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Kingston Arts Council announces launch of 2020 City of Kingston Arts Fund Program

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is now accepting applications for the 2020 City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF). Administered by the Kingston Arts Council on behalf of the City of Kingston, the program is comprised of two funding streams: Operating Grants and Project Grants. CKAF provides grants to local arts organizations and collectives to foster creativity at all levels and enrich how Kingston residents experience and engage with the arts. The City's 2020 CKAF investment is \$599,000. A withdrawn 2018 project grant and accumulated interest on CKAF will also be reinvested in this year's available funds, bringing the total 2020 CKAF amount to \$610,267.

CKAF's objectives are to nurture the capacity of the arts, artists, and arts sector in Kingston while fostering creativity, encouraging social cohesion, enhancing the quality of life, and stimulating economic development through direct investment.

2020 CKAF Grant Guidelines and **Application Forms** are available for **download** on the KAC [website](#). If you require assistance, please contact the KAC Grants Coordinator Felix Lee at grants@artskingston.ca.

DEADLINE:

Applications for both the Operating Grant and Project Grant programs are due **Wednesday, 22 April 2020 by 5:00 pm**.

Information Session

KAC Grants Coordinator, Felix Lee, is available for one-on-one meetings with CKAF applicants. The KAC will also be hosting a *CKAF Information Session* on Thursday, 12 March, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the Calvin Park Branch of Kingston Frontenac Public Library. The session is intended for new and returning applicants but is not mandatory. The session will include a review of the 2020 Guidelines, Application Forms and Assessment Criteria, changes to the 2020 program, as well as a Q&A about the CKAF grant process. New to the program this year is that the KAC will **only** be accepting digital applications and will no longer require hard copies.

Please note that first time applicants to the 2020 CKAF Operating Grant program **must** book a formal consultation with the KAC Grants Coordinator before March 18, 2020 to be eligible.

Professional Development Workshop

In advance of the 2020 CKAF deadline, the KAC will also be hosting a professional development workshop on *Impact Evaluation: A Workshop for the Arts* on Saturday, 7 March, 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm at the Rehearsal Hall in the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning. This hands-on workshop will help you construct and/or refine how you track and communicate your organization's impact. It will explore key questions such as: what is difficult to measure? As an artist or artistic organization, how can you 'capture' your impact?

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 \$6.4 million since its inception.

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