

## Indigenous Arts Individual Project Grants March 1, 2021 General Expert Panel Comments

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Comments made by the Expert Panel during its assessment of applications submitted to the March 1, 2021 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 individual application submitted to this deadline. The Expert Panel does not provide individual comments.

### Project Description:

- Please be sure to share your hoped for outcomes for your project/creation, and your plans for sharing any learnings, teachings, etc.
- Please be sure that your description clearly outlines how you plan to do your project because vague descriptions make it difficult for the Panel to understand your goals and intentions.
- Try to avoid a project description that looks like it has “everything but the kitchen sink.” Showing that you have focus and intention with specific goals and plans is helpful.
- Do not rely on your prior experience and resume to promote your project. Please provide specifics about how you will do your project, and the steps needed to complete your goals, especially timelines.
- Applicants need to demonstrate clear anticipated outcomes, or end goals.
- The Expert Panel funded applicants with:
  - Support materials showing community support from Elders, Knowledge Keepers, mentors, etc.; and
  - Concise, well-defined project descriptions, and applications that addressed the impact that the project will have on current and future goals.
- Support materials are most helpful when they are reflective of the artist's intent and/or practice relative to the project, as well as showing background or previous work.
- The Expert Panel was impressed with the diversity of projects and the quality of activities in the province.
- An unsuccessful grant request did not necessarily mean a project was without artistic merit. Not all strong projects could be supported. The Expert Panel encourages applicants to reapply in the future, and to reach out to AFA consultants for feedback prior to next submission.

### Budget:

- Budgets should reflect realistic revenue and expenses. Please provide quotes where possible.
- Please make sure budget items reflect the activity you wish to do.
- Please describe what your budget items are so the panel understands why you have included each expense. You can also upload additional budget details if the GATE form is too general.



- Budgets should be sufficiently detailed to give the panel all the information they need to evaluate the potential of a project.

**Support Material:**

- Please provide support files as per the guidelines on the website. The Expert Panel cannot complete research on information not provided as part of the application, nor view information provided through linked references in your application.
- Please provide enough images or work samples to provide a clear sense of your work.