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Kingston Arts Council accepting applications for new Adapt Grant

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is now accepting applications for the City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF) Adapt Grant, a new funding program that supports projects that address pandemic-related challenges through new ways of working.

In 2021, Kingston City Council allocated \$200,000 in one-time funding to support individual artists and non-profit arts organizations in recognition of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Adapt Grant will make **\$100,000** of this additional funding available to individual professional artists and curators, artist collectives or ad-hoc groups, and non-profit arts organizations. This investment is in addition to the City's annual contribution in support of the fund's Operating and Project Grants.

Adapt Grants fund projects that include creating, presenting, or adapting artistic work, building partnerships, and creating innovative solutions for community needs. Applicants who receive other City of Kingston funding including CKAF are eligible to apply, but must clearly demonstrate how their Adapt Grant project is separate from the activities and projects funded by other City grants. Applications will be evaluated and grants will be awarded by a jury of artists and arts professionals. Grants will be a minimum of \$4,000 and a maximum of \$10,000.

CKAF Adapt Grant Guidelines and **Application Forms** are available on the <u>KAC website</u>. Applications are submitted online by email to grants@artskingston.ca. If you require assistance, please contact the KAC Grants Coordinator Felix Lee at <u>grants@artskingston.ca</u>.

DEADLINE:

Call for Application Opens: 16 June 2021 Application Deadline: 21 July 2021 5:00pm EST

Available Funding: \$100,000

Grant Amounts: \$4,000 (minimum) - \$10,000 (maximum)

INFORMATION SESSION:

Webinar: Applying to Adapt Grants - Wednesday, 30 June, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm on Zoom

The online session is intended for Adapt grant applicants but is not mandatory. It will include a detailed review of the Adapt Grant Guidelines, Application Forms and Assessment Criteria, as well as a Q&A about the grant process.

Register on the KAC website.

Additional New Grant Programs in 2021

In addition to the Adapt Grant, the KAC launched the Resiliency Grant in April 2021. This program supports individual professional artists based in Kingston to continue to work and work safely in their artistic practice. Through the first intake period, \$80,000 was awarded to 80 artists and a full list of recipients can be found on the KAC website: https://www.artskingston.ca/resiliency-apply-to-the-city-of-kingston-arts-fund/. The second intake period for this grant closed on 15 June and recipients will be announced shortly.

About the City of Kingston Arts Fund

In 2007, Kingston City Council established the City of Kingston Arts Fund, comprised of \$100,000 from the Healthy Community Fund Program and an additional \$400,000 in new funding. The Kingston Arts Council was contracted to administer CKAF and Kingston City Council has continued to invest in the funding program growth each year as part of its commitment to supporting arts and culture in Kingston. Through this program, the City of Kingston has invested close to \$6.9 million since its inception.

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