

## Indigenous Arts Individual Project Grant September 1, 2022 Submissions General Panel Comments

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Comments made by the panel during its assessment of applications submitted to the September 1, 2022 deadline are outlined below. Please note that these comments provide a summary of the panel's assessment and do not necessarily relate to every unsuccessful application submitted to this deadline. **The panel does not provide individual comments.**

### Project Description:

- Please be sure 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, especially timelines.
- Applicants need to demonstrate clear anticipated outcomes, or end goals.
- The panel funded applicants with:
  - Support materials showing community support from Elders, Knowledge keepers, mentors, etc.
  - Concise, well-defined project descriptions, and ones that spoke about the impact the project had on the applicant's goals
- The 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 panel encourages applicants to reapply in the future, and to reach out to AFA consultants for feedback prior to next submission.
- If you have travel as a project activity, please be sure to explain why (and where) you are traveling, and who you need to see. Also be sure to include why this is important or beneficial to help you complete the project.
- Please explain why a vital collaborator is important to you and your project (example: you cannot 'replace them' because of expertise, relationship, etc.).

### Budgets:

- Budgets should reflect realistic revenue and expenses. Please provide quotes where possible (if relevant).
- 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 panel does not have time to do additional research due to volume of applications.

- Please provide enough images or work samples to provide a clear sense of your work.
- Support materials can include examples of your work, shots or recordings of performing, music, letters of support, and even quotes or screenshots from websites. If you need help uploading files, AFA consultants are happy to help.
- If you are working with a collaborator or partner, please include a resume or bio about their experience.