

OAC Arts Response Initiative

- **Deadline for Individuals: October 20, 2020**
- **Ad Hoc Groups & Organizational Partnerships: November 3, 2020**

The Ontario Arts Council's Arts Response Initiative aims to support artists and arts organizations in exploration, adaptation, and the development of new ways of working that will increase the inclusiveness and resilience of Ontario's arts sector, both now and into the future.

Funding: \$4,000 for Individuals, up to \$15,000 for Ad Hoc Groups and up to \$30,000 for organizational partnerships.

Programs Priorities:

- Applicants from the six OAC priority groups to ensure equitable access for all Ontarians:
 - Artists of Colour
 - Deaf Artists and Artists with Disabilities
 - Francophone Artists
 - Indigenous Artists
 - New Generation Artists (18-30-year-old)
 - Artists Living in Regions Outside Toronto
- Projects that will help applicants address significant barriers to continuing their practice due to COVID-19
- Projects that have the potential to benefit the applicant's career in the long term

This Program Funds:

- **Individuals:**
 - A range of activities that may prepare applicants to carry out their current and future creation, production, presentation and school- and community-based arts engagement projects in an environment of change.
 - Activities that explore ways to reach presenters, audiences and markets for visibility and/or income opportunities.
 - Also assists applicants to address public health and safety concerns.
- **Ad Hoc Groups, Collectives and Organizations:**



- Activities that may prepare arts organizations to carry out their current and future creation, production, presentation and school- and community-based arts engagement projects in an environment of change.
- Activities that explore ways to reach presenters, audiences and markets for visibility and/or income opportunities.
- Projects can also address public health and safety concerns.
- Projects may be focused on serving the needs of the applicant organization and/or the needs of other artists, arts organizations or arts communities.
- **Organizational Partnerships:**
 - Activities that will be of long-term benefit to the partners and/or the intended audience or community of focus, and potentially also the broader arts sector.
 - It supports partners to develop new or adapted models and ways of working that are relevant in an environment of change.
 - Projects can also explore ways of navigating COVID-19 related public health and safety concerns.

Eligible Applicants:

- **Individuals:**
 - Professional artists and curators/programmers who are Ontario residents who are eligible in at least one other OAC project program
 - Elders and language/knowledge keepers who are engaged in an artistic practice and are Ontario residents
- **Eligible Ad Hoc Groups, Collectives and Organizations:**
 - Ad hoc groups/collectives of professional artists or arts professionals with a permanent physical address in Ontario and who are eligible in at least one other OAC project program
 - Ontario-based not-for-profit arts organizations who are eligible in at least one other OAC project or operating program
 - Ontario-based, Canadian-owned for-profit book or periodical publishers eligible for funding in OAC's publishing programs
- **Eligible Organizational Partnerships:**
 - Ontario-based not-for-profit arts organizations who are eligible in at least one other OAC project or operating program



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