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Kingston Arts Council accepting applications for new Resiliency Grant for artists

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is now accepting applications for the Resiliency Grant, a new funding program, as part of the 2021 City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF). 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. This investment is in addition to the City's annual contribution in support of the fund's Operating and Project Grants. The new Resiliency Grant, administered by the KAC on behalf of the City of Kingston, will make \$100,000 of this additional funding available to individual artists.

Resiliency Grants will support individual professional artists to continue to work and work safely in their artistic practice. Individual professional artists of any discipline can apply for a grant of \$1,000 or \$2,000. There will be three intake periods in 2021 and applications will be reviewed by KAC staff against an eligibility checklist. Eligible applicants will be approved for funding on a first-come, first-served basis in each intake period.

CKAF aims to nurture the capacity of the arts, artists, and the arts sector in Kingston while fostering creativity at all levels and enriching how Kingston residents experience and engage with the arts. The KAC has developed the Resiliency Grant program in collaboration with City of Kingston staff and it aims to address the immediate needs of Kingston professional artists and is aligned with feedback provided to the KAC by local artists throughout 2020.

CKAF Resiliency Grant Guidelines and **Application Forms** are available on the [KAC website](#). Applications are submitted online only through the KAC website. If you require assistance, please contact the KAC Grants Coordinator Felix Lee at grants@artskingston.ca.

DEADLINE:

There will be three intake periods for this grant with deadlines as outlined below. In each period, applicants will have approximately four weeks to submit an application through the KAC website. The application period will close at 5pm on each deadline. Applicants may reapply in the next intake period if

they do not receive a grant. Grant recipients will receive a notification of their grant results and funds will be released within thirty days of the application deadline.

First Application Period

Call for Application Opens: 6 April 2021

Application Deadline: 4 May 2021 5pm EST

Available Funding: \$40,000

Second Application Period

Call for Application Opens: 1 June 2021

Application Deadline: 29 June 2021 5pm EST

Available Funding: \$20,000

Third Application Period

Call for Application Opens: 5 October 2021

Application Deadline: 2 November 2021 5pm EST

Available Funding: \$20,000

Additional New Grant Programs in 2021

In addition to the Resiliency Grant, the KAC will launch the Adapt Grant in June 2021. This program will support individuals, collectives, ad-hoc groups, and non-profit arts organizations for new projects that directly address the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. Total available funding for the Adapt Grant is \$100,000 and applicants may apply for grants of \$4,000 to \$10,000. All applications will be assessed by a peer jury. More information about the application process and eligibility will be available through the [KAC website](#) when the call for applications opens in June 2021.

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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