

## Indigenous Arts Individual Project Grant September 1, 2021 General Expert Panel Comments

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Comments made by the Expert Panel during its assessment of applications submitted to the September 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 unsuccessful application submitted to this deadline. **The Expert Panel does not provide individual comments.**

### Project Description:

- 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 what your goals and intentions are.
- Please provide specifics about how you will do your project, and the steps needed to complete your goals. Timelines are especially helpful.
- Applicants need to demonstrate clear anticipated outcomes, or end goals.
- The Expert Panel funded applicants with:
  - Support materials showing community support from Elders, Knowledge keeper, mentors, etc.
  - Concise, well-defined project descriptions, and ones that addressed the impact the project had 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.
- 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 your project was without 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.
- Budgets should provide enough detail to give the Panel all the information they need to evaluate the potential of a project.

**Support Material:**

- Please provide support files in GATE Front Office, or emailed to the AFA as per the guidelines on the website.
- The Expert Panel does not have time to do additional research on previous work due to number of applications.
- Please provide enough images or work samples to provide a clear sense of your work and/or what you do.