

COMMUNITIES AND ARTISTS SHIFTING CULTURE (CASC): FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why have the two programs (Community Arts and Projects) been combined into the new CASC program?

The CASC program aims to provide easier access to grants for arts and culture projects without having to navigate the previous distinctions between the two programs. Combining the programs also allows for multiple intakes per year, which may enable organizations to apply for and receive funds in advance of the project start date.

Have you combined the funds available for both former programs?

Yes, the budget for CASC is approximately \$1M.

What if my project falls into more than one type (e.g. a community-engaged public art project)?

Please contact CASC program staff to discuss your project. Staff can advise on where your project might best fit.

I'm a non-profit organization that doesn't have a mission to support arts and culture but do have an arts and/or cultural project, can I apply?

Yes.

What if my group is not incorporated?

If your group is not a registered non-profit, you may partner with one who is, provided you meet the other eligibility criteria.

What does "based in Vancouver" mean?

Your programs and activities should be serving Vancouver-based artists and audiences, but your organization's physical address does not necessarily have to be in Vancouver.

I am an individual artist, can I apply?

Individual artists are not eligible to apply unless in partnership with a registered non-profit organization, society, charity, registered co-operative or Local First Nation Band Council.

My organization was awarded a 2020 Project or Community Arts grant but has not completed it due to COVID-related issues. Can I still apply for a 2021 CASC grant?

Under normal circumstances, all previously funded projects must be complete prior to the next deadline for project grant funding. If you can't complete the project prior to the deadline you have the following options:

- If the previously funded event is confirmed, we can consider an application for a different project for 2021 funding.
- If the event is unconfirmed, we may still consider an application for a separate project. If funding for a separate project for 2021 is approved, it may be made conditional upon confirmation of the event going forward in 2021 before funding can be released.

My organization has received funding from other Cultural Grant programs (such as Operating, Cultural Spaces, Public Art) for 2021 activities – am I eligible to apply for a CASC grant as well?

Please contact CASC program staff to determine eligibility to apply to multiple programs.