

Aboriginal Arts Project Grant General Expert Panel Comments

Comments made by the expert panel during its assessment of applications submitted to the September 1, 2016 deadline are outlined below. Please note that these comments provide a summary of the Expert Panel's assessment and do not necessarily relate to every application submitted to this deadline. **The Expert Panel does not provide individual comments.**

- 1 The expert panel would like to thank all applicants for putting in the hard work, and taking the opportunity to apply. We recognize your efforts are having an impact on the whole of our community.
- 2 We encourage you to continue to create your art and apply again in the future.
- 3 Please share this Aboriginal grant funding opportunity with others.
- 4 Support material that demonstrates previous artistic activity is essential to the panel's assessment of each project. Applications that lacked adequate support material were difficult to assess.
- 5 Please recognize the importance of cultural protocols. The expert panel appreciated budgets where elders and other community facilitators were properly compensated.
- 6 When your project involves mentors please explain your choice and the reason behind the choice, as well as a breakdown of what the mentorship will entail.
- 7 Please explain the impact of your project on your artistic career, the development of the discipline, and the communities involved.
- 8 Project descriptions that did not demonstrate genuine engagement with affected community, particularly when the artwork deals with sensitive issues were challenging for the panel to assess.
- 9 Projects that involve communities benefited from demonstration of that community's support.
- 10 The panel appreciated applications that were written for a project, rather than projects that were written to access a grant.