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**Kingston Arts Council announces second-round
Resiliency Grant recipients and launches community fundraiser**

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is pleased to announce the remaining \$20,000 available in the City of Kingston Arts Fund's Resiliency Grant stream will be awarded to 20 local, professional artists through the grant's second intake period. Total funding for the Resiliency Grant is \$100,000; the first \$80,000 in funding was distributed to 80 artists in May. This special funding opportunity has been made possible by Kingston City Council who approved an additional \$200,000 to be distributed through the City of Kingston Arts Fund in 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through this grant stream, 100 Kingston-based artists received support.

The Resiliency Grant marks the first-time the City of Kingston Arts Fund has provided funding directly to artists. The \$1,000 grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible, local, professional artists to help them continue to work and to work safely during these challenging times. 263 unique eligible applications were received through the two rounds of the Resiliency grant stream, with a total funding request of \$396,000 or nearly four times the \$100,000 invested in the stream through the City of Kingston.

A full list of recipients can be found on the Kingston Arts Council's website at artskingston.ca. Recipients range from emerging to established artists working across a variety of disciplines.

Fundraiser launched to boost the Resiliency grant stream

In response to the number of applications to the Resiliency Grant and the demonstrated need for funding support for local artists, the Kingston Arts Council is launching a community fundraising campaign to raise money for distribution among artists through the Resiliency Grant program.

"With our Resiliency fundraiser, we are hoping to build on the City's investment so we can further support Kingston's dynamic artists," says Kirsi Hunnako, Executive Director of the KAC. "This is a direct and impactful way for Kingstonians to support their arts community."

Donations received by the KAC through the fundraising campaign will be distributed through a third intake period in the fall. The [Guidelines](#) established for this program will be followed and \$1,000 grants will be administered.

Donations to the Resiliency Grant can now be made through the Kingston Arts Council's Canada Helps page at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kingston-regional-arts-council/resiliency-fund-community-campaign. With the exception of a small fee retained by Canada Helps for use of the platform, all donor dollars will go directly to local artists; the Kingston Arts Council will retain no portion of funding as administrators of the grant, however separate donations to support KAC operations are welcome. The fundraising campaign launches on June 24 and will close on August 31. All donors will receive a charitable tax receipt and recognition on the KAC website.

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 that provides Operating and Project Grants to local arts organizations and projects to foster creativity at all levels and enrich how Kingston residents experience and engage with the arts. 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.

In 2021, total funding for the City of Kingston Arts Fund operating and project grant programs totals \$569,050. In January 2021, Kingston City Council allocated an additional \$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 final \$100,000 of this investment will be distributed to local artists, collectives and groups through the program's Adapt grant stream, now accepting applications.

<http://www.artskingston.ca/city-of-kingston-arts-fund-2/>.

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