

2010-2011 Cultural Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF).

Please see the message from the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture regarding the launch of the 2010-2011 Cultural Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF).

The deadline for applications is November 30, 2010. If you have a project in mind, please call me or other ministry staff to discuss your project.

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Dear Culture Partners

I am pleased to advise you that applications are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 Cultural Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF). A grant program of the Ontario Government, CSIF supports projects that help promote economic and creative growth in communities across our province. The application deadline for 2010-11 is November 30, 2010.

New this year, public libraries and public library organizations are being welcomed into the program, in recognition of the contribution they make to our creative economy.

The new CSIF is a stronger and more comprehensive program that encourages applicants to tap into the creativity of the broader culture sector within their communities. I also invite you to consider partnerships and approaches within the arts, education, public libraries, cultural/heritage tourism, heritage preservation and archaeology, cultural diversity, aboriginal engagement and francophone cultural development.

To learn more about the program and the criteria for eligibility, please visit the website at www.ontario.ca/cultureinvestmentfund

If you need help submitting an application or assistance with any question, please contact your advisor as noted in the list attached.

Supporting our cultural sector is a key component of the Ontario Government's Open Ontario plan to strengthen the economy and create new opportunities for jobs and growth.

Yours truly,
Steven Davidson
(A) Deputy Minister