your MP that the government has still not given a sign that it will accede to our demands and that the March 31 deadline is approaching quickly;*
- 2. Ask your MP to write to the Minister of Finance to inform them of the impact of the cuts of CAPF to their district.*

*This letter should be sent by email to your MP's district office ([find its contact details here](#)). Follow-up by phone the week after your email is sent.*

*In any case, **we ask you to please CC us** ([futureoflive@capacoa.ca](mailto:futureoflive@capacoa.ca)) in any messages with your MP or the members of their team.*

*Consult the [FutureOfLIVE page](#) for more information.*

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CANADA ARTS PRESENTATION FUND VERSION

[Your organization's header]

BY EMAIL

[Date]

[Recipient  
and address]

**Subject: Cuts to our financing awarded by the Canada Arts Presentation Fund**

[Ms/Mrs/Mr. NAME],

I am writing to you to follow-up about [our correspondence about the Canada Arts Presentation Fund on DATE OR our meeting on DATE about the Canada Arts Presentation Fund].

Our approach and those led by the associations united within the #FutureOfLIVE coalition mobilized the sector, captured the attention of the media, and raised awareness among many politicians. More than 70 MPs from all parties were contacted and more than a third formally indicated their support.

Despite this mobilization, we are still waiting for a signal from the government about the future of the financing of the Canada Arts Presentation Fund. Unless there is a last minute announcement in the Economic Statement or in the 2024 budget, this program will see its budget decreased by \$8 million March 31, 2024. For our organization, this could represent a cut of 20% or more to our grant of \$XXX. [It is very worrying / it is incomprehensible... Say in your own words that it's not right].

Given the approaching deadline of this financing, a follow-up on your part to the involved ministers and especially the Minister of Finance would be very timely and very appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title]

[Your coordinates (if they don't already appear in the header)]

Attached: List of grants received from the federal government <If you have received multiple grants and contributions from the federal government for the current fiscal year, add the list as an attachment. Make sure to itemize your regular programming funding and your support from the Reopening Fund>

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CC: CAPACOA, [futureoflive@capacoa.ca](mailto:futureoflive@capacoa.ca)

## BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ARTS AND HERITAGE VERSION

[Your organization's header]

BY EMAIL

[Date]

[Recipient  
and address]

**Subject: Financing of the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program**

[Ms/Mrs/Mr. NAME],

I am writing to you to follow-up about [our correspondence about the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program (BCAH) on DATE OR our meeting on DATE about the Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage Program (BCAH)].

Our approach and those led by the associations united within the #FutureOfLIVE coalition mobilized the sector, captured the attention of the media, and raised awareness among many politicians. More than 70 MPs from all parties were contacted and more than a third formally indicated their support.

Despite this mobilization, we are still waiting for a signal from the government about the future of the financing of shows and festivals. The additional funds of BCAH have still not been added to the program's basic budget and therefore remain at risk. The additional funds of another program, the Canada Arts Presentation Fund, will expire on March 31, 2024. [It is very worrying... Add your own comments about the uncertainty caused by this situation].

As the government is already preparing the next federal budget, a follow-up on your part to the involved ministers and especially the Minister of Finance would be very timely and very appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title]

[Your coordinates (if they don't already appear in the header)]

Attached: List of grants received from the federal government <If you have received multiple grants and contributions from the federal government for the current

*fiscal year, add the list as an attachment. Make sure to itemize your regular programming funding and your support from the Reopening Fund>*

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