

Indigenous Arts Projects for Organizations Grant

May 1, 2019 Deadline

General Expert Panel Comments

The comments made by the Expert Panel during its assessment of applications submitted to the May 1, 2019 deadline are outlined below.

Please note, 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 comments about specific applications.

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.

- The Expert Panel appreciated and preferred to support projects that brought in or hired local or regional Indigenous artists or facilitators wherever possible. If non-Indigenous artists are used, providing a context for why is helpful.
- The Expert Panel appreciated recognition of cultural protocols and budgets where Elders and Knowledge Keepers were properly compensated.
- The Expert Panel was more likely to support applications with well-defined outcomes and a broad, lasting impact for the Indigenous community as a whole. Projects that benefited one person or a small group of people were less favorable.
- The Expert Panel appreciated applications that included support material that demonstrated previous artistic activity and capability. Applications that lacked adequate support material were difficult to assess.
- The Expert Panel recommends that applicant organizations contact the Arts Development Consultant prior to submission for feedback and advice.