

**Indigenous Arts Project Grant
February 1, 2018
General Expert Panel Comments**

Comments made by the expert panel during its assessment of applications submitted to the February 1, 2018 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 The jury felt it was important to support projects that genuinely benefited or incorporated partnerships or had broader community involvement.
- 3 Be accurate and honest when disclosing project costs.
- 4 We encourage you to continue to create your art and apply again in the future.
- 5 Please share this Indigenous grant funding opportunity with others.
- 6 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.
- 7 Please recognize the importance of cultural protocols. The expert panel appreciated budgets where Elders and other community facilitators were properly compensated.
- 8 The expert panel appreciated projects that demonstrated an opportunity for growth in your artistic career and the development of the discipline.
- 9 The expert panel appreciated applications that were written for a project, rather than projects that were written to access a grant.
- 10 When your project involves mentors please identify your mentors and explain the reason behind the choice, as well as a breakdown of what the mentorship will entail.
- 11 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.
- 12 The expert panel appreciated all applications that demonstrated respect for traditional knowledge by including information on how it was obtained and their right to share it.
- 13 There was greater support for projects that illuminated the histories, cultures, traditions, and contemporary experiences of Indigenous Peoples.