

Indigenous Artists and Cultural Carriers

Micro-grant

Funding guidelines

Read these guidelines carefully for details about eligibility, the purpose of the program, and how to apply.

You are encouraged to contact the Indigenous Outreach Liaison for information or assistance.

Be sure the proposal includes all the required information: fill in all sections of the forms and use the checklist to confirm that you are preparing a thorough proposal.

Applications are accepted throughout the year

What is the Indigenous Artists and Cultural Carriers Micro-grant?

The Indigenous Artists and Cultural Carriers Micro-grant (IACCMG) is for Indigenous artists, arts workers and cultural carriers who are looking for small amounts of funding to help them achieve a goal. Individuals at any stage of their creative paths are invited to apply.

Applicants can ask for any amount from \$100 to \$5,000.

This is a great opportunity for those who have never received funding before, especially those who may find the funding world intimidating. The Indigenous Outreach Liaison is available to answer questions or help prepare your application.

This micro-grant will provide quick responses to allow individuals to take advantage of opportunities.

The IACC program is a shared initiative between the Government of Yukon and the Canada Council for the Arts. The partnership comes from a shared desire to develop new ways of supporting Indigenous artists, arts workers and cultural carriers that is for the North, by the North, with strong Indigenous leadership and impact. The Indigenous Artists and Cultural Carriers Micro-grant funding program is also supported by the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency.

Objectives

The objectives of the Indigenous Artists and Cultural Carriers Micro-grant are to:

- Provide access to funds for projects and activities that further artistic or professional development or increase participation in the creative and cultural industries.
- Improve accessibility to funding for first-time applicants, as well as emerging artists and cultural carriers.
- Support Yukon Indigenous arts at any stage of a project or activity, including idea development, creation, production, promotion, distribution, and archiving.

Outcomes

- Increased support and opportunities for Indigenous artists, arts workers and cultural carriers;
- More equitable access to, and representation in, project funding for Indigenous artists, arts workers and cultural carriers in the Yukon so that they may share their stories, knowledge and traditions;
- Contributing to Truth and Reconciliation through promoting Indigenous arts and culture and amplifying their voices locally, nationally, and internationally;
- Attaining the vision of the Creative and Cultural Industries Strategy: “the Yukon’s dynamic and diverse creative and cultural sector contributes to positive social outcomes and economic sustainability and is valued locally, nationally and globally.

Eligible applicants

This fund will prioritize requests from applicants in the following order:

1. Emerging and established Indigenous Yukon artists and cultural carriers from Yukon First Nations who live in the Yukon.
2. Emerging and established Indigenous artists and cultural carriers who have lived in the Yukon for one continuous year at the time of application.
3. Emerging and established Indigenous artists and cultural carriers from Yukon First Nations who have previously lived in the Yukon, are Canadian residents, and maintain ties to the territory.

This fund is for individual applicants. Applicants from collectives (two or more people collaborating on an activity) will be accepted, provided all members of the group meet the eligibility criteria listed above.

Ineligible applicants

- Individuals under the age of 16;
- Applicants who submit more than one application at a time;
- Applicants who have overdue reports for any previous Yukon government arts funding;
- Applicants with incomplete information in their submission; and

- Non-profit societies, businesses, governments and other group organizations, unless it is on behalf of an individual artist who requires their assistance to submit an application.

Eligible activities and expenses

The Indigenous Artists and Cultural Carriers Micro-grant is designed to support a variety of creative and cultural projects and activities. We encourage potential applicants to contact the Indigenous Outreach Liaison to discuss the proposed activity.

Some examples of activities include:

- Creating new work, including art supplies;
- Mentorships with established artists or knowledge keepers;
- Attendance at workshops, craft fairs, arts events or conferences where the applicant is an active participant, i.e. an invited speaker, delivering a workshop, or presenting or showcasing their work;
- Travel within and outside the territory for professional or artistic development and opportunities;
- Podcast projects;
- Business plans, with a priority on emerging artists;
- Activities that build partnerships between the creative and cultural industries and the business sector;
- Preparation for selling work, i.e. preparing displays for artwork sale;
- Artist fees paid to other artists;
- Travel costs associated with the project. Note: per diem is limited to \$50/day. Incidentals and mileage are ineligible.
- Material and supply costs are generally limited to a maximum of \$1,500 per application.

Ineligible activities

- Capital purchases, including sewing machines, computers, power tools or other purchases not directly related to the proposed activity;
- Activities where the applicant is already receiving other arts funding for the project;

- Projects and activities that take place prior to the application submission;
- Fundraising activities, awards, sponsorships, or re-funding activities;
- Religious activities, such as worship, or religious instruction;
- Projects that promote hatred or intolerance;
- Activities that contravene territorial or federal law; and
- Payment of taxes owed by an individual or organization

Funding guidelines

There are two tiers of funding available. Funding can cover 100% of eligible expenses.

Tier 1: Under \$1,500 Tier 2: \$1,501 to \$5,000

We can only provide funds up to the amount requested in the proposal. We cannot supplement shortfalls for unexpected expenses and/or increased costs.

Intakes

The Indigenous Artists and Cultural Carriers Micro-grant has a rolling monthly intake.

Applicants can submit an application at any time. Once all the funds for the month have been awarded, no new applications will be assessed in that same month.

Note:

- A minimum of \$12,500 is available each month;
- Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis throughout the year, but applications must be made before the activity starts;
- Funding cannot be used for costs occurring before the date of application;
- Applicants can receive funding through this program for more than one project at a time;
- Applicants can apply for up to \$5,000 for one project. An individual is limited to a maximum of \$10,000 in funding from IACCMG over one fiscal year;
- Individuals with outstanding overdue reports from any of our programs cannot receive payment until their reports have been submitted and the agreements closed; and
- Applicants to Tier 1 will be notified of the result within five working days and can expect their first payment within 5-6 weeks after the application date.
Applicants to Tier 2 will be notified within 10 working days and can expect their

first payment within 6-7 weeks. If the recipient has not received funding before, there will be a delay in payment while their account is created in the payment system.

- There is no appeals process.

Payments

Each successful application will be required to enter into and sign a funding agreement with the Government of Yukon. The agreement will detail the activities that are approved for funding and the terms and conditions of that funding.

Approximately 90% of the approved funding will be advanced to the applicant after the project funding agreement is signed with the Yukon government. The remaining 10% of the funding will be held back until the final project report has been submitted.

A Social Insurance Number (SIN) is required to receive payments of funding. Recipients will receive a SIN request from the Arts Advisor.

Any funds received by the applicant but not spent on an approved activity must be repaid in full to the Government of Yukon.

Please note that funding received through the Indigenous Artists and Cultural Carriers Micro-grant is taxable income.

Reporting requirements

The Indigenous Outreach Liaison is available to help with reporting, if needed.

Reporting is due within 60 days of the conclusion of the funded activity.

All funding recipients shall provide a final report that includes:

- Completed Budget Page with final expenses and revenues, signed and dated;
- a completed questionnaire; and
- a photo of the activity, if possible.

Application requirements, assessment and approval process

All submissions must include a completed application form.

Support letters can be included, but are not required.

Arts advisors will assess the applications against the program's eligibility, requirements and objectives. Applications will be assessed on the potential impacts and benefits of the activity, not on artistic excellence.

For information and help preparing an application:

Indigenous Outreach Liaison, Arts Section, Department of Economy, Tourism and Culture

Phone or text: (867) 333-5602

Email: arts.microgrants@yukon.ca

To submit an application:

Arts Advisor, Arts Section, Department of Economy, Tourism and Culture

Phone: (867) 332-8092

Email: arts.microgrants@yukon.ca

In person: 100 Hanson Street, Whitehorse (Visitor Information Centre)

Mail: Box 2703 (L-3), Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Fax: 867-393-6456

We encourage applicants to contact the Indigenous Outreach Liaison prior to applying. They are available to assist you.

Application checklist

Ensure that your application includes:

- ☐ A completed and signed cover sheet
- ☐ A completed application, including the Budget Page
- ☐ You may also include:
- ☐ The optional self-identification survey