



ARTISTS IN COMMUNITIES – Development

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Application Deadlines: June 5 & December 5

Artists in Communities is a SK Arts program supported by funding from Sask Lotteries through the partnership between SK Arts and SaskCulture Inc.

CONTACT

It is strongly recommended that applicants, particularly first-time applicants, contact a Program Consultant before preparing an application as they can clarify eligibility and program requirements and provide advice relevant to your application. The Program Consultant assigned to Artists in Communities can be found [here](#).

SUBMISSION

Applications are only accepted [online](#).

Note: The Applicant must be in good standing with SK Arts prior to submitting an application. Please contact SK Arts to verify your standing.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Artist in Communities provides opportunities that enable community-based organizations and professional artists/arts professionals to offer arts-related activities that are linked to local communities through partnerships. These partnerships are supported in forms of projects and residencies. Projects and residencies that come out of strong partnerships between the community organization and artist, that are developed, and that have well-planned objectives have higher success rates.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Artists in Communities – Development provides small amounts of funding to organizations and/or professional artists or arts professionals to build relationships with potential partners, develop projects or residencies, and/or research community needs.

Partnerships between artists or arts professionals and community-based organizations do not have to be established to be eligible to apply for the Development stream.

GRANT AMOUNT

Community organizations, professional artists or arts professionals can apply for up to \$1,000 to support eligible expenses, and an additional amount related to artist travel if justified. Travel must be limited to within Saskatchewan and is intended for Saskatchewan artists only.

Applicants can only submit one application per deadline.

Applications are accepted leading up to and including the 5th of June and the 5th of December, with results announced within eight weeks of each closing date.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

- The community organization must be based in the province of Saskatchewan.
- The community organization can be any incorporated for-profit company or non-profit community-based organization, e.g., business, institution, health care, justice facility, municipality, First Nation, Métis local, post-secondary institution, artists collective, Band Council, etc.
- Professional artists* and arts professionals are eligible to apply to this program if they meet SK Arts' definition of a professional artist or arts professional and are Saskatchewan residents.
- Applicants must be in good standing with SK Arts, i.e., have no overdue reporting on any prior grants on the submission deadline and when any grant payments are issued.
- Due to the eight-week response time on these grants, SK Arts is only able to accept Development stream submissions in English. Applicants who find this challenging can request support from SK Arts' Accessibility Fund but are encouraged to contact their [Program Consultant](#) and **do this work well in advance** of the submission deadline.

*SK Arts exists to support the work of professional artists and arts organizations for the benefit of all people in this province, but we acknowledge there are many different ways to define the term **professional artist**. SK Arts is also aware that this term may not be recognized in some cultures and that people from diverse backgrounds may define the term differently.

We believe that a professional artist **makes a significant and ongoing commitment to developing their artistic practice**. For the purposes of SK Arts' programs and funding, a professional artist typically meets a number of the following criteria, in a manner appropriate to their art tradition, to demonstrate this type of significant and ongoing commitment. The individual has:

- created work, over a period of time, that has been recognized by their community.
- presented their work (or had it presented) to or before an audience in a manner that is typical for their art tradition.
- developed skills in a manner acceptable for their art tradition.
- been recognized as a peer by other professionals working in the same art tradition.
- received compensation for their artistic work at a level consistent with those of other professionals working in the same art tradition.

If you do not meet the criteria above, or if you are unsure how to demonstrate that you are a professional artist, please contact the SK Arts [Program Consultant](#) assigned to the Artists in Communities grants to determine how the materials in your application can show the professional nature of your artistic practice.

Ineligible Applicants

- Applicants who submit more than one application per deadline.
- Organizations that receive annual or multi-year funding from SK Arts, SaskCulture Inc., Sask Lotteries, Creative Saskatchewan and/or creative industry associations supported by Creative Saskatchewan **unless** the proposed project:
 - expands inclusion, diversity, and equity access within existing programs,
 - and/or explores significantly **new** approaches for presenting.
 - A clear rationale **MUST** be provided by the applicant for the above exceptions.
- The organization has no other open grants to the Artists in Communities program.
- Applicants who have outstanding reports for any previous grant received from SK Arts.
- Applicants whose submission to this program is incomplete.

Eligible Activities

The Development stream supports community organizations and artists/arts professionals to:

- build relationships with potential artists, organizations, or communities,
- present experimental or introductory projects,
- assess community needs,
- conduct research, and/or
- develop plans for longer-term projects or residencies.

Ineligible Activities

- Development grants cannot be used to provide additional support to existing projects or activities that have received support through any other provincial arts funding program.
- Development grants cannot be used to support activities that take place prior to the application submission deadline.
- SK Arts is committed to the professional status of the artist and won't fund projects in which artists are not paid for their work. Refer to the appropriate industry organization – such as CARFAC (www.carfac.sk.ca), ACTRA (www.actrasask.com), or Canadian Federation of Musicians (www.cfmusicians.org) – for minimum fee schedules.
- Fundraising activities, awards, sponsorships, competitions or re-granting activities.
- Activities that contravene provincial or federal law.
- Activities that use or present Indigenous cultural material, traditional knowledge or stories without permission from the community or involvement of either an Elder or Knowledge Keeper.

ASSESSMENT

Applications are reviewed by the program staff of SK Arts, and a community-engaged arts specialist. Applications are assessed based on the quality of the activity, the identified needs and the potential impact.

Quality of the Activity

- The activity is achievable.
- The budget and plan make sense.
- The activity is an appropriate size for this grant program.

Identified Needs

- The activity addresses the identified needs or challenges of the community.
- The activity allows for appropriate engagement of the community with a professional artist.

Potential Impact

- The proposed activity has potential to generate more arts engagement activities in the future.

REPORTS

Recipients of Development funds are required to submit a final report no later than 30 days after the project end date.

RECOGNITION OF FUNDERS

Recipients of Development funds are required to acknowledge the support provided by SK Arts and Sask Lotteries wherever possible and appropriate. Funded applicants will receive a notification email that includes a document outlining how applicants can properly recognize their funders. Tips, logos and additional information regarding recognizing funding support can be found [here](#).