Expert Panel Comments Organization Arts Projects December 1, 2015 Intake

The expert panel felt that the quality of the applications were quite high. However priority was given to those proposals where the activity was well defined, had a wide impact and were supported by clear budgets.

The expert panel recognizes the need for mentorship from the arts community to assist first time applicants and applications from those who not normally seek arts funding support.

The expert panel appreciate that consultants in specialized areas are needed. However, they were concerned that the expertise residing in board members could be utilized in addition to consultants.

The expert panel gave a higher priority to projects where the organization demonstrated a commitment and provided financial support to the project

The expert panel often questioned whether a proposed activity is truly a special project or just a normal part of operations and what the organization should normally be doing?

The expert panel was concerned that when organizations applied for an internship, the focus should be on the learning opportunity for the intern with mentors available to teach the skills. It shouldn't be a regular staff position.