

Project Assistance: Professional Arts Festivals - Application Checklist

Be sure you have included or completed the following before you submit your application.

Before you start:

- Review the application preview and program guidelines for specific requirements.
- Contact a Program Advisor if you need to confirm eligibility or if you have questions.
- New applicants: Register in the BC Arts Council online system to gain access to the online application. **Registration requests can take up to 5 business days to process.**
- Proofread your application before you submit it.
- Plan to submit your complete application at least two days before the deadline to avoid last-minute technological issues.
- Ensure you have completed and submitted any overdue final reports on previous BC Arts Council grants.

Organizations: In your Organization Profile on the BC Arts Council online grant system:

- Update your mailing address and other contact information.
- Upload your most recent signed financial statements. See Financial Statement Requirements section of guidelines.
- Update your Board list and Staff list.
- Upload your organization's certified constitution (for not-for-profits) or statement of purpose (for all other organizations). Do not include by-laws.
- Complete the Designated Priority Group section (required for funding prioritization).
- Complete the Equity Data Tool (required for funding prioritization).

Collectives: In your Organization Profile on the BC Arts Council online grant system:

- Update your mailing address and primary contact information.
- Include your shared purpose, creative goal, or mandate of your collective.
- Update your Collective Member List.
- Complete the Designated Priority Group section (required for funding prioritization).
- Complete the Equity Data Tool (required for funding prioritization).

In your application:

- Include a project start date after the intake closing date (November 2, 2023) and a realistic Project End Date.
Note: Notification of results is generally 16 weeks after the intake closing date so plan accordingly if your project is dependent on this grant funding.
- Make sure your Amount Requested in the application matches the request amount in your Project Budget Table.
- Include detailed descriptions of your organization's history, mandate, workplace practices, artistic vision and programming, the project, the participants or specific communities, the creation process, and the intended impacts of the project.
- Upload a detailed project timeline or work plan beginning after November 2, 2023.

Pop-out forms to complete in the Application:

- Project Team Table with biographies.
- Project Budget Table with detailed notes explaining amounts.

Support material to upload:

- ❑ Operating budget for the fiscal year in which your proposed project takes place (PDF format preferred) – Organizations only; not applicable to collectives.
- ❑ The program from your most recent festival (URL link or uploaded PDF file).
- ❑ Letters from up to two partners or collaborators, if applicable, confirming the nature of their participation (maximum two PDF letters, one page each). Do not include general letters of support.
- ❑ Examples of work related to the proposed project, up to the maximums listed in the guidelines.
Note: Complete the Inventory Table to provide details about uploaded support material.
- ❑ For applicants that have **not previously received funding through this grant program**, upload two PDF letters of reference from established arts and cultural practitioners familiar with the applicant's work.

After you submit your application:

- ❑ Add NoReply@BCArtsCouncil.ca to your safe senders list if you haven't already done so. Notification of results will come from this system email roughly 16 weeks after the submission deadline.
- ❑ Keep your mailing address up to date in your online Organization Profile (or Personal Profile for Collectives). Grant payments will be mailed to this address.
- ❑ Contact a Program Advisor for feedback on the assessment of your application after you have received notification of the results.