

**BC Arts Council**  
**Operating Assistance – Appeals Policy**  
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The BC Arts Council will only consider appeals in Operating Assistance programs. Operating Assistance programs are adjudicated by Advisory Committees that provide recommendations on funding decisions to be approved by the BC Arts Council board (Council).

There are three permissible grounds for appeal of a grant decision:

1. Interpretation error: there is evidence that the Advisory Committee’s recommendation and subsequent Council decision were based on information contained in the application that was significantly misunderstood by the Committee and that led to the Advisory Committee’s recommendation and subsequent Council decision.
2. Procedural error: there is evidence that there was a departure from the BC Arts Council’s published program guidelines, policies and/or procedures for adjudication that led to the Advisory Committee’s recommendation and subsequent Council decision.
3. Informational error: there is evidence that the Advisory Committee’s recommendation and subsequent Council decision were affected by: (a) information that was provided in the application that was not presented to the Advisory Committee, or (b) incorrect information that was provided to the applicant by BC Arts Council staff.

Notices of intention to appeal must be received by the [Program Officer](#) responsible within 30 days of receipt of notification of the funding result.

The BC Arts Council will not consider any notices of intention to appeal that question only the artistic assessment of the application, as defined in the program guideline assessment criteria.