

City of Kingston Arts Fund: Resiliency

The City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF), established in 2007, provides grants to local arts organizations and projects to foster creativity at all levels and enrich how Kingston residents experience and engage with the arts. In 2021, funding for the CKAF annual Operating and Project grant streams was approved by Kingston City Council, as well as additional one-time COVID-19 pandemic relief funding to support artists and arts organizations. The additional funding, which totals \$200,000, will support two new funding programs: Resiliency grants and Adapt grants.

Resiliency grants support individual professional artists based in Kingston to continue to work and work safely in their artistic practice. The total funding available in this stream is \$100,000. Individual professional artists of any discipline are eligible to apply. There will be three intake periods in 2021 for this grant program. Artists may only receive one Resiliency grant. Applications will be reviewed by KAC staff against an eligibility checklist and eligible applicants will be approved for funding on a first-come, first-served basis in each intake period.

Deadlines

Date	First Application Period	Second Application Period	Third Application Period
Total Funding Available*	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$20,000
Call for Applications	6 April 2021	1 June 2021	5 October 2021
Application Deadline	4 May 2021	29 June 2021	2 November 2021
Applicants Notified and Grants Issued	May 2021	July 2021	November 2021

*If there are unallocated funds, they will be made available in the next intake period.

Application Process

Applications are submitted online through the Kingston Arts Council website.

Grant Amount

Artists may apply for a grant in the amount of \$1,000 or \$2,000.

Grant recipients will be issued the entire grant amount by cheque and must sign an agreement with the Kingston Arts Council to receive the funds.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be:

- *Professional artists
- 18 years of age or older
- Canadian citizens or permanent residents (application for status accepted or pending)
- Residents of the City of Kingston

*A professional artist has developed skills through training and/or practice and is recognized as such by artists working in the same artistic traditions; has a history of public presentation or publications; seeks payment for their work; and actively practices their art.

City of Kingston Cultural Services and Kingston Arts Council permanent and contract staff are ineligible to receive Resiliency grants.

Eligible Expenses

Eligible expenses include:

- Continuing education course fees (non-credit programs);
- Technology costs (website development, software, etc.);
- Artist fees related to the adaptation or completion of work that began before the submission deadline;
- Marketing and documentation;
- Travel;
- Costs related to accessibility for Deaf artists and audiences and/or artists and audiences with disabilities;
- Per diems, childcare expenses; and/or
- Rental of equipment or space.

Artists may select more than one eligible expense in their application.

Application and Allocation of Funds

All applicants will receive an email confirmation that their application has been successfully submitted. Applicants will be notified of their grant result by email within seven business days of the deadline.

Resiliency grant applications will be assessed based on eligibility and demonstration of need and impact. There is no scoring/ranking for these applications. Kingston Arts Council staff will review applications using the following eligibility checklist:

- Has the applicant submitted a complete application?
- Is the applicant eligible?
- Is the grant being used for an eligible expense(s)?
- Has the applicant demonstrated their practice has been impacted by COVID-19?
- Has the applicant demonstrated how the grant will help them continue their artistic practice?

Eligible applicants will be approved for funding on a first-come, first-served basis in each intake period. The KAC will approve the maximum number of eligible applicants with the funds available in each intake period. Applicants who do not receive funding in one intake period are encouraged to apply again.



2021 City of Kingston Arts Fund Resiliency Grant Guidelines

Applicants can only receive one Resiliency grant in 2021; those who receive funding in one intake period cannot apply again. Applicants must re-apply if they do not receive funding in one intake period and wish to be considered again. The Kingston Arts Council Board of Directors will review the recommendations for funding to ensure compliance with program objectives and eligibility criteria.

While we recognize there is a substantial need for support, given the total amount of funding available, unfortunately not all applicants will receive a grant.

Reporting

Grant recipients are required to answer a brief survey on the impact of the funds. Surveys will be sent and received by email approximately four months after the grant deadline.

Contact

If you have questions about your application, please contact:

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