

## Indigenous Arts Individual Project Grants

September 1, 2020

### General Expert Panel Comment

Comments made by the Expert Panel during its assessment of applications submitted to the September 1, 2020 deadline are outlined below.

Please note, these comments provide an overview of the common issues noted by the Expert Panel and do not necessarily relate to every application submitted to this deadline.

**The Expert Panel does not provide individual comments for each application.**

### General Comments

- Please be concise and edit applications as panelists read a large quantity of applications.
- 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.
- 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 keeper, mentors, etc.; and
  - 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 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 your 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.

## **Budgets**

- Budgets should reflect realistic revenue and expenses. Please provide quotes where possible.
- 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 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.