

Edmonton Arts Council's Grants for Individuals and Collectives Fact Sheet

General Information

All grant opportunities, deadlines, guidelines, and information on peer assessment committees can be found on grants.edmontonarts.ca.

All applications are submitted online through SmartSimple, eac.smartsimple.ca. Do not email your application. Once you have an account, you can save and return to your application at any time.

Timelines

- If you have questions about your eligibility for a particular grant, or need help writing the application, contact an EAC grants officer as far in advance of the deadline as possible.
- Look at the list of annual grants and deadlines for an overview of what's available and when. Pick the ones that will align best with your project or practice.
- After the deadline, it can take up to 120 days (4 months) to notify applicants whether or not your application was successful and how much you will be receiving. Apply in advance of when you will need funding.

The Application

- Support Materials are the most important part of your application! Above all else, you must demonstrate your abilities as an artist by providing examples of your work: 10 images of your work, 10 minutes of audio and/or video, 10 pages of text, or Links to an equivalent body of support materials available on other platforms (for example, Vimeo, or YouTube), or host sites for images, text or MP3 files. If you're a multi-disciplinary artist, use examples that best support the project you're requesting a grant for.
- Just like a job application, your grant application should be personalized so that it is relevant to the specific grant you're applying for and the specific project you're proposing to work on.
- Optional materials include letters of support/reference, proof of acceptance (for shows, publications, etc.), and/or media coverage.
- Be specific and reasonable when describing your project and requesting funds. Create an actionable plan, not an ideal wish. Use action verbs like "I will paint..." "I will write..." Start with one or two sentences to describe your project, then expand how (process) and why (outcomes/goals). (Ex- I plan to create... to explore... I will present/display/perform/release it at...)

- **Project Description:** Indicate timelines, expected outcomes, potential effects, other artists that might be (or already are) part of the project, motivation behind the project.
- **Budget:** Break down all costs you expect to encounter, and balance this with all revenue including personal investments, in-kind support, and grants, whether pending or confirmed.
- Avoid jargon and technical, industry-specific language. Your application will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary panel, not just experts in your field.

How Your Application Will be Assessed

- EAC grants officers only review the technical aspects of applications: have you submitted a complete application? Are you eligible to receive a grant?
- Once all eligible submissions have been determined, EAC grants officers provide the applications to a peer assessment committee. Each grant deadline has its own committee, made up of multidisciplinary, diverse, knowledgeable, generous members of the artistic community. We are always looking for new peer assessors, if you are interested in applying to be a committee member, please get in touch with a grants officer.
- Each application is evaluated by the criteria listed in the guidelines for each grant.
- Our grants receive dozens or hundreds of applications and are highly competitive.
- A successful grant application does not guarantee success on subsequent applications. Likewise, an unsuccessful application should not deter you from applying for other grants. Regardless of the status of your application, you should follow up with a grants officer for feedback on what you did well and what could be improved.

More Information

Grants officers want to help you! To talk with one at any time about your application, contact grants@edmontonarts.ca or 780-424-2787

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