Literary Individual Project Grants
March 1, 2021
General Expert Panel Comments

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:

- Projects that were specific and well-conceived, with a clear direction, were supported. As stated in the guidelines, applicants are reminded that they are required to submit a detailed project description that includes:
    - Summary of the proposed work;
    - Objectives;
    - Proposed activities with timelines; and,
    - Expected results and benefits.
- The panel valued those projects with a strong artistic exploration of subject matter and had a transformational quality impacting the genre and community.
- When writing from a different cultural perspective, applicants are encouraged to consider additional consultation or community engagement to ensure the material is authentic and appropriate.
- Be practical with how much time a piece takes to write and how much you can realistically achieve on a daily or monthly basis. Do not be afraid to be realistic about the time it takes to complete a project.
- If you are submitting a research project, be specific and present clear methodologies.

Budget:

- Pay attention to eligible costs, e.g. basic living expenses include housing, local transportation, food, child or dependent care. Do not include personal items.
- Applicants are encouraged to show all costs involved in the project, including any portion of the budget that potentially may be covered by other funders.

Support Material:

- Ensure that the writing sample you upload is the very best you can provide, and is related as closely as possible to your proposed project (early draft or preliminary writing) and indicative of your abilities.